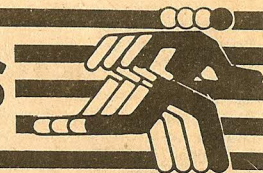




KINNEY CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS



WESTERN REGIONAL

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Girls First Team All Western USA (L to R): Marilyn Davis (1st), Inga Thompson (2nd), Vickie Cook (3rd), Tania Fischer (4th), Denise Ball (6th), Kim Roth (5th), Kathy Ebner (7th), Lori Lopez (8th).

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Kinney Western X-C Championships

December 5, Woodward Park, Fresno. Kinney Western Cross Country Championships for High School Boys and Girls, 5,000 meters.

The weather was perfect, the course was fast, and the runners were the best in the West. As the starter raised the gun an electrifying hush fell over the area. It was obvious that this was an important event and that everyone meant business. From the race organizers to the competitors a lot of work over the weeks and months had gone into the preparation for this 5,000 meter showdown. In about a quarter of an hour all the cards would be out on the table in this, the first race of the 1981 Kinney Western Cross Country Championships.

This annual event has come to have double meaning for Californians. First, of course, it is the qualifying race for the Kinney National Championships. The best eight boys and best eight girls advance to see who is the very best high school cross country runner in the USA. Secondly, it has provided a chance for Californians to simulate a state championship. Not having an official CIF high school state cross country meet this meet has come to be accepted as the next best thing.

With the exception of Polly Plumer of Irvine, California; Patty Matava of Bellevue, Washington; and Ian Cherry of Las Vegas, Nevada, the top runners from not only California but all over the West were assembled for a run off.

The girls set the stage for the day with defending champion

Vickie Cook (Mission Hills, CA) blazing out with splits of 2:23 (880), 5:06 (mile) and 10:46 (2 mile). Marilyn Davis (Orinda, CA) overcame the fast pace and the hilly second mile to surge ahead after the two mile marker and breeze in with a new course record of 16:54. Cook and Lori Lopez (Los Angeles, CA) ran well in 3rd and 8th to repeat as national qualifiers, while Robyn MacSwain (San Rafael, CA), Kris Katterhagen (Gig Harbor, WA) and Erika LaCrosse (Costa Mesa, CA) failed to earn a second trip.

Because of the large field the boys race was divided into two sections: a slower section first (16:30 for 5k was the division point), followed by a faster section. In the faster section Jeff Holyfield (La Crescenta, CA) remained undefeated as he emerged from a large pack in the last half mile to just miss Jay Marden's course record of 14:42 by one second, after recording life time bests in splits of 2:11, 4:41 and 10:07. His victory brings him the title of California's best prep harrier - at least on this day, as all the top runners were there.

The Fresno Track Club did a first class job of staging this event for the second year in a row, including: a Friday evening program with four running movies, a 16 page program listing all 600-plus entrants, quick awards (92 medals & 32 plaques), t-shirts for all participants, expert announcing, and instant results for everyone.

Officials and participants, alike, left Woodward Park with the feeling of satisfaction in having given a good effort and having been part of an important event. All agreed that the West would be well represented at the Nationals.

GIRLS RACE:

First Team All Western United States

1	Marilyn Davis (Orinda, CA)	16:54
2	Inga Thompson (Reno, NV)	17:01
3	Vickie Cook (Northridge, CA)	17:04
4	Tania Fischer (Canoga Park, CA)	17:04
5	Kim Roth (Salem, OR)	17:06
6	Denise Ball (Newbury Park, CA)	17:07
7	Kathleen Ebner (West Covina, CA)	17:10
8	Lori Lopez (Los Angeles, CA)	17:19

Second Team All Western United States

9	Jessica Spies (Livermore, CA)	17:24
10	Wendy Sihner (Orinda, CA)	17:27
11	Leslie Heywood (Tucson, AZ)	17:40
12	Shannon Stryker (Santa Ana, CA)	17:42
13	Robyn MacSwain (San Rafael, CA)	17:42
14	Shelly Lachel (Monte Vista, CA)	17:42
15	Lori Shanoff (Petaluma, CA)	17:46
16	Berit Ashla (Eugene, OR)	17:50

