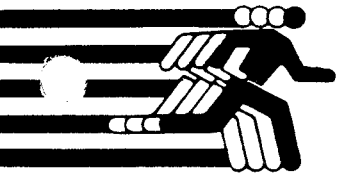


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## KINNEY CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS WESTERN REGIONAL

SET FOR DECEMBER 7 IN FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

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National Champions to be Decided at Kinney Finals in San Diego

As the 1985 high school cross country season progresses, the most talented young runners in the country are preparing for what has grown to be the premier event in their sport--the Kinney Cross Country Championships. Now in its seventh year, the Kinney competition is the only truly national championship in high school sports.

The Kinney Western Regional will be run in Woodward Park, Fresno, California at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 7. The top eight male and female finishers in this competition and three other regional events travel to the National Finals December 14 in San Diego's Balboa Park.

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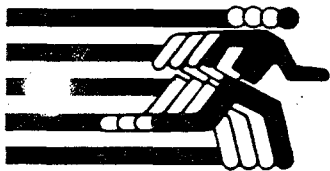
The states eligible to participate in the Western Regional are Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Last year's western champions were Calvin Gaziano of Castro Valley, California in the men's competition and Marnie Mason of Klamath Falls, Oregon in the women's division. The Kinney national champions were Scott Fry of Sandusky, Ohio, who set a new course record of 14:50, and Cathy Schiro of Dover, New Hampshire.

Topping the field in this year's men's race are Eric and Mark Mastalir of El Dorado Hills, California, who placed third and eighth respectively in the 1984 regionals with Eric taking sixth nationally. The women's competition features the return of Rebecca Chamberlain of San Jose, California who was runner-up in both the western meet and the nationals.

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## KINNEY WESTERN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS SET IN FRESNO

The Kinney Western Regional High School Cross Country Championships will be held at Fresno's Woodward Park 5000-meter course on Saturday, Dec. 7, Director Bill Cockerham announced.

The Western Regionals will draw high school cross country runners from 12 Western states. The eight top finishers in both the girls and boys races will qualify for the Kinney National Championships, to be held in San Diego on Dec. 14.

The Fresno regionals will be one of four held around the nation. At each regional the top eight boys and top eight girls will win all-expense paid trips to the San Diego Nationals.

The Kinney cross-country championships is the only national championship event held for high school athletes.

Fresno's Woodward Park course has become recognized as one of the fine cross country championship courses. It combines road, grass and dirt, with the latter predominant. It is rolling hills with one steep climb.

Rebecca Chamberlain of Leigh High (San Jose) who finished second in the Nationals in 1985, is the likely favorite in the girls' division. David Naranjo of Sanger High, who finished in the top eight in the Fresno regionals last year, will be among the boys' favorites, along with twin brothers Eric and Mark Mastalir, Jesuit (Sacramento).

Entry blanks for the race are now available through high school cross country coaches, or through Chairman Bill Cockerham, (209) 264-5847, P. O. Box 6103, Fresno, Ca 93703.

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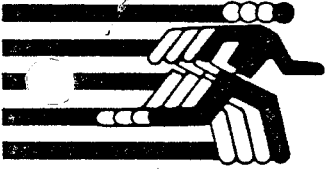
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KINNEY CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS  
WESTERN REGIONAL QUALIFYING MEET

- DATE & TIME: Saturday, December 7, 1985 at 10:00 a.m.
- LOCATION: Woodward Park, Fresno, California
- ELIGIBILITY: Male and female high school students who have been running competitively during the current season may compete in the Western Regional Meet. There is no minimum qualifying time. The Western Region includes: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.
- SPONSORSHIP: Kinney Shoe Corporation
- SANCTIONING: The Athletics Congress
- ORGANIZATION: Organized by a national consortium of high school coaches and regional running club directors. The Western Regional Coordinator is Bill Cockerham, Editor California Track & Running News, Fresno, California. The Associate Advisor is Judy Cockerham.
- COURSE 5000 meters (3 miles, 188 yards) for both male and female competitors. Rolling hills with one steep climb, 80% dirt, 10% grass and 10% road.
- WESTERN REGIONAL COURSE RECORDS  
Boys - Eric Reynolds, Somis, California -- 14:39.4  
(December 4, 1982)  
Girls - Cory Schubert, San Jose, California -- 17:15.4  
(December 4, 1982)
- FINALISTS: The top eight male and female runners from the Western Region will be sent to the Seventh Annual Kinney Cross Country Championships in San Diego, California on December 14. Other regional qualifying meets will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, Racine, Wisconsin and New York, New York on November 30. A total of 64 of the nations finest runners will compete in the National Championships. Last year, finalists from 24 different states competed in the nationals.
- ENTRIES: Entry forms may be obtained from cross country coaches or the Western Regional Coordinator Bill Cockerham, California Track & Running News, P.O. Box 6103, Fresno, CA 93703. (209) 264-5847. These forms must be returned by November 27, along with a check for \$3.00 for each athlete entered. All entrants will receive a competition T-shirt.
- NOTE: All final information including course map, motel arrangements, etc., will be sent upon receipt of entry form.

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## KINNEY CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS TO RETURN TO SAN DIEGO

The Kinney Cross Country Championships, the only national championship event for preps in any sport, will be held on Dec. 14, over 5,000 meters, in San Diego's Balboa Park, beginning at 10 a.m., at Morley Field.

The top eight boys and girls from four regional meets held across the United States will qualify for Kinney Championships. Kinney will fly all of the sixty-four national finalists to San Diego and pay for all their expenses as part of the company's "Run to be Fit" program.

The favorite to win the girls' race will be Rebecca Chamberlain of Leigh High in San Jose, who placed second in the 1984 Kinney National Championships. She should be challenged by Suzy Favor of Stevens Point, Wisconsin, who has run a swift 4:19.43 for 1500-meters.

John Trautmann of Woodbury High in Central Valley New York is the highest returning finisher in the boys' race, placing second in last year's Kinney race. He will have to contend with twin brothers Eric and Mark Mastalir from Jesuit High in Sacramento, both returning Kinney national finalists and improving Daren Stonerock, who also has a twin brother, from Saugus High outside Los Angeles.

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KINNEY CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

NATIONAL MEET

DATE: Saturday, December 14, 1985

TIME: Women's race: 10:00 a.m.  
Men's race: 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Morley Field, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA  
Take Interstate 15 to any Balboa Park exit.  
Follow signs to Morley Field.

PRESS AREA: December 12-15: Kinney Hospitality Suite (the Tower Suite), Hotel Del Coronado.  
On Race Day: Headquarters building adjacent to start/finish area.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course for the Championships is 5000 meters (two laps of a 1.5 mile course). The course consists of grass and dirt on small hills with two sharp inclines. Most of the course is in spectator view.

KINNEY NATIONAL RECORDS

Men: Eric Reynolds, Somis, CA 14:35.7 - Orlando, FL  
December 11, 1982

Women: Connie Jo Robinson, Cincinnati, OH 16:40 - Orlando, FL,  
December 12, 1981

SUMMARY

Sixty-four of America's top male and female high school cross country runners will compete. Each is a finalist from one of four regional qualifiers held in New York, New York (Nov. 30); Charlotte, North Carolina (Nov. 30); Racine, Wisconsin (Nov. 30); and Fresno, California (Dec. 7). High school cross country runners who competed this season were eligible to compete in the regional qualifying meets. The eight top male and eight top female competitors, selected on a time basis from each regional, will compete in the National Finals as unattached individuals.