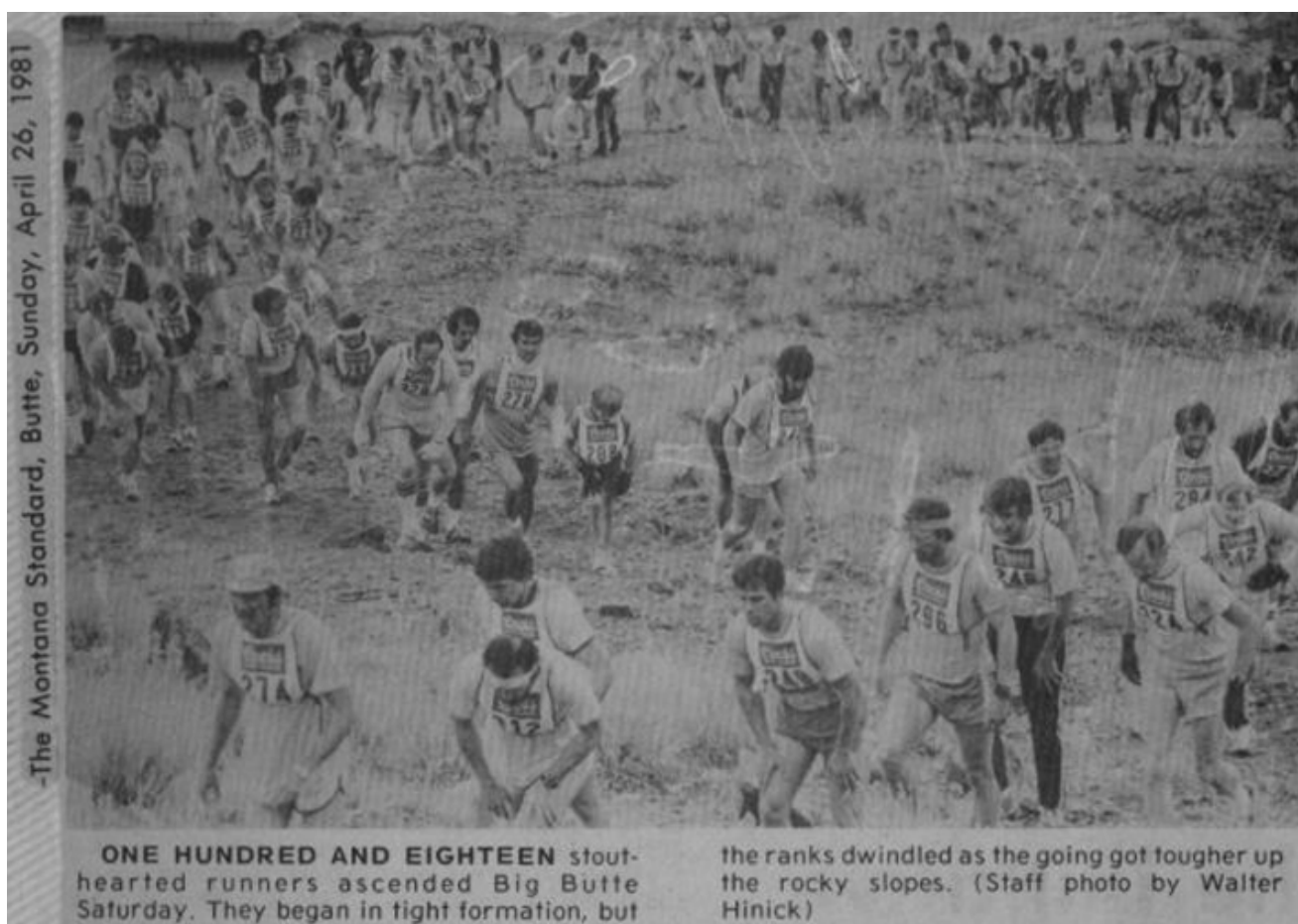


1981 Big Butte Run

Saturday, 25 April – Missoula's Coppock and Helena's Schwertfeger Win Big Butte Run 11K.



