

1971 WEST VALLEY MARATHON RESULTS

On March 7, 1971, the First Annual West Valley Marathon came off with hardly a flaw as scores of helpers made this race one of the finest Northern California has ever seen. Our special thanks to the police departments of the three cities we went through for their patience and excellent traffic control. Without them our race would have been a disaster.

The race was not only excellent in organization, but also produced some very fast times on this newly certified marathon course. Foremost of course was Colombian Alvaro Mejia's sparkling new South American record time of 2:17:22.2, breaking the old record set in the 1960 Rome Olympics by approximately three minutes. He broke the Colombian National record by 8 minutes, and set a new club record for West Valley TC, breaking Bill Clark's 2:22:38, set earlier this year at the Mission Bay Marathon in San Diego. He was trying his first marathon, as was Charlie Harris, who finished third in 2:23:24, less than a minute behind the Olympic Club's Byron Lowry. Mejia looked strong over the entire distance, and ran under 5 minutes in his last mile.

The race started at about 9:15, and a group of three runners (Mejia, Lowry, and Bill Clark) took the lead as expected. By 5 miles they had a 10 second lead over Chris Miller who was running alone. At 10 miles in 52:05 they had increased their margin to almost 3 minutes. They stayed together through 15 miles in 1:18:13. Somewhere between 15 and 20 miles the race broke wide open as Lowry faltered and Clark was forced out of the race with severe foot pains. Mejia then simply widened his margin and Harris closed fast behind Lowry, coming from 3:50 behind at 20 miles, to less than a minute at the finish. Chris Miller followed in 2:30:50 with Jose Cortez closing fast at 2:32:17. Mejia's time is fastest in the nation so far this year, and Lowry's and Harris' times rank 6th & 8th as of March 7.

Many, many runners ran their personal bests as the weatherman gave us almost perfect running conditions (slightly overcast and cool) -- no wind either. That, combined with the flatness of the course, accounted for the excellent times. Top high school finisher was Wolfgang Schmulewicz of Lincoln in San Francisco, as he broke 2:40 in his first ever marathon. Senior T.A. de Lusignan of Marin AC produced a scintillating 2:42:06 to place 12th overall. Brian Freeman of the San Diego Track Club made his long trip worthwhile by placing 17th in 2:45:19 as second senior. Jim O'Neil broke 2:50 for his first time in 2:48:30 as third senior. Top runner under 19 was Randy Lawson who hit a personal best of 2:36:45. Third finisher in that division was Don Bennette (behind Schmulewicz) in 2:45:28. Another great performance was produced by the Striders' Mitch Kingery, who at 14, ran 2:47:27, only about 4 minutes off the National age group record held by Hugh Miller. Paul Reese chopped over 8 minutes from his Anaheim best by recording 2:51:04, finishing first over 50 and fifth senior overall. Natalie Cullimore whacked 14 minutes from her best by doing a great 3:18:00, beating half the field in the process. And then of course there was Norman Bright's great 3:08:23 as first over 60 years. He had done 3:14 only a week before at Seaside. Bright has only been running marathons for a year now, his first coming at Seaside a year ago. He has improved about 35 minutes since then. And we can't forget Bill Snavelly's great 3:06:07 run as first 200 pounder. All other divisional winners are listed on the opposite side of this page. Splits at every five miles (we missed a few and some may be off, but most of the times should be pretty close to what you ran) are also included on the opposite side.

The top team was the host West Valley Track Club as they scored a low of 6 points in the first NorCal marathon sweep in recent memory. Lowry kept WVTC runners from taking the top three places but couldn't prevent the 6 point score as his team didn't have three runners and thus could not count in the scoring. The Redwood City Striders had 17 as all three of their runners broke 2:40, and Marin AC was third with 29.

Thanks again for participating and we hope to see you again next year. Please let us know of any suggestions you may have to help improve this race.

Jack Layton

FIVE MILE SPLITS & FINISH

NAME	CLUB	5 MI.	10 MI.	15 MI.	20 MI.	25 MI.	FINISH	NAME	CLUB	5 MI.	10 MI.	15 MI.	20 MI.	25 MI.	FINISH
1. ALVARO MEJIA	WVTC	26:09	52:05	1:18:13	1:44:30	2:11:39	2:17:22.2	71. ERNST HAYMAN	UNATT	33:30	1:08:05	1:44:47	2:23:55	3:06:52	3:17:02
2. BYRON LOWRY	SFOC	26:09	52:05	1:18:13	1:44:30	2:11:39	2:17:22.2	72. DON FEIX	NCSTC	33:30	1:08:57	1:46:37	2:26:00	3:09:08	3:17:19
3. CHARLIE HARRIS	WVTC	27:32	55:25	1:21:20	1:48:50	2:17:02	2:23:24	73. MIKE R. HEALY	NVRC	34:05	1:10:47	1:48:53	2:28:10	3:08:39	3:17:38
4. CHRIS MILLER	WVTC	26:19	54:50	1:22:32	1:52:33	2:23:45	2:30:50	74. NATALIE CULLIMORE	SERC	34:55	1:11:42	1:50:00	2:28:55	3:09:09	3:18:00
5. JOSE CORTEZ	RCS	28:18	56:25	1:25:34	1:55:13	2:25:34	2:32:17	75. RICHARD NOLAN	RCS	30:54	1:03:25	1:37:39	2:28:10	3:10:08	3:18:22
6. JIM HOWELL	WVTC	27:36	55:56	1:24:42	1:55:18	2:27:45	2:35:11	76. JOHN BARBOUR	ETC	35:00	1:11:03	1:49:--	2:28:30	3:09:33	3:18:34
7. RANDY LAWSON	RCS	28:30	57:35	1:28:15	1:58:08	2:29:44	2:36:45	77. DENNIS STEVENSON	UNATT	36:10	1:14:40	1:53:30	2:31:45	3:10:56	3:18:34
8. JOEL STEIN	RCS	28:18	59:20	1:27:23	1:57:30	2:30:13	2:37:36	78. MIKE GEORGI	USF	32:53	1:06:00	1:41:36	2:20:20	3:09:38	3:19:33
9. RAY MENZIE	MAC	30:43	1:00:30	1:31:00	2:01:00	2:31:51	2:38:47	79. WILLIAM ROAY	SERC	31:33	1:06:20	1:43:41	2:23:00	3:09:38	3:21:30
10. WOLFGANG SCHMULEWICZ	UNATT	28:18	57:28	1:30:52	2:00:00	2:32:16	2:39:12	80. DAVID FRIED	RLRA	35:33	1:12:29	1:49:00	2:30:15	3:12:05	3:21:43
11. DARREN GEORGE	NVRC	28:18	1:00:30	1:31:17	2:01:00	2:33:15	2:40:13	81. GARY CHILTON	SRC	35:39	1:12:29	1:50:30	2:30:10	3:12:47	3:21:48
12. T.A. DE LUSIGNAN	MAC	30:21	1:00:33	1:31:00	2:01:34	2:34:43	2:42:06	82. ROBERT GREER	WVTC	33:15	1:07:20	1:44:21	2:25:20	3:11:52	3:21:56
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