Third Team All Western United States

17	Mra Lazdens (Fallbrook, CA)	17:52
18	Nanette Garcia (San Jose, CA)	17:54
19	Kris Katterhagen (Tacoma, WA)	17:58
20	Laura Cattivera (Mhnt Bch, CA)	17:59
21	Therese Fisher (Los Gatos, CA)	17:59
22	Tammy Brazel (Chino, CA)	18:02
23	Laura Starrett (Kentfield, CA)	18:04
24	Kathy Kiernan (Fountain Valley, CA)	18:05

25	Esther Berndt (Palo Alto, CA)	18:06
26	Terry Esser (Tacoma, WA)	18:11
27	Lesley White (La Habra, CA)	18:13
28	Ann Bensch (Palos Verdes, CA)	18:15
29	Kellie Miller (Tustin, CA)	18:16
30	Darlene Davis (Rancho Cordova, CA)	18:19
31	Helen Muth (Soquel, CA)	18:21
32	Gretchen Nelson (Foster City, CA)	18:23
33	Laurie White (Mhnt Bch, CA)	18:31
34	Lisa Larson (Price, UT)	18:32
35	Lucia Wanders (Caldwell, ID)	18:32
36	Beth Ann McGrann (Upland, CA)	18:33
37	Kim Devetis (Hunt Bch, CA)	18:33
38	Susan Radford (Marina, CA)	18:37
39	Frances Silva (Sylmar, CA)	18:40
40	Kim Stertom (Coronado, CA)	18:41
41	Jeanne Murphy (Thous Oaks, CA)	18:46
42	Laurie Hollingsworth (S Rosa, CA)	18:47
43	Sarah Allaback (Carpenteria, CA)	18:47
44	Ellen Flanigan (San Diego, CA)	18:49
45	Susan Brodie (Menlo Park, CA)	18:51
46	Sharon Yaninek (San Jose, CA)	18:53
47	Nancy Reese (San Rafael, CA)	18:57
48	Shelly McClelland (San Marino, CA)	18:59
49	Mary Curtin (Tucson, AZ)	19:01
50	Andrea Mena (Los Alamos, NM)	19:02

BOYS RACE 1 (entrants over 16:30 for 5k):

1	David Nelson (Simi Valley, CA)	15:52
2	Derek Hatch (Thous Oaks, CA)	15:53
3	John Achenbach (Thous Oaks, CA)	15:54
4	Peter Herrold (La Crescenta, CA)	16:02
5	Chris Rice (Newbury Park, CA)	16:07
6	Nick Sparks (Fair Oaks, CA)	16:09

7	David Fleishman (Tucson, AZ)	16:10
8	Andy Petersen (Springfield, OR)	16:11
9	Steve Perez (Rowland Hts, CA)	16:13
10	Jose Caballero (Madera, CA)	16:16

BOYS RACE 2 (entrants under 16:30 for 5k):

First Team All Western United States

1	Jeff Holyfield (La Crescenta, CA)	14:43
2	Curt Corvin (Tacoma, WA)	14:45
3	Harold Kuphaldt (Fair Oaks, CA)	14:45
4	Bryan Carroll (Carson City, NV)	14:48
5	Matt McGuirk (Eugene, OR)	14:48
6	Eric Reynolds (Somis, CA)	14:55
7	Keith Morrison (Peoria, AZ)	15:02
8	Gary Lewis (San Jose, CA)	15:03

Second Team All Western United States:

