

Jenny Lloyd (Clovis) 12:01; 5. Gail Moffitt (Exeter) 12:11; 6. Tracy Choeffield (Foothill) 12:15; 7. Heidi Becker (Fresno) 12:19; 8. Diane Arredonde (Corcoran) 12:20; 9. Shirley Rojas (Redwood) 12:21; 10. Kathy Adame (Madera) 12:24; 11. Keri Palmer (North Bakersfield) 12:28; 12. Barbara Barnes (Hoover) 12:33; 13. Katie Meyers (Lemoore) 12:35; 14. Teri Nelson (West Bakersfield) 12:35; 15. Judy Penniger (Clovis) 12:39; 16. Erika Neilson (Clovis) 12:40; 17. Karyn Ward (Mt. Whitney) 12:42; 18. Linda Gonzales (Exeter) 12:43; 19. Wendy Vasquez (Redwood) 12:45; 20. Brenda Wilcox (Clovis) 12:45.

Girls Teams: 1. Clovis 64; 2. North Bakersfield 123; 3. Mt. Whitney 130; 4. West Bakersfield 136; 5. Exeter 139; 6. Redwood 146; 7. Lemoore 187; 8. South Bakersfield 224; 9. Tulare 243; 10. Sanger 245; 11. Fresno 266; 12. Foothill 288.



CYNTHIA ROGERS

LOS ANGELES CITY SECTION

by Bruce Thomson

December 8, Pierce College:

For the second straight year, Venice High School could not come up with the clutch performances needed for victory and Steve Schuman failed in his quest to give University High School its third consecutive L.A. City individual cross country champion. Banning High School, led by Daniel Artega, who finished third, some 14 seconds behind individual winner Mark Emdee's 15:12, upset favored Venice over the 3.08 mile course at Pierce College. Carson tied Banning for the team crown, but finished second due to the lower overall finish of its sixth man (53rd place for Carson, 44th place for Banning).

Venice, runner up in last years finals, were the favorites going into this year's cross country finals, but with sub-par performances from its fourth and fifth men, they had to settle for third place. Banning and Carson both snuck in ahead of Venice with better balanced teams. Banning's fifth-man was 34th while Carson, whose highest finisher was twelfth, claimed 32nd place for its fifth runner. Venice was the only team to have two men in the top ten, and both of them were underclassmen. Tenth grader Steve Rivera finished seventh in 15:42 while junior Robert Barkas ran 15:49 which was good enough for ninth place.

Steve Schuman had played second fiddle to his University High School teammate, Paul Medvin, his first two years. Who wouldn't play second fiddle to the two time city cross country and state mile champion? But now, in his final year, and first without Paul, he was the favorite going into the cross country championship. It started well, as he was

one of five runners in the lead pack after the first mile. Also in the lead pack was Jim Kurtzman, a state finalist in the two mile last year, Mark Emdee of Narbonne, James Isom of Westchester and Bob Groves of Kennedy. At 1½ miles Emdee and Schuman were ahead with Isom and newcomer Daniel Artega of Banning right behind them. Groves and Kurtzman were some ten yards off the pace. Going up the next to last hill with a little less than a mile to go, Emdee had a twenty yard lead and looked strong. The surprise was that Tyrus Deminter of Jefferson who had been in about tenth place only half a mile earlier seemed to be running a well planned race and was now occupying second place. Schuman was another twenty yards back with Isom and Artega right behind him. Groves was still up there but Kurtzman was out of the running and would eventually finish about 20th. At this point it appeared that Emdee had the race "in the bag," but the next four places were still "up for grabs." Isom, who was a 1:54 half miler last year, took over second place with about 600 yards remaining and held it to the end. Artega also had moved past the tiring Deminter and had third place wrapped up. Schuman had dropped into fifth place when Isom and Artega made their move, but he was able to pass Deminter 150 yards from the finish to claim fourth place. Deminter had just enough to hold off the fast closing Groves to come in fifth, one second ahead of Groves.

Steve Schuman will have another chance - in track - and is a good bet to take the city two mile title. Venice will have to wait for next cross country season, though it may well be worth it as their top three men are all returning. Of course, as proven in this year's finals, anything can happen and often does happen.

Boys Individuals: (3.08 miles) 1. Mark Emdee (Narbonne) 15:13; 2. James Isom (Westchester) 15:22; 3. Daniel Artega (Banning) 15:27; 4. Steve Schuman (University) 15:32; 5. Tyrus Deminter (Jefferson) 15:35; 6. Bob Groves (Kennedy) 15:36; 7. Steve Rivera (Venice) 15:42; 8. Tim Silva (Van Nuys) 15:43; 9. Robert Barkas (Venice) 15:49; 10. Tracy Fossen (Monroe) 15:54.

Boys Teams: 1. Banning 78; 2. Carson 78; 3. Venice 91; 4. Monroe 98; 5. Jefferson 132; 6. Narbonne 135; 7. Kennedy 148; 8. Palisades 164; 9. University 168.

Girls Individuals: 1. Miller (Chatsworth) 12:30.4; 2. Howell (University) 12:36; 3. Simmons (El Camino Real) 12:45; 4. Garcia (Cleveland) 12:49; 5. Paine (Taft) 13:06; 6. Louth (Verdugo Hills) 13:07; 7. Green (Roosevelt) 13:12; 8. Jazwa (Kennedy) 13:17; 9. Sherman (University) 13:18; 10. Hall (Kennedy) 13:19.

Girls Teams: 1. University 76; 2. Chatsworth 79; 3. Banning 97; 4. Cleveland 113; 5. Taft 121.

SOUTHERN SECTION

by Doug Speck

November 24, Lake Castaic:

After seven years of Southern Section Cross Country Finals competition at Mt. SAC CC, the meet this year was moved to Lake Castaic Park for a touch of variety. Hosted by former Canyons High School (Saugus) and new Occidental College track and cross country mentor Bill Harvey and Quartz Hills' Don Crimin, the two and three mile courses featured some mild ups and down on concrete, hard-packed dirt, and even some beach sand in the men's race. The clear, cool weather was marred only by some horrendous winds (30-50 miles per hour) that blasted into the faces of runners during most of the last mile on both