Montana Tech Intramurals sponsored the Big Butte Run which drew 118 finishers. This year's race course was slightly longer than last due to the start being relocated to Granite Street, which is the road right behind Tech's HPER Complex on the North Side of Park Street. From there, the course repeated the original loop course, running to the bottom of Big Butte and then up its face to the "M" parking area. Competitors then looped around the Browns Gulch loop before finishing on Park Street at the turn to the front of the HPER Center.

In the men's division, Former University of Montana runner Dave Coppock of Missoula bested a strong pack of closely matched competitors with a finish time of 41:57. Tech student Jeff Thomas finished second, 46 seconds behind Coppock. Thomas improved his time for last year's race by 5 minutes and 35 seconds, despite the longer course.

Sheri Schwertfeger of Helena, competing in the 13 and under age division, lead 23 females runners across the finish in 56:34. A handful of other women also finished faster than one hour. Two years ago, Schwertfeger earned her status as a runner by finishing the Governor's Cup Marathon.

Montana Tech President, Dr Fred DeMoney finished in one hundred twenty third place with a time of 1:55:54.

11K Females Overall: 1, Sheri Schwertfeger, Helena, 56:34

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14-18: 1, Sandy Gleich, East Helena, 58:35

19-25: 1, Ann Wayrynan, Butte, 58:03

26-35: 1, Deirdre Caughlan, Butte, 57:25

36-45: 1, Rita Drain, Butte, 58:37

Dave Coppock of Missoula cruises to a Big Butte 11K victory in 41:57, nearly a minute ahead of the second runner.



11K Males Overall: 1, Dave Coppock, Missoula, 41:57; 2, Jeff Thomas, Butte, 42:43; 3, Matt Storrud, Butte, 43:28; 4, Bill Kearney, Butte, 44:37; 5, Ed Foley, Butte, 45:02; 6, Vincent Matule, Helena, 45:55; 7, Pete Philley, Helena, 46:25; 8, Dave Silk, Butte, 46:28; 9, Rob Morris, Butte, 46:48; 10, James Lester, Butte, 47:59; 11, Ray Cyr, Butte, 48:12; 12, Ron Leeck, Aberdeen, WA, 50:01; 13, Ken Erickson, Butte, 50:10; 14, Jim Kaney, Butte, 50:10; 15, Kiki Skakies, Anaconda, 50:23; 16, Dean Taylor, Butte, 51:10; 17, Phil Dean, Butte, 51:11; 18, David Purdy, Eureka, 51:28; 19, Mike Shea, Butte, 51:34; 20, David Mueller, Butte, 51:36; 21, Woody Kruedener, Butte, 51:40; 22, Mike McElhenny, GF, 51:44; 23, Don Temple, Anaconda, 51:52; 24, Edward Eschler, Helena, 52:03; 25, Jim Smitham, Butte, 52:09; 26, John Lowry, Butte, 52:13; 27, Tom Newman, Missoula, 52:17; 28, Jon Dean, Butte, 52:46; 29, Larry Driscoll, Butte, 53:00; 30, Bob Graham,

Butte, 53:08; 31, Richard Cromer, Butte, 53:17; 32, Rod Cyr, Butte, 53:27; 33, Dan Scheitlin, Butte, 53:52; 34, Shannon Storrud, Hunter, UT, 53:52; 35, Ralph Brigham, Havre, 53:53; 36, Chris Griffin, Butte, 54:04; 37, John Prendergast, Helena, 54:13; 38, Dick Brittnacher, Butte, 54:16; 39, Brad Bjorsness, Butte, 54:41; 40, Dan Murphy, Anaconda, 54:43; 41 Mike Zimmerman, Butte, 54:53; Joe DeWolf, Helena, 55:16; 43, Stephen Winter, Butte, 55:31; 44, Daniel Rice, Butte, 55:44; 45, Jim Konen, Butte, 55:45; 46, Bernie Boyle, Butte, 55:55; 47, Jim Petritz, Butte, 56:10; 48, John Alley, Jr, Butte, 57:14; 49, Kelley Kellebrew, Butte, 57:18.

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