9	Robbie Hipwood (Los Alamos, NM)	15:05
10	Mike Parker (Tustin, CA)	15:05

11	Jose Vega (Chula Vista, CA)	15:06
12	Dan Ouellette (San Diego, CA)	15:06
13	Tom Grewe (Carpenteria, CA)	15:10
14	David Ivy (Santee, CA)	15:10
15	Jim Frey (Yreka, CA)	15:11
16	Mark Hoihtink (Kennewick, WA)	15:13
Third Team All Western United States		
17	Todd Hemmingway (Santee, CA)	15:15
18	Sean Nugent (Culver City, CA)	15:17
19	Jeff Franklin (Yreka, CA)	15:19
20	Rodney Curry (Sacramento, CA)	15:19
21	Jason Flamm (Carmichael, CA)	15:20
22	Gustav Quinonez (Hunt Bch, CA)	15:21
23	Jimmy Ortiz (Barstow, CA)	15:23
24	George Yuster (Encino, CA)	15:24

25	Eric Martinez (Tucson, AZ)	15:24
26	Christopher Caldwell (Tucson, AZ)	15:25

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In the distance (L to R): Matt McGuirk (5th) & Bryan Carroll (4th). Foreground (L to R): Harold Kuphaldt (3rd) and Curt Corvin (2nd).
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27 Rick Dodson (Mhtn Bch, CA)	15:26
28 Steve Strehlow (Corona, CA)	15:26
29 Steven Shabie (Tucson, AZ)	15:27
30 Gilbert Delgado (Santa Bar, CA)	15:28
31 Aaron Rudd (El Cajon, CA)	15:29
32 Steven Johnson (Los Gatos, CA)	15:29
33 Ken Feters (Upland, CA)	15:31
34 Brian Abshire (El Sobrante)	15:32
35 Mike Coombes (9 Mile Falls, WA)	15:32
36 Rick Bergesen (Boise, ID)	15:33
37 Brad Clary (Anaheim, CA)	15:33
38 Pat Green (La Jolla, CA)	15:34
39 David M. Bell (San Jose, CA)	15:36
40 Scott Richardson (El Cajon, CA)	15:37
41 Steve Jaeger (Camarillo, CA)	15:37
42 Randy Pangelina (San Jose, CA)	15:38
43 Roy Garcia (San Jose, CA)	15:38
44 Grant Foster (Cupertino, CA)	15:38
45 Donald Williams (Tacoma, WA)	15:39
46 Tim Berry (Walnut Ck, CA)	15:40
47 Frank Munoz (San Jose, CA)	15:40
48 Kevin Floyd (La Crescenta, CA)	15:40
49 Jed Stupak (Goldta, CA)	15:41
50 John Galvan (El Cajon, CA)	15:41

BOYS:

1 Leigh (San Jose)(CC)	79:04
Meet Record, old record 79:33 by Camarillo, 1980	
2 Barstow (So)	81:06
3 Madera (Cen)	82:43
4 De La Salle (Concord)(NC)	82:44
5 Bella Vista (Fair Oaks, SJ)	82:48

GIRLS:

1 Tustin (So)	94:02
Meet Record, old record 94:04 by Costa Mesa, 1980	
2 Terra Linda (San Rafael)(NC)	95:42
3 Costa Mesa (So)	97:43
4 San Marino (So)	97:53
5 Piedmont (NC)	101:39
6 Merced (SJ)	109:24
7 Mitty (San Jose)(CC)	110:03

Kinney Scoring

From Howard Willman

Kinney Western Regional Club Scoring

(General location of club listed in parentheses).

BOYS:

1 Grossmont Bullfrogs (San Diego)	77:12
2 San Diego TC (San Diego)	77:50
3 Capital City Flyers (Sacramento)	77:51
4 Camarillo CCC (Camarillo)	78:11
5 Mission TC (San Jose)	78:26
6 CCS All-Stars (San Jose)	78:33
Team Outfooters (Santa Barbara)	78:33
8 Desert Heat (Tucson, AZ)	79:06
9 La Crescenta TC (La Crescenta)	79:08
10 Northside Striders (Spokane, WA)	79:41
11 SoCal Club (Manhattan Beach)	79:43
12 Axemen TC (Eugene, OR)	79:51
13 Pomona Valley CCC (Pomona)	80:18
14 Barstow RC (Barstow)	81:06
15 Tustin Runners Assn. (Tustin)	81:14
16 College Park RC (San Jose)	82:17
17 Madera TC (Madera)	82:43
18 Enjoy CCC (Concord)	82:44
19 Rogue Runners (Grants Pass, OR)	83:44
20 South Coast Sports (Hunt Beach)	84:04
21 Koit TC (Portland, OR)	84:44
22 Santa Cruz All Stars (Santa Cruz)	84:45

All other teams incomplete.

