

Smash National Two-Mile Team Mark With 47:11.1

Homestead Claims Best Distance Group In History

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Graduation may have hit Homestead hard in football, but that is not the case in cross country.

Jack Jurian's hill-and-daiers better than ever. Fact is, Jurian's distance running jets have just crushed a national 10-mile (each man timed two miles on a track) record one might say this is the best distance running team in high school history.

Jurian's leather-lungers clocked 47:11.1 in a National Postal Meet Saturday which drew more than 400 runners from 50 teams on the De Anza College track. The Mustang

clocking blistered the year-old standard of 48:01 set by Mills High School of Millbrae.

Burlingame High School also broke the old mark with a swift 47:44.0 team clocking and Homestead's No. 2 team was third with 48:52.0. Los Altos placed fourth in 49:15.0.

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Team No. 1

Jack Christianson	9:16.9
Mike Ferguson	9:17.2
Tom Brassell	9:26.0
Steve Flynn	9:35.4
John Hanes	9:35.6
Team Time	47:11.1

Jack Christianson paced the Homestead run for the record with a 9:16.9 and Mike Ferguson was close behind at 9:17.2. Chris Carey of Carlmont took individual honors with a 9:12.6, but Christianson didn't mind as long as his team could claim the record.

In between Christianson and Ferguson was Burlingame's Steve Stofos in 9:17.0. Following Ferguson were Dan Cruz (Wilcox) 9:20.0, Joe Whytock (Burlingame) 9:21.0, Jack Larson (Fremont) 9:22.0, Gene Amaya (Burlingame) 9:25.0, Tom Brassell (Homestead) 9:26.0 and Ric Davis (Prospect) 9:29.0.

Rounding out Homestead's ag-

gregation was Steve Flynn (11th) 9:35.4 and John Hanes (12th) 9:35.6.

Flynn, who had been running No. 1 for the season, ran despite a broken bone in a foot. The hairline fracture was discovered following the race. Flynn will be lost for the season.

Although Flynn's loss is a serious one, Homestead does not lack for reserves.

Although overjoyed with the record, Jurian was just as happy with the way his second unit performed. They clocked 48:52.0 as a team and many high school teams would be proud to claim that mark.

The second group consisted of

Paul Gaesser (9:37.0), Randy Stahl (9:47.0), Chuck Pope (9:47.0), Mike Cabral (9:49.0) and Jan Remak (9:52.0).

Homestead had another in the competition, Glenn Thompson who ran 9:52.0.

The Mustang talent does not stop with Thompson, Jurian claims two others under 10 minutes.

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Team No. 2

Paul Gaesser	9:37.0
Randy Stahl	9:47.0
Chuck Pope	9:47.0
Mike Cabral	9:49.0
Jan Remak	9:52.0
Team Time	48:52.0

utes, but they didn't run Saturday because of injuries. They are Ed Widgeon and Russ Thomas. Homestead is believed to be the first and only school to claim 13 runners under 10 minutes for two miles.

And Jurian will not allow graduation to interfere with success at Homestead.

Mustang underclassmen who ran in the meet Saturday posted a combined time of 48:34. That group includes Brassell (9:26.0), Gaesser (9:37.0), Stahl (9:47.0), Remak (9:52.0) and Thompson (9:52.0).

The Mustangs are not just track runners. They are just as good on the cross country

course where they are expected to nail down another SCVAL crown Friday in competition at the Coyote Park course off Hellyer Road in southeast San Jose.

Homestead should breeze to the varsity crown with Los Altos a strong possibility for the runner-up berth.

It is different in the soph and frosh divisions, but Homestead is among the best in those races as well. Cupertino, Wilcox and Awalt loom strong in the soph race and Cupertino and Sunnyvale should test Homestead in the frosh race.

Homestead football fortunes

may be down this season, but the school's cross country squad is gaining plenty of notoriety beyond the boundaries of league section and the state. They can lay claim to the title as the best group of distance runners ever gathered at one high school.

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(1969 Team)

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