

63rd Annual Butte American Legion MERDI/MSE Veterans' Day Race

Saturday, 11 November 2000 – Helena Runners Dominate as recapped by Pat Kearney for the Montana Standard

Helena runners and frigid conditions dominated the race. Patrick Judge and Jennifer Pearson, both of the Capital City, were the overall male and female winners in the 5.2-mile run. The two competitors won Montana's oldest road race in temperatures hovering around 10 degrees above zero with snowy, icy streets.

Judge, a two-time winner of this event in 1995 and 1996, won the race with a time of 28:22. He beat second-place runner Mitch Cunningham of Whitehall by more than two minutes. Dave Roberts of Helena was third.

The 29-year old Pearson won in her first attempt at the race, edging nine-time winner Suzie Kaluza of Butte. The two ran side-by-side for over five miles. Pearson pulled away just before the finish line to win by fifteen seconds. Her winning time was 36:23. Sherry Vogel of Butte finished in third place.

In the shorter 2.5-mile race for kids 14 and under, Caitlin DiGiovine, a freshmen at Butte Central, won the girls' race with a time of 19:18. The boys' winner was 10-year old Colt Everly of Butte.

The event was started in 1934 by World War I veterans C. Owen Smithers and Charlie McAuliffe.

Finishers	2.5 M	5.2 M	Total
Female	14	18	32
Male	6	26	32
Total	20	44	64

The Butte American Legion and MSE-MERDI were the sponsors of the event. Every runner received a commemorative hat plus either a trophy or ribbon for competing in the event. The race started at 11:11 A.M., the same time the armistice was signed in 1918 ending World War I.

2.5 Mile Females:

0-14: 1, Caitlin DiGiovine, Butte, 19:18; 2, Kelsi Canavan, 19:39; 3, Kiely Sampson, 21:54; 4, Kim Hueftle, Butte, 23:24; 5, Skye Miner, Butte, 24:09; 6, Melissa Bogert, 24:24; 7, Sara Bogert, 24:24; 8, Alexis DiGiovine, Butte, 25:58.

15-18: 1, Casey Campbell, Lincoln, 17:40; 2, Emy Low Ingebritson, 21:41.

35-44: 1, Renee Campbell, 22:45; 2, Kim Tretheway, 23:26; 3, Brenda Miner, 24:10.

55-64: 1, Marie Cook, Butte, 27:23.

2.5 Mile Males:

0-14: 1, Colt Everly, 19:42; 2, Dylan Griffin, Butte, 25:39.

35-44: 1, Peter Dan Sullivan, Helena, 15:56; 2, Bart Brazier, 36:38.

45-54: 1, Mike Campbell, 20:26. **55-64:** 1, Joe Dziak, 33:42.

5.2 Mile Females Overall: 1, Jennifer Pearson, 36:23; 2, Susan Kaluza, 36:38; 3, Sherry Vogel, 40:22.

15-18: 1, Kendra Bebee, 45:14; 2, Julia Henne, 50:28.

26-34: 1, Jennifer Pearson, Helena, 36:23; 2, Lisa Hallenbeck Levert, 48:05; 3, Sarah Bennett, 50:04.

35-44: 1, Suzie Kaluza, Butte, 36:38; 2, Mary Crowe, Butte, 41:51; 3, Cheryl Peterslie, Butte, 50:04; 4, Georgia Cunningham, Whitehall, 51:05; 5, Cindy Bebee, 52:06.

45-54: 1, Sherry Vogel, Butte, 40:22; 2, Teddy Dorland, Opportunity, 45:26; 3, Joanne Eide, Clancy, 45:46; 4, Karen Flint, 47:49; 5, Pam Naugle, Butte, 48:53; 6, Sheila Franey, Butte, 51:04; 7, Eddi Walker, Butte, 74:39; 8, Carmen Winslow, 74:39.

5.2 Mile Males Overall: 1, Patrick Judge, 28:22; 2, Mitch Cunningham, 30:24; 3, Dave Roberts, 32:44.

0-14: 1, Joel Patton, 45:45.

15-18: 1, Mike Crowe, Butte, 35:39.

19-25: 1, Mitch Cunningham, Whitehall, 30:24; 2, J.D. Anderson, Anaconda, 34:37.

26-34: 1, Patrick Judge, Helena, 28:22; 2, Don Foley, Butte, 38:02; 3, John Walden, 39:09; 4, Bill Foley, Butte, 47:19.

35-44: 1, Jim Ryan, Butte, 38:32; 2, Lauren Kostoff, Elliston, 40:12; 3, Larry Driscoll, 40:31; 4, Paul Riley, 47:02; 5, Tim Hahn, 47:07.

45-54: 1, Dave Roberts, Helena, 32:44; 2, Howard Morris, 36:29; 3, Bob Eide, Clancy, 37:22; 4, Marty Kearney, 37:29; 5, Pat Kearney, Butte, 39:22; 6, Joe Griffin, Butte, 40:13; 7, Jim Hueftle, Butte, 43:26; 8, Bob Foley, 43:39; 9, Jim Dorland, 45:17; 10, Phil Patton, 45:54.

55-64: 1, Phil Telling, Butte, 37:24; 2, Dean Hersey, Helena, 39:49; 3, Bruce Robinson, Butte, 42:30.