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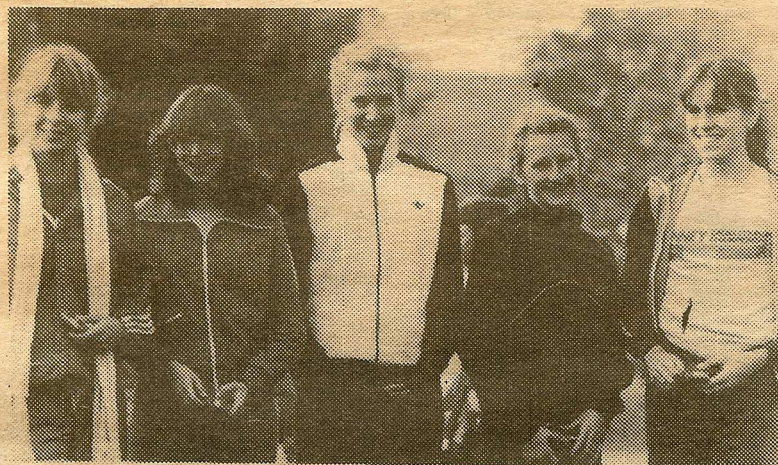
1 Wilt's AC (Southern California)	88:20
Meet Record, old record 92:46 by Golden Bear Track Club, 1980	
2 San Jose Cindergals (San Jose)	90:16
3 San Diego TC (San Diego)	92:14
4 Tustin Runners Assn. (Tustin)	94:02
5 Golden West TC (San Marino)	94:12
6 AJFA Harriers (San Rafael)	95:42
7 Goat Hill RR (Costa Mesa)	97:43
8 Team Outfooters (Santa Barbara)	98:16
9 Piedmont Racing (Piedmont)	101:49
10 Granada Streakers (Livermore)	107:57
11 College Park RC (San Jose)	110:03

All other teams incomplete

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Jeff Holyfield



California's winning girls team (L to R): Denise Ball, Kathy Ebner, Vickie Cook, Tania Fischer, Marilyn Davis.

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Scoring by States:

BOYS:

1 California	74:31
Meet Record, old record 74:49 by California, 1980	
2 Washington	76:53
3 Arizona	77:03
4 Oregon	78:59

all other states incomplete

GIRLS:

1 California	85:18
Meet Record, old record 89:13 by California, 1980	

all other states incomplete

Unofficial State High School Championships

All members from the same school. Listed with location of school (if different from school name) and section in parentheses.

NOTES:

Though the boys race lacked the competitive depth of last year, Leigh (which loses only 1 runner next year) put on a fine performance to win by over 2 minutes. Leigh was the Central Coast Section and NorCal champ. Barstow (with 4 sophs in the top 5) was the Southern Section 2-A champ. Madera was a 3-point loser to Clovis for the Central Section crown and also finished 7th at NorCal (1 point behind 6th-place Clovis). De La Salle was fifth in the North Coast Section and Bella Vista (running without No. 2 man Mike Lee, who has started his wrestling season) was the Sac-Joaquin Section champ and 4th at NorCal.

Tustin, 3rd in the Southern Section 4-A meet, easily showed the Southern end of the state's potency in the girls division. University (Irvine) beat them by 1 second shy of 5 minutes in the Southern Section 4-A and Tustin beat NorCal champ Terra Linda by 1:40. Costa Mesa, right behind Tustin in 4-A meet, was over 2 minutes behind Terra Linda. San Marino was 2nd in Southern Section 3A meet.