

44th Annual Butte American Legion Veterans' Day Race

Wednesday, 11 November 1981– Butte High Alum Returns Victoriously as recapped, in part, by Pat Kearney

**Vets' Day
2.5-mile
kids' run
gets under
way with
American
Legion Hall
in the
background.**



For the first time since the race was contested as an open event in 1976 both the men's and women's winners were from outside the Butte area.

In the men's race, fourth-year Tech student Jeff Thomas made a gallant effort at victory, but, then on Western Ave he missed the right hand turn and continued on for another 100 yards or so before realizing that the runners behind were hollering for him to come back.

Stanley Zezotarski, a former Butte High runner but currently of Helena, ended up winning in a record time of 23:02. Zezotarski, who won today's race by over two minutes, is also the defending champion in Helena's

Governor's Cup Marathon where he ran a time of 2:29:33 on a course from Marysville to Helena last June.

The female victor was Charlene Clark of Dillon in a time of 29:56, a time that put Clark one second ahead of fellow Beaverhead County runner, Jackie Higgins.

The fourteen and under event was dominated by defending champions Bill Sage and Rhonda Ferkovich both of Butte. Sage took boys' honors in a record time of 13:56 while Ferkovich's won with a record clocking of 15:41.

Finishers	2.5 M	4.5 M	Total
Female	23	17	40
Male	14	45	59
Total	37	62	99

2.5 Mile Girls:

0-14: 1, Rhonda Ferkovich, Butte, 15:41; 2, Rochelle Hewitt, 17:26; 3, Sherrie Reid, 17:54; 4, Elaine Cyr, Butte, 17:59; 5, Holli Maloney, Divide, 18:04; 6, Michelle Hewitt, 18:16; 7, Rikki Ueland, Butte, 19:16; 8, Sheila Carpenter, Melrose, 21:35; 9, Stacey Carpenter, Melrose, 24:45.

15-18: 1, Lori Merrifield, Butte, 16:23; 2, Dorothy Murphy, 17:27; 3, Margie O'Connor, 17:48; 4, Peggy Griswold, Anaconda, 18:42; 5, Maggie Dick, 19:41; 6, Susan Martinez, 20:40; 7, Barbie Carlton, 20:53; 8 Elizabeth Jeffery, 20:54; 9, Veronica Hall, 22:01; 10, Terri Henderson, 22:16; 11, Laura Stomsvik, 24:13; 12, Karmen Johnson, 25:25; 13, Denise Kelly, 25:26; 14, Patti Greene, Anaconda, 25:40.

2.5 Mile Boys:

0-14: 1, Bill Sage, Butte, 13:56; 2, Chuck Merrifield, Butte, 14:10; 3, Bob Whelan, Butte, 14:20; 4, Jim O'Neill, Butte, 14:36; 5, Rod Cyr, Butte, 15:31; 6, Kurt Hales, 15:36; 7, Mark Heinz, 15:42; 8, Dean Drew, 16:13; 9, Steve Fogarty, 16:21; 10, Steve Ashby, 17:18; 11, Craig Hales, 17:34; 12, Shawn Neary, 18:15; 13, Dave Gartz, Silver Bow, 18:44; 14, Troy Munsell, 18:45.

4.5 Mile Females Overall: 1, Charlene Clark, 29:56; 2, Jackie Higgins, 29:57; 3, Liza Merrifield, 31:11.

15-18: 1, Charlene Clark, Dillon, 29:56; 2, Gina Roe, Dillon, 32:02.

19-25: 1, Jackie Higgins, Dillon, 29:57; 2, Liza Merrifield, Butte, 31:11; 3, Laura Callahan, 32:44.

26-34: 1, Sandra Germer, Basin, 31:23; 2, Deidre Caughlan, Butte, 33:30; 3, Sharon Laramie, 34:10; 4, Claudine Micone, Butte, 40:33; 5, Lanor Kaney, Anaconda, 43:26; 6, Judie Lowney, Helena, 49:22; 7, Eddi Walker, Butte, 49:25.

35-44: 1, Ellie Arguimbau, Helena, 31:34; 2, Rita Drain, Butte, 31:52; 3, Marie Cook, Butte, 33:00; 4, Roberta Campbell, Anaconda, 37:27; 5, Mary Fairchild, 43:45.

4.5 Mile Males Overall: 1, Stan Zezotarski, 23:02; 2, Jeff Richards, 25:06; 3, Mike Walsh, 25:10.

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19-25: 1, Jeff Thomas, Butte, 25:27; 2, Craig Travis, Dillon, 28:03; 3, Chuck Slaughter, Butte, 28:56; 4, Robert Kearney, 29:50.

26-34: 1, Stan Zezotarski, Helena, 23:02; 2, Mike Walsh, Helena, 25:10; 3, Howard Morris, Great Falls, 25:22; 4, Pat Kearney, Butte, 27:51; 5, Danny Shea, 28:24; 6, Dan Murphy, Anaconda, 30:08; 7, Robert Graham, 32:28; 8, Chuck Slothower, 34:14; 9, Robert Fawcett, 35:04; 10, James Kaney, Anaconda, 43:27.

35-44: 1, Ted Dobson, Deer Lodge, 25:30; 2, Dennis McCarthy, Butte, 25:42; 3, Dean Hersey, Boulder, 27:21; 4, Dave Manning, 30:42; 5, Don Peoples, Butte, 30:46; 6, Norman Hermsmeyer, 32:59; 7, John "Scotty" Wulf, Butte, 34:22.

45-54: 1, James Lester, Butte, 29:18; 2, Warren Swager, Sheridan, 29:26; 3, Jim Konen, Butte, 30:30; 4, Jack Campbell, Anaconda, 32:51.

55+: 1, Phillip Zamudio, Anaconda, 31:58; 2, Frank Fogerty, 36:27; 3, Luke McKeon, Anaconda, 41:12.