

54th Annual Butte American Legion Veterans' Day Race

Monday, 11 November 1991 – Hatcher's Hat Trick

Runners Starting the Veterans' Day 5.2 mile race from Stodden Park.



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As recapped by Pat Kearney: Jim Hatcher of Helena became only the second four-time male winner of the race. Hatcher won the event in a time of 28:29. The Helena racer had also taken top honors in the 1982, 1984 and 1986 races. The only other male to win four times was Mike Houlihan of Butte in 1974, 1975, 1978 and 1979.

The only female to capture the race four times is Liza Merrifield in 1973, 1974, 1975 and 1980. Meanwhile Susan Kaluza of Butte won her third women's title in four years in a time of 33:45.

Jim Miller of Butte was the fourteen and under boys winner in a clocking of 17:40. A number of boys also went two and a half miles in a 15-18 year old division. Jeremy Hamma of Butte was the first to hit the tape in 14:36.

The girls champion was Katrina Lovshin of Butte in 38:36.

| Finishers | 2.5 M | 5.2 M | Total |
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| Female | 1+ | 9 | 10 |
| Male | 4+ | 25 | 34 |
| Total | 10 | 34 | 44 |

2.5 Mile Females:

15-18: 1, Katrina Lovshin, Butte, 38:36.

2.5 Mile Males:

0-14: 1, Jim Miller, Butte, 17:40; 2, John Lovshin, Butte, 27:24; 3, Michael Lovshin, Butte, 27:26.

15-18: 1, Jeremy Hamma, Butte, 14:36; No other placers listed.

5.2 Mile Females Overall: 1, Susan Kaluza, 33:45; 2, Claudine Micone, 37:57; 3, Joyce Hicks, 38:32.

26-34: 1, Susan Kaluza, Butte, 33:45; 2, Sheila Williams, Helena, 39:37.

35-44: 1, Claudine Micone, Butte, 37:57; 2, Pam Naugle, Butte, 40:41; 3, Eddi Walker, Butte, 41:15; 4, Joanne Eide, Anaconda, 43:40.

45-54: 1, Joyce Hicks, Great Falls, 38:32; 2, Ellie Arguimbau, Helena, 44:23; 3, Donna Sims, Great Falls, 49:16.



Helena's Jim Hatcher won the men's 5.2 mile in 28:29.

Jeremy Hamma of Butte won the 2.5 mile in 14:36.

5.2 Mile Males Overall: 1, Jim Hatcher, 28:29; 2, Ray Matteson, 28:33; 3, Don Sundberg, 30:39.

15-18: 1, Jason Hamma, Butte, 30:52; 2, Bob Miller, Butte, 34:35; 3, Brendon McDonough, 34:54.

19-25: 1, Jason Rieger, Butte, 36:13.

26-34: 1, Ray Matteson, Butte, 28:33; 2, Jim Ryan, Butte, 32:57; 3, Bill Kearney, Helena, 35:02.

35-44: 1, Jim Hatcher, Helena, 28:29; 2, Don Sundberg, Butte, 30:39; 3, Patrick Kearney, Butte, 31:11; 4, David Mueller, Butte, 32:58; 5, Jim Nelson, Clancy, 34:07; 6, Stuart White, Great Falls, 34:10; 7, Alan Overmier, 34:58; 8, Rudolf Tankink, Great Falls, 35:14; 9, Jim Sims, Great Falls, 36:32; 10, Joseph Griffin, Butte, 39:36; 11, Bob Dennehy, 42:00.

45-54: 1, Robert Sims, Great Falls, 35:19; 2, Carl Clark, Great Falls, 39:07; 3, Don Peoples, Butte, 44:28; 4, John Wulf, Butte, 46:16; 5, Albert Lovshin, Butte, 52:35.

55+: 1, Jim Lester, Butte, 35:11; 2, Alan Jackson, Bozeman, 40:49.