

62nd Annual Butte American Legion, Montana Technologies-MSE Veterans' Day Race

Thursday, 11 November 1999 – Kaluza Wins Ninth as recapped by Pat Kearney for The Montana Standard

Lightly clad runners starting the Veterans' Day Run in mild weather conditions.



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Defending champion Rowdy Sargeson pulled away from course record-holder Tom Raunig (shown starting watch on far right of photo) to win. Sargeson, a senior at Helena Capital and Raunig, the cross country coach at the University of Montana, blazed stride-for-stride through the first two miles of the race in 10 minutes. Sargeson started to pull away just past the midway point of the race going up Western Avenue. Sargeson beat Raunig by 19 seconds. His winning time was 27:42 for the 5.2-mile event. It was the third fastest time recorded on the current course. Raunig

set the record back in 1986 at 26:17. Butte native Tony Banovich ran the same course in 27:19 in 1993. Another former champion, Patrick Judge the 1995 and 1996 winner, was third in a clocking of 28:50. Vance Twitchell of Helena was fourth with Hugh Murphy of Butte fifth.

The women's event was won by Susan Kaluza of Butte. Her winning time was 35:34. Kaluza was well ahead of second place finisher Sherry Vogel who posted a time of 39:47. Kaluza's win marks the ninth time she has captured Montana's oldest road race. She has won the women's division in nine of the past twelve years.

In the shorter 2.5-mile race for kids 14 and under Clint Choquette, a student at East Middle School, won with a time of 16:50. The girls' winner was defending champion Marnee Worley of East Middle School. Her winning time was 18:52. Stephanie Kirkpatrick was second with a time of 19:28. Helena Capital won the boys high school team trophy. It marks the first time a Helena school has ever won the team trophy at the Butte race. Perfect weather conditions produced 85 runners which is the most for the event since the 1982 event.

Finishers	2.5 M	5.2 M	Total
Female	10	15	25
Male	12	48	60
Total	22	63	85

2.5 Mile Females:

0-14: 1, Marnee Worley, Butte, 18:52; 2, Stephanie Kilpatrick, 19:28; 3, Kelsi Canavan, 19:48; 4, Maggie Pesanti, Butte, 19:51; 5, Jessica Peretti, Butte, 19:52; 6, Rose Henn, 20:09; 7, Amanda Moore, 23:38; 8, Tawny Greer, 23:50.
35-44: 1, Pam Graham, 31:42.
45-54: 1, Patricia Sheehan, 38:06.

2.5 Mile Males:

0-14: 1, Clint Choquette, Butte, 16:50; 2, Jonathan Rowe, 17:48; 3, Robert Greer, 18:38; 4, Colt Everly, 19:40; 5, Zack Carlson, 21:20; 6, Jeremy Siedsching, 42:43.
15-18: 1, Matt Choquette, Butte, 15:58; 2, Tim Messick, Anaconda, NT; 3, Lance Griffin, Butte, 16:42; 4, Kevin Heaney, Anaconda, 17:29; 5, Matt Brophy, 20:09.
45-54: 1, Mike Schulte, 20:23.

5.2 Mile Females Overall: 1, Susan Kaluza, 35:34; 2, Sherry Vogel, 39:47; 3, Roxanne Pesanti, 41:05.

19-25: 1, Julia Mason, 48:21.

26-34: 1, Lisa Hallenbeck, 46:31; 2, Dee Dee Thurman, 47:32; 3, Cecelia Brawner, 53:30.

35-44: 1, Suzie Kaluza, Butte, 35:34; 2, Cheryl Peterslie, Butte, 48:21.

45-54: 1, Sherry Vogel, Butte, 39:47; 2, Roxanne Pesanti, Butte, 41:05; 3, Shirley Carrigan, Great Falls, 41:48; 4, Eddi Walker, Butte, 43:48; 5, Sheila Franey, Butte, 46:58; 6, Carmen Winslow, 49:00.

55-64: 1, Donna Sims, Great Falls, 45:13; 2, Virginia Sutphin, Great Falls, 48:21; 3, Marie Cook, Butte, 53:50.

5.2 Mile Males Overall: 1, Rowdy Sargeson, 27:42; 2, Tom Raunig, 28:01; 3, Patrick Judge, 28:50.

High School Age Division: 1, Rowdy Sargeson, Helena, 27:42; 2, Vance Twitchell, Helena, 29:17; 3, Jeremiah Dirnberger, Bozeman, 30:18; 4, Mike Kaiser, Helena, 30:40; 5, Chris Cannon, Helena, 30:57; 6, Mitch Cunningham, Whitehall, 31:19; 7, Tyson Roth, 31:29; 8, Louis Mourer, 33:50; 9, Brian Brush, 34:01; 10, Kevin Kovacich, Anaconda, 34:05; 11, Mike Crowe, Butte, 34:28.

19-25: 1, Toby Clarkin; 38:23; 2, Bill Foley, Butte, 41:58.

26-34: 1, Patrick Judge, Helena, 28:50; 2, Eric Allen, Butte, 35:35; 3, Randy Simkins, 38:48; 4, Don Foley, Butte, 40:36; 5, Charlie McGrath, 41:10; 6, Bob Whelan, Butte, 42:35; 7, Greg Hanley, 45:12; 8, Efrain Giavan, 48:21.

35-44: 1, Tom Raunig, Missoula, 28:01; 2, Hugh Murphy, Butte, 30:17; 3, Marvin Speece, Butte, 31:07; 4, Jim Ryan, Butte, 35:32; 5, Bob Kearney, 37:50; 6, Pat Kearney, Butte, 38:30; 7, Tim Hanson, 41:02; 8, Ken Murray, 41:43; 9, John Willard, Butte, 42:12; 10, Paul Riley, 42:55; 11, Tim Hahn, 45:43.

45-54: 1, Don Sundberg, Butte, 31:35; 2, Daniel Carty, 35:27; 3, Dan Murphy, 38:01; 4, Dave Mueller, Butte, 40:45; 5, Dan Mueller, Butte, 40:56; 6, Jim Hodges, 43:04; 7, E.G. Leipheimer, Butte, 53:05.

55-64: 1, Leon Shearman, Bozeman, 36:34; 2, Dean Hersey, Helena, 36:56; 3, Robert Sims, Great Falls, 38:42; 4, Russell Meech, Cascade, 39:21; 5, Bob Merkle, San Francisco, 40:43; 6, Bill Peterson, 45:43; 7, John Wulf, Butte, 47:21; 8, Don Peoples, Butte, 48:21; 9, Al Lovshin, Butte, 68:20.