

## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual American Legion Veterans' Day Race

Monday, 11 Nov 1957 at Legion Hall in Uptown Butte



Above, racers speed down Broadway, shortly after the start.

The race started after a series of 11 mortar salutes fired at one minute intervals, beginning at 10:49 a.m. The Butte High pep band provided musical entertainment prior to and during the race. Mayor W.P. Donnelly and Police Chief B.J. Riley directed the police escort of runners.

Junior high runners John Laramie and Robert Kingsbury entered and ran the race, but neither finished among team scoring places.

Last year's runner-up, **Geoffrey Chance** (pictured breaking the finish tape) of Butte High won with a finish time of 16:40, which put him a half block ahead of teammate Padraic Carmody.

Boys' Central runner Mike Lavelle had held the second spot until he turned into the final stretch on Broadway. That was when his legs failed him, and he lurched to the pavement in front of the Grand Hotel. Lavelle twice more regained his feet only to fall again, and he ended up crawling across the finish line in sixth place, the last scoring position. Lavelle remained in a state of collapse for nearly an hour following the race.

Butte High won the team competition over Butte Central by a score of 14 to 7. The Purples' score gave them a 10-year total scoring margin of 119 to 91, a lead that is impossible for the Maroons to overcome in the final year of competition to decide the final resting place of the Jack Pachico Memorial Cup.

32 runners started the race, and all of them finished.

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

**Boy's 2.7 mile awards winners** (pictured in order) from left: Race Co-Founder and longtime Chairman C. Owen Smithers (shown awarding Pachico Cup to Butte High); 1, Geoffrey Chance, BH, 16:40; 2, Padraic Carmody, BH; 3, Mike McGrady, BC; 4, Steve Killeen, BH; 5, Ed Canty, BC; (6 Mike Lavelle, BC, not shown "lying unconscious off stage"); and Martin Kearney, co-chairman.

**Additional finishers:**

**BH:** Charles Fabatz, Lloyd Schroeder, Raleigh Curtis, John Wulf, Frank Kristovich, Gary Jacobsen, Mel Bingaman, Bob Blewett, Denny Foley, Vlad Vukovich, Dan King, Dick Hawk, Howard Thompson, Ned Byrnes, Wesley Hunt, Gary Panion.

**BC:** Thomas Kearney, Thomas Cavanaugh, Jim O'Donnell, Jim Drynan, Jerry Downey, Bill Hogan, Marcus Canty, Dan Rosa.



Shown above are the 1957 Butte High Cross-Country team who captured the Pachico Cup for Butte High. They are left to right: Geoffry Chance, Dinny Foley, Gary Panion, Dick Hawke, Raleigh Curtis, Howard Thompson, and coach "Swede" Dahlberg;

Second row: John Wulf, Vlad Vukovich, Bob Blewett, Frank Kristovich, Wesley Hunt, and Chuck Fabitz;

Third row: Melvin Bingamin, Padraic Carmody, Gary Jacobsen, Lloyd Schroeder, Dan King, Ned Burns, and Steve Killen.

