

Prep Cross Country



Hillsdale of San Mateo, Calif., captured top honors in the national high school two-mile team race with a time of 49:04.2, a national high school record. Representing Hillsdale were: (top row, left to right) coach CONNIE SMITH, JERRY KELLUM, MIKE GARRIGAN, STEVE BLACK and MARCEL HETU. Bottom row, left to right: LARRY WINWARD, JACK LEYDIG, STEVE MERRILL and RALPH LIKENS.

H.S. TWO MILE TEAM RACE

Hillsdale Runs 49:04.2

Storming back after two heartbreaking near misses, Hillsdale High of San Mateo, Calif., finally broke the national two mile team record to establish itself as the finest prep distance squad of all time.

Conan Smith's Hillsdale quintet averaged 9:48.8 for a total time of 49:04.2 in winning the fifth annual national postal competition under the sponsorship of Track & Field News. The old record of 49:20.6, set by Mira Costa of Manhattan Beach, Calif., in 1959, withstood two of Hillsdale's challenges but was bound to fall to a squad that had six runners bettering 10 minutes.

On Nov. 4 Hillsdale ran 49:22.3, then came close again, with 49:24.0 on Nov. 27. The record effort came December 4 on the new grasstex track of Foothill College in Los Altos and to top it off Hillsdale again bettered the old figure with 49:14.8 on Dec. 9.

Redford of Detroit and Palo Alto, Calif., also were under 50 minutes as a near record 80 teams competed. Another eight schools broke 51:10.

Individually the honors went to Redford's Dick Sharkey with a record 9:24.0. Larry Winward, leadman for Hillsdale, equalled the former postal competition record with 9:24.8. Both times were faster than the national high school record but neither can be accepted as Sharkey's time was made in a postal race against no outside competition and Winward's mark came in an all-comers meet which included college runners.

Class records in the two-mile were broken by a junior and a freshman while the sophomore standard was equalled. George Rios of Sunset, Hayward, Calif., ran 9:33.5 in his first ever semester of running to lower the junior mark. Ed Ortegón of Irvington, Fremont, Cal., tied the soph standard at 9:48.5 while John Lengers of Ossining, New York, set the frosh record at 9:59.2.

Eight runners bettered 9:40, 16 were under 9:50 and 39 broke 10 minutes.

Track & Field News Honor Awards will be sent the leading teams and individuals. Complete results are available to all who send a self-addressed, stamped envelope. The leaders:

