

14th Annual American Legion Armistice Day Race

Sunday, 11 Nov 1951 at Legion Hall in Uptown Butte



Front—M. Perko, T. Cashell, V. Barry, P. Burchell.
Rear—M. Sullivan, J. Nevin, T. Keeley, L. Smith, L. Risken, R. Roche.

The Butte Central boys' team poses together before the race start.

The race started at 11:10 a.m., ten minutes after the conclusion of Butte's traditional volley of 11 areal bombs in the 11 minutes leading up to the 11 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month.

Butte Central's Leonard "Chuck" Smith took the lead near the Oklahoma Street crossing and he was never passed the rest of the way, but he was forced to out-sprint Butte High's Lloyd Brynie, the early pace setter, at the finish. Smith's time was 16:47, which broke Lester Sodja's snowy, 17 minute record from last year.



Smith's effort also led Central to a 14-7 team point victory over Butte High. With the win the Maroons took the Jack Pachico Cup into their possession for the next year and they also cut Butte High's 4th-year, point-series lead to 48 to 36 in the 11-year race to retire that trophy.

Ten runners from Butte Central and six from Butte High raced, and all finished.

Team Scores: Butte Central, 14; Butte High, 7.

HS Boy's 2.7 mile: 1, Leonard "Chuck" Smith, BC, 16:47; 2, Lloyd Brynie, BH; 3, Mike Perko, BC; 4, Dick Rother, BC; 5, Joe Heleman, BH; 6, (tie) Joe Nevin & Vince Barry, BC; 8, Bob Coleman, BH; 9, Mike Sullivan, BC; 10, Ron Gardner, BH; 11, Pete Yznatowitz, BH; 12, Tom Keeley, BC; 13, Bob Heckman, BH; 14, Tom Cashell, BC; 15, Law Risken, BC; 16, Paul Burchell, BC.