

34th Annual American Legion Veterans' Day Race

Thursday, 11 Nov 1971 at Naranche Stadium – Dahlberg's Passing

Butte Central sophomore **Dave McDougall** (at right) lunges through the finish line in a record time of 12:42 in Naranche Stadium.

McDougall's victory propelled the Maroons to a 30-32 edge over Butte High in team competition.

In the ongoing seven-year Harry "Swede" Dahlberg scoring challenge, the Purples still lead with 222 points, and the Maroons have 241. Next year's race will decide which team retires the trophy to its school, and Central will need a lop-sided victory to do so.

Dahlberg, the legionary Butte High coach, died earlier this year (article below).

HS Boys' Team Scores: 1, Butte Central, 30; 2, Butte High, 32.

HS Boys' 2.5 mile: 1, Dave McDougall, BC, 12:42– record (old record 12:47, Dick Hofacker, BH, 1970); 2, Stan Zezotarski, BH, 12:54; 3, Dave Bull, BH, 13:00; 4, Ken Miller, Anaconda, 13:01; 5, Steve Burke, BC, 13:02; 6, Chuck Uggetti, BC; 7, Marty Kearney, BC; 8, Jim Patterson, BH; 9, Jim Downey, BC; 10, Darryl Maunder, BH; 11, Paul Thomas, BC; 12, Bob Kearney, BC; 13, Dan Morley, Anaconda; None of other 33 finishers were listed.




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Twice over Lightly

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**Harry Dahlberg:
A Great Career**

It would be hard to imagine a fuller, more influential life than the one that ended June 1 in Butte, Mont., for Harry (Swede) Dahlberg, who died at 74 on a fishing trip.



**SWEDE DAHLBERG
'Unparalleled'**

there for 33 years, as Butte won nine state championships, the first in 1924 and the last in 1941. And when his team lost in 1928 to Custer County of Miles City, the winning coach was brother "Jiggs."

His basketball teams won four state tournaments: In 1924, 1925, 1928 and 1932. His coaching span in that sport ran from 1923-1952.

Track and field might have been the sport he loved coaching best and his teams responded with 12 Montana Interscholastic championships. The first came in 1924 and the last in 1966, his last active year, when his spikers won "one for Swede," the 60th Interscholastic. His cross-country team was champion in 1964.

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A Little Halftime Psychology

The Butte School Board recognized Dahlberg's great 44 years with these words, upon his retirement after the 1966 season:

"His long and distinguished career is one which may never again be paralleled in the annals of our community."

Harry Dahlberg served in the Navy during World War I — and was an Army physical education instructor in World War II.

He coached the kids with a keen psychological touch, but without undue dramatics.

R. R. (Shag) Miller, manager of Butte's KBOW Radio and a trackman under Dahlberg at Butte High, recalled: "Once when his team was getting racked up by rugged opposition, trailing 13-12 at the half, he pulled a Knute Rockne. He didn't go near his players during the halftime intermission. Instead, he locked his door to his . . . office and sat at his desk with his hat pulled down over his face.

"His office was glass-enclosed and he was in full view of the players in the dressing room. Just before the resumption of the game he walked out into the locker room and said, 'It's all right with me if you want to play like a bunch of girls. But I don't want to be seen on the streets with you tomorrow, if you lose as you're losing now. You're not trying.'

Dahlberg's kids went back out and won it 24-20.

He coached two players who went to the National Football League, Milt Popovich and Leonard Noyes, and three-East-West Shrine Game performers, Popovich, Eso Naranche and Tom Davis. Asked who was the greatest, Dahlberg always would respond, "They've all been great."

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The victorious **Butte Central** Veterans' Day team **standing from left:** J. Sullivan, Bob Kearney, B. O'Neill, Paul Thomas, F. Kelly, John O'Neill, M. Jones, B. Zapata, J. Marinovich, T. Zahn, Coach and Irish Christian Brother Vince Kelly.
Kneeling: B. Carlson, Chuck Uggetti, Steve Burke, Dave McDougall, Marty Kearney, Jim Downey.



The runner-up **Butte High** Veterans' Day team from **back left:** John Roys, John Mansanti, Dave Hamilton, Dave Hockaday, Dan Jangula, Steve Huntington, Steve Downey, Coach Charles Merrifield.
Bottom: Kurt Alt, Nick Opie, Paul Krueger, Dave Bull, Jim Patterson, Stan Zezotarski, Darryl Maunder.