1. HILLSDALE, San Mateo, Calif. 49:04.2. Larry Winward sr 9:36.2; Marcel Hetu jr 9:51.2; Jack Leydig sr 9:51.6; Ralph Likens jr 9:51.8; Steve Black sr 9:52.9.
 2. REDFORD, Detroit, Mich. 49:29.6. Dick Sharkey sr 9:24; Dick Mather 9:51.4; Steve Martineau 10:02.6; Jim Cleverley jr 10:04.3; Jamie McCallum 10:07.3.
 3. PALO ALTO, Calif. 49:45.0. Walt Hewlett sr 9:32.9; Danny Rye sr 9:47.5; Jim Holl sr 9:52.8; Kirk Jeffrey 10:12.6; Hileman 10:19.0.
 4. MIRA COSTA, Manhattan Beach, Cal. 50:35.9. Bob Baker 9:50.6; Joe Hern 10:03.1; Ron Thomas 10:09.8; Tom Lambert 10:11.2; Rich Solario 10:21.2.
 5. MIDLAND, Tex. 50:44.5. Robert Irby sr 9:31.8; Gene Carpenter sr 9:52.5; Ted Tegarden sr 9:57.4; Joe Turner jr 10:40.2; Mark King jr 10:42.6.
 6. SETON HALL, South Orange, N.J. 50:57.2. Al Fraenkel 9:55.2; Ted Zizlsperger 10:18.4; Ray Wyrsh 10:08.9; Bob Dyke 10:21.6; Vadim Shaldenko 10:13.1.
 7. CENTRAL, Tulsa, Okla. 51:02.0. John Coates sr 9:54; Larry Farmer sr 10:03; James Glasgow sr 10:14; Gary Hamilton jr 10:21; Terry Powell sr 10:30.
 8. WYANDOTTE, Kansas City, Kans. 51:03.7. John Lawson sr 9:54.7; Tom Yergovich jr 9:55.3; Bob Poteet sr 10:17.7; Mike Windsor jr 10:26.9; Charles Lenoir jr 10:29.1.
 9. OSSINING, N.Y. 51:05.3. Larry Mattoni sr 9:57.7; John Lengers fr 9:59.2; Michael Smith sr 10:17; William Sileo so 10:23.6; Paul Swenson jr 10:27.8.
 10. MOLLOY, Jamaica, N.Y. 51:06.2. Paul Daly 9:53.8; Jim McDermott 10:03; Bob Ziminski 10:15; John Tietjen 10:29.6; Joe Haves 10:41.0.
- INDIVIDUALS Sharkey, Redford, 9:24.0; Winward, Hillsdale, 9:24.8; Irby, Midland, 9:31.8; Hewlett, Palo Alto, 9:32.9; Rios, Sunset, 9:33.5; Dave Carter, Washington, Fremont, Cal., 9:36.7; Rye, Palo Alto, 9:39.2; George Stroup, Edison, Tulsa, Okla., 9:39.5; Jim McNutt, Serra, San Mateo, C, 9:43.9.

EAST -- Ted Benedict of New Canaan, Conn., bested Massachusetts state champion Bill Norris of Beverly in adding the New England Interscholastic crown to the Eastern title on Nov. 11 over a 2½-mile course at Storrs, Conn. Benedict clocked 12:36.8 to beat Norris by six yards. Norwich, Conn., won the team crown from Storrs with 86 points.

Norris won the Massachusetts State class A title with an all-time course mark of 11:40 over a 2.4-mile distance. New Bedford copped the team laurels with 69 points. Al Fournier of Worcester South ran 12:05 for individual honors in class B with Wakefield winning the team championship. Class C individual honors were taken by Bill MacDonald of Archbishop Williams in a record 11:59.6 with Williams, St. John's Prep and Danvers sharing the team title. Paul Foster of Dartmouth ran a record 11:50 in class D competition with Falmouth taking the team title.

Dave Dunsy set a course mark of 11:58 to pace Huntington School of Boston to the New England Private Schools championship on a 2.4-mile course at Exeter, N.H. Dave Malcolm was second behind teammate Dunsy in 12:32 and other Huntington scorers placed sixth, seventh and 12th.

North Allegheny repeated as team champion and Howard Hammonds of Butler ran off with the individual crown in the Pennsylvania state championships Nov. 4 on a rain-drenched course at University Park. Hammonds ran the 2½ miles in 10:39.2 to edge out Lancaster's John Horn who did 10:41. William Brown paced North Allegheny to the team title with a third-place 11:04.

Robert Gatling of Bronx Vocational ran 13:20.2 over the 2½-mile Van Cortlandt Park course in New York City to win the Public Schools League cross country individual championship. Gatling's closest pursuer was 200 yards back. Franklin won the team crown with 84 points with Jamaica second at 102.

Ed Dean sparked his Chaminade mates to the team title by nabbing the New York City Catholic High School title with a 13:31.2 performance at Van Cortlandt course. Dean's margin was only eight yards over Richard Duggan of Holy Cross, who clocked 13:33. Bob Fusco of Seton Hall did 13:34, Paul Daly of Molloy 13:35 and James McDermott of Molloy 13:36.

Fusco ran 13:35.3 to win the Athletic Association of Private Schools crown in New York City. Cardinal Hayes nosed out St. Agnes for the team title, 60-77. Brooklyn Prep's Bob Clarke was second in 13:38.

