

Haskell Indian JC Wins Team Title; Chino, Hansen Take Individuals

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For the fourth straight year Haskell Indian Junior College of Lawrence, Kan. won the team title at the National Junior College Athletic Association Marathon Championships. This time, however, Haskell took home an individual champion as well.

Wendell Chino, who finished 12th in 1985, broke away from Southwestern Michigan College's David Lawhorn around the 24-mile mark to capture the national championship with a time of 2:42:00.

Mercer Community College's (Trenton, N.J.) Tina Hansen was the women's winner as she posted a time of 3:43:54 to nip the only other women runner, Brenda O'Conner, of Oakton Community College (Des Plaines, Ill.).

Chino was the lone male runner with previous marathon experience entering Saturday's race. That paid off as he outran Lawhorn over the final two miles. Lawhorn managed to hold on for second as he crossed the finish line with a time of 2:48:03.

The two runners broke away from the pack midway through the race. Chino and Lawhorn ran elbow to elbow for several miles until the veteran Haskell runner made his move. Lawhorn, who was running a very even pace at the 20-mile mark, was unable to go with him.

The team race was almost as exciting as the individual duel that took part during the 14th annual event. Haskell claimed the top spot to take an early lead, however, SMC had Lawhorn in second and Kent Hattery third to put the pressure on the defending champions. Haskell then had Marty Pretends Eagle come in fourth to tie the team score at five apiece. Haskell then, however, had four more runners come in before Southwestern had its third runner cross the line. In the team standings, only three runners are counted.

Hattery also earned All-American honors as he crossed the line with a time of 2:49:06. Eagle earned All-American kudos with a time of 2:50:23. Also picking up All-American honors were Aldric George, of Haskell, with a time of 2:52:53 and John Woospiti, of Haskell, with a time of 2:55:07. The top six finishers are named NJCAA All-Americans.

Haskell ended up with 10 total team points, while Southwestern finished with 14. Monroe Community College, of Rochester, N.Y. was third with 29 points.

Hansen, a native of Denmark, didn't have much competition Saturday as she toured Cass and Van Buren Counties in the hot and humid weather. Hansen broke out early on O'Conner who never could keep pace. O'Conner finished with a time of 3:50:11.

Other participants who finished the race Saturday included: Dave MacAuley of Macomb, Julius Poitra of Haskell, Dewayne Antonio of Haskell, Brad Town of Lansing, Brian Scott Young of Monroe, Boyd Seghers of Oakton, Ross Gosse of Wisconsin-Sheboygan, Tony Saviano of Southwestern and Dan Goodwin, Tom Murphy and Jose Silvera of Monroe.

Despite the fact the weather was very hot and humid, only three people had to drop out of the race. Kenneth Walls of Haskell was taken to Lee Memorial Hospital where he was treated and then released.



THE CHAMPIONS — Haskell's Wendell Chino and Mercer's Tina Hansen cross the finish line as the champions of the National Junior College Athletic Association in the marathon. Although neither came near establishing records, both ran outstanding races