

41st Annual Butte American Legion Veterans' Day Race

Saturday, 11 November 1978– Houlihan 'Ices' Third Win on Vets' Day as recapped by Pat Kearney

Bone-chilly temperatures keep the number of runners down for the Veterans' Day Race.



This was the third and final time the five mile course along Continental Drive was used as the footpath for the race.

Mike Houlihan, a student at Montana State University, won the male portion of the race for the third time in his career in a record time of 28:49. Houlihan had previously won the race as a high school student in 1974 and 1975. He joins Lester Sodja and Dave McDougall as the only three-time winners of the event.

The women's winner was Laura Callahan in a time of 39:25.

Dave Wulf was the victor in the 2.5 mile race for boys 14 and under. Wulf's winning time was 15:45.

Finishers	2.5 M	5 M	Total
Female	3	18	21
Male	9	21	30
Total	12	39	51

The girls' winner was Linda Kearney. Her clocking was 20:07. Kearney is the younger sister of 1976 men's winner Bill Kearney. Linda's father Martin won the race in 1940 and her uncle James took first place honors in the 1937 event. Linda and her brother Bill were the first brother-sister team to win the race.

2.5 Mile Girls:

8-9: 1, Jenean Rashleigh, 25:21.

12-14: 1, Linda Kearney, Butte, 20:07; 2, Shelley Sheehan, 21:07.

2.5 Mile Boys:

8-9: 1, Brian Noctor, Butte, 19:40.

10-11: 1, Bob Whelan, Butte, 17:00; 2, Dan McGee, 18:23; 3, Hank Sitton, 19:41; 4, Todd Rashleigh, 25:22.

12-14: 1, Dave Wulf, Butte, 15:45; 2, Jim Olds, 16:39; 3, Kevin Noctor, Butte, 20:28; 4, Shawn Henderson, 21:37.

5 Mile Females Overall: 1, Laura Callahan, 39:25; 2, Andrea Stalker, 39:56; 3, Marie Cook, 40:21.

15-18: 1, Laura Callahan, Butte, 39:25; 2, Kay Johnston, 41:11; 3, Jean Johnston, 42:52; 4, Mary Whelan, Butte, 43:58; 5, Pam Sheehan, 45:36; 6, Michelle Wulf, 45:37; 7, Eileen Opie, 46:23; 8, Monica Drew, 56:26.

19-25: 1, Theresa Shiner, 49:12.

26-34: 1, Andrea Stalker, 39:56; 2, Sharon Laramie, 49:36; 3, Cynthia Copeland, 49:38; 4, Sheila Cyr, Butte, 55:34; 5, Pat Gilbert, 58:49.

35-44: 1, Marie Cook, Butte, 40:21; 2, Rita Drain, Butte, 42:42; 3, Peggy Maloney, 60:07; 4, Mary Gail Fairchild, 65:56.

5 Mile Males Overall: 1, Mike Houlihan, 28:49; 2, Bill Hess, 29:29; 3, Ed Foley, 30:30.

15-18: 1, Marion Felix, 30:30; 2, Tony Crawley, 31:13; 3, Matt Storrud, Butte, 31:56; 4, Tim Swager, 33:07; 5, Steve Noctor, Butte, 33:50; 6, Mike Kelly, 34:24; 7, Larry Menghini, 38:09.

19-25: 1, Mike Houlihan, Bozeman, 28:49; 2, Pat Kearney, 38:54.

26-34: 1, Bill Hess, 29:29; 2, Peter Keville, 33:19; 3, Ken Erickson, 36:05; 4, Glen Cuchine, 41:58; 5, William Stalker, 44:07.

35-44: 1, Ed Foley, Butte, 30:30; 2, Dean Hersey, Boulder, 33:21; 3, Myron Currie, 33:22; 4, Dennis McCarthy, 33:59; 5, Ray Cyr, Butte, 35:41; 6, Rich Will, 36:15.

45-54: 1, Warren Swager, Sheridan, 34:29.