Seton Hall Prep and Passaic Valley won top laurels in New Jersey's greatest high school cross country season in history. Seton Hall won the state catholic schools crown with 28 points with its own Ray Wyrsh winning the individual title with a 13:02 on the Warinanco Park course on Nov. 18.

Results by groups:

Group I and II -- (Team) Metuchen 110, Bogota 124, Brick Township 139. (Individual) Al Graf (Bogota) 13:03.6, Barry Middleton (Moorestown) 13:04, Si Little (Moorestown) 13:06.

Group III -- (Team) Passaic Valley 65, Rancocas Valley 94, Hanover Park 119. (Individual) Carl Budden (Rancocas Valley, Mt. Holly) 12:34.8, Mike Spino (Lyndhurst) 12:50, Walt Williams (Millville) 12:52, Tom Mizzone (Passaic Valley) 12:57.

Group IV -- (Team) Teaneck 162, Westfield 164, Columbia, South Orange 180. (Individual) Dave Coleman (Westfield) 12:49.4, Steve Harris (Scotch Plains) 12:51, Ted Johnson (Trenton) 13:03.

Catholic -- (Team) Seton Hall Prep 28, St. Rose, Belmar 67, Essex Catholic, Newark, 98. (Individual) Wyrsh (Seton Hall) 13:02, George Sheehan (Christian Bros., Lincroft) 13:10, Al Fraenkel (Seton Hall) 13:15.

FLORIDA -- Bob Redington of Ft. Lauderdale set a meet record 10:13.3 for two miles at Gainesville on Dec. 9 in the class AA section of the Florida state meet. Farnum Smith of Edison in Miami was second in 10:15 as Orlando Boone won the team title with 78 points. In the class A race, Ribault of Jacksonville easily won the team title with 32 points as all five men finished within 12 seconds of each other. Richard Kneeland of Lake Wales ran a meet record 10:20.2 to take the individual title.

MICHIGAN -- Redford High School and its Dick Sharkey celebrated Detroit's return to statewide competition by taking team and individual honors in the class A section of the state meet Nov. 4 at Ypsilanti. Sharkey ran the two-mile course in 9:57.2. His Redford team had 48 points to turn back Ypsilanti, which scored 87. Wyoming Park of Grand Rapids won the class B crown as Ostego's Jeff Taylor won individual honors in 10:16.8. Remus won the team title and Maurice Carr of Ann Arbor's St. Thomas the individual title in class C competition in 11:06.2.

NORTH DAKOTA -- Fargo athletes dominated the state cross country meet with Central nosing out Fort Yates for the team crown at Jamestown on Oct. 28, 54-55. Olson of Oak Grove in Fargo won in 9:12 for 1.8 miles.

ARIZONA -- Rincon of Tucson scored 51 points, the lowest score in the seven-year history of the meet, to win the state high school cross country title at Phoenix on Dec. 2. The individual winner was senior John Donner of Catalina in Tucson, who ran the 2.2 mile course in 10:48.0.

CALIFORNIA -- Hillsdale of San Mateo won the team title at the North Coast Section meet on the Stanford University golf course but Palo Alto's Danny Rye pulled a big upset by taking the individual title. Rye clocked 9:46.6 over the two-mile course to win out over Hillsdale's Larry Winward, who was a pre-race co-favorite along with Palo Alto's Walter Hewlett and Dave Carter of Washington in Fremont. Winward was second in 9:48.3. Hillsdale scored 45 points with Palo Alto second with 52 points.

The Southern Section of the CIF staged its cross country championships in three sections with Downey taking top laurels in the Large School division. La Habra won the Medium Schools class and Buena Park took Small School honors. Jim Peeso of Santa Fe Springs won the Large School race from Bob Delaney of Orange, 8:32 to 8:36, on the 1.8-mile course at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut. In the Medium School class Bruce Bess paced La Habra to its win with an 8:37 clocking and Raul Mayagoitia of Buena Park was the Small Schools winner in 8:39.