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(Harriers Meet Stanfors) 11/5/68 Cross Country

SAN JOSE-San Jose State's cross country team will face a formidable opponent Friday when it comes up against highly touted Stanford, rated by Spartan Coach Ernie Bullard as "the strongest team in the West."

The meet will be run at Stanford starting at 4 p.m.

Not counted on as a national powerhouse before the season began, the Indians have been a big surprise. Included among their accomplishments was an upset win over the University of Southern California, San Diego State and San Jose State at the Sacramento State Invitational in October followed by an impressive rout of USC in a dual meet. The Trojans were picked by some to win the nationals this year.

The Spartans have been a mild disappointment so far this year, but last week came to life with an 18-43 shellacking of California. Cal ace Bob Waldon took the top spot but San Jose followed by sweeping the next seven places. Setting the pace for the Spartans was Byron Lowry, who toured the six mile Coyote Park course in 27:52. He was followed by Andy Vollmer, Darold Dent, Gary Berthiaume, Steve Brown, Bernie Kraus and Dave Barni.

Bullard stated that "things are right for us to run our best race against Stanford." The Spartans have had little chance to run this year on a course favorable to them, which Bullard considers to be long and hilly. The Stanford course fits these requirements, covering 5.8 miles with plenty of hills.

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