

2 Mile Team Race Set

As cross country season begins, so commences the second annual two mile team race for high schools. Sponsored by Track & Field News, this is a postal competition open to all the nation's high schools. It got off to a flying start last year, on short notice, and is expected to be much more hotly contested this season.

Track & Field News Honor Awards will go to top teams and individuals in the competition which begins immediately and will last through December 15. The race is run on the track in order to make conditions uniform. Schools may run as many athletes as they wish so long as each is eligible for interscholastic competition. Times are taken on the first five finishers and the total time of the five man team is submitted by mail to be placed in competition against all other teams in the U.S.

The race may be run with or without competition from other schools. It may be run as often as desired, and more than one entry may be submitted, but no results will be announced until the competition is completed. All times must be made in the same race, of course. Results must be postmarked not later than Dec. 16 and must include full name and time of each athlete, year in school, age, total time of first five men, name and location of school, coach, date and location of the competition, and must bear the signature of the coach and one official.

Last year's team winner was Morningside High of Inglewood, Calif., with a time of 50:25.5, or a 10:05.1 average. John Northway of the second place Palo Alto, Calif. team (51:14.2), set the individual record at 9:47.0.

Complete results, with the time of each runner and team competing, will be sent to all coaches at the conclusion of the competition.

This is a good event for cross country teams, providing both variety of training and racing, and a test of abilities. By competing each year, a school can judge how one cross country team compares with another.

Postal Competitions

High schoolers featured recent Track & Field News postal competitions with a new national record in the 10-mile, two man relay, and a national champion crowned in the first annual one mile team race.

Darryl Taylor and Art Pitman of Excelsior High in Norwalk, Calif., ran the 10 miles in 47:34.0 to break the record set earlier in the year by Georg Linn and Mike Chilton of Palo Alto, Calif., at 48:11.5. Running alternate 440s on June 4, Pitman averaged 68.2 and Taylor averaged 74.5 seconds per lap. Pitman's average was a new individual record for high schoolers. Both runner will receive Track & Field News Honor Awards.

Top school in the five man, one mile team race was Wichita East High School of Wichita, Kansas, with a total time of 23:18.1. The runners averaged 4:39.6 as Archie San Romani Jr. ran 4:32.5, Bill Stone 4:32.7, Glen Chambers 4:34.6, Bob Holgerson 4:46.7 and Page Naugle 4:51.6. Second place in the competition, which had a disappointingly small entry list, went to Wakefield High of Arlington, Virginia with 24:05.2 and a 4:49 average. John Jones did 4:39.4, John Howell 4:39.6, Bobby Bowyer 4:51.4, David Rumsey 4:55.0 and David Liska 4:59.8. All members of Wichita East team will receive Honor Awards and one will go to Wakefield High.

Other activity in the ten-mile, two man relay department saw a college record established by Knoll and Massey of Ohio State University who carried the baton around 40 laps in 47:32.0.

National freshman championship results will be announced next issue and there is still time to enter.