31st Annual American Legion Veterans' Day Race

Monday, 11 Nov 1968 at Naranche Stadium



Above: Three-photo sequence of the race start on Gold Street.

Right: Maroon senior Tim Finley added the Vets' Day Race victory to the one he secured recently in the State High School cross-country championships. Finley's finish time was 13:29.

Finley became the first Maroons' runner to win the event in 13 years. The last Central harrier to cross the finish line first in the Veterans' Day Race was Tom Monaghan in 1955.

Butte Central won the team event by a margin of 20-52 over Butte High to re-claim the Harry "Swede" Dahlberg Plaque.

The Maroons now enjoy a combined scoring lead in the Dahlberg 7-year point series of 86 to 140 with four years of scoring remaining before either school can finally keep the coveted award.

HS Boys' Team Scores: 1, Butte Central, 20; 2, Butte High, 52.

HS Boys' 2.5 mile: 1, Steve Finley, BC, 13:29; 2, Dan Smith, Anaconda; 3, Tim Downey, BC; 4, Rich Thornton, BC; 5, John O'Neill, BC; 6, Jerry Longest, BH; 7, Joe Renouard, BC; 8, Chuck Uggetti, BC; 9, Marty Kearney, BC; 10, Randy Vetter, BH; 11, Gary Weinstock, BH; 12, Merle Menghini, BH; 13, Dave Tahija, BH; 14, Steve O'Brien, BC; 15, Steve Burke, BC; 16, Bill Harper, BC; 17, Randy Bagley, BC; 18, Al Lowney, BH; 19, Chris Johnston, BH; 20, Rich Arntson, BH; 21, Dan Carlson, BC; 22, Gary Hammond, BH; 23, Dick Kerner, BH; 24, Bill Peoples, BH; 25, Bob Carlson, BC; 26, Jim Lochrie, BC; 27, Bob Hamilton, BH; 28, Rob Sparks, BH; 29, Vern Hensley, BH; 30, Steve Johnston, BH; 31, Roy Vidic, BH.

Right: Butte Central's team, which earlier this fall won the state high school cross country championship, today out-pointed Butte High for possession of the "Swede" Dahlberg Plaque for the next year.

Pictured from back left: Randy Bagley, John O'Neill, Rich Thornton, Bill Harper, and Coach Jerry Downey.

Front row: Joe Renouard, Tim Downey, Tim Finley.



