

Watsonville Harriers Win Title

Salinas—To the surprise of exactly no one, Watsonville won the Monterey Bay league cross country championship at Alisal High here yesterday.

The Wildcats, with the top four finishers, scored 19 points and Seaside was second with 60. Santa Cruz was fourth with 99 and Soquel was seventh with 164, nosing out Salinas which had 190 points.

Other varsity team scores were Monterey (3rd) 80, North Salinas (5th) 144 and Alisal (6th) 150.

Santa Cruz was third in the junior varsity meet with 90 points, ranking behind Watsonville (17) and Monterey (55). The Wildcats had six of the first seven places.

In the varsity meet, Watsonville was paced by Tom Scurich (10:04), Tom Leikam (10:18), Bob Banks (10:20) and Dick Dyer (10:21).

Frank Trowbridge of Santa Cruz was sixth in 10:25. Coach Mel Fishburn said that was his best time of the year and he was pleased with his performance. Fishburn also praised freshman Mike Joiner (30th) in 11:19.

Santa Cruz and Soquel results:
6th—Trowbridge of SC 10:25;
15th—Dave Bleicher of Soquel 10:47; 18th—Rick Alvarez of SC 10:51; 20th—Chuck Christensen of SC 10:54; 24th—Ray Tousseau of Soquel 11:01; 25th — Russ Beesley of SC 11:03; 30th — Joiner of SC 11:19; 36th—Lance Cameron of SC 11:29; 37th—Leon Loren of Soquel 11:32; 39th — Ron Loren of Soquel 11:37; 46th — Scott Pittman of SC 11:53; 50th—Richard Kein of Soquel 12:05.

The final junior varsity scores were Watsonville 17, Monterey 55, Santa Cruz 90, Seaside 99, North Salinas 109 and Alisal 184. Soquel and Salinas did not have a full team.

Individual results for the Jay-vee meet with Gil Basaldua of Watsonville first in 10:57 were as follows:

8th — Kevin Swehla of SC 11:23; 13th — Bob Pescadon of SC 11:32; 20th—Tony Alanez of SC 11:54; 24th — Rainer Newmann of SC in 12:03; 25th—Sam Leask of SC 12:08; 29th—Paul Straks of Soquel in 12:23; 30th —Louis Autometti of SC in 12:24; 35th—Kent Webber of SC in 12:43; 42nd—Joe Caves of Soquel in 13:32; 43rd—Dwight Elvey of Soquel in 13:41 and 46th —Steve Cox of Soquel in 14:23.

Watsonville Wins in Cross-Country Meet

By JACK FOURCADE

Watsonville High repeated as cross country champion in the Monterey Bay League yesterday, with individual honors also going to 'Cat harrier Bob Scurich who stepped the 2.0 mile Alisal course in the record setting time of 10:04.

Varsity team results found the Wildcat harriers of coach Bill McGarvey lodged impressively in first place with 19 points as the first four runners to finish the race were all 'Cat distance men, Seaside was second with 60, Monterey 80, Santa Cruz 99, North Salinas 144, Alisal 150, Soquel 164, and Salinas in with 190.

In the junior varsity division, it was again an all Watsonville show with the Wildcat JV's in front with 17, Monterey 55, Santa Cruz 90, Seaside 99, North Salinas 109, Alisal 184, and Salinas and Soquel not entering junior varsity teams.

Locally, the top prep distance runner in yesterday's race proved to be North Salinas High's Tom Aguinaga who finished in ninth place with a time of 10:34. Top time turned in by the host Alisal runners came when freshman Raul Rede came home with a clocking of 10:46 good for a 14th place finish.

Best of the Salinas Cowboys was Jim Scott with a time of 11:09 and a 28th place finish in the 51-man entry field from the league schools.

Next week, Thursday, finds Alisal once again playing the role of host school to the Central Coast Sectional championships which will feature the best distance runners from 15 nearby schools.

North Salinas Finishers—Aguinaga (9th), 10:34; Bob Ely (21st) 10:55; Bob Brown (31st), 11:22; Mike Perez (41st), 11:43; John Isza (42nd), 11:47; Chuck O'Connor (43rd), 11:49.

Alisal finishers—Rede (14th), 10:46; Ken Stein (17th), 10:50; Bob Stevenson (34th), 11:27; Mike Elliot (40th), 11:38; Winston Dorris, (45th), 11:52; Bob Hobbs (48th), 11:56; Lester Ng

Raider Star Recovering

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (UPI) —Oakland Raiders quarterback Cotton Davidson probably will play football again, according to the doctor who operated on him.

The 33-year-old signal caller underwent surgery Thursday to correct torn ligaments in the right shoulder. Dr. Daniel Leventhal said he had "every reason to believe the operation was a success."

Davidson injured the shoulder during an exhibition game. It first was thought to be only a sore shoulder but when the pain persisted the Raiders ordered X-rays which showed the torn ligaments.

FIGHT SLATED

SAN JUAN, P.R. (UPI) — About 600 Panamanians are expected to be on hand to cheer for world lightweight champion Ismael Laguna when he defends his crown against Puerto Rico's Carlos Ortiz Saturday night. Both fighters wound up training Thursday.

(51st) 12:14.
Salinas finishers—Jim Scott (28th) 11:09; Bruce Abelow (32nd) 11:23; Bob Scott (39th) 11:37; Tim Watson (44th) 11:50; Herb Bustle (47th), 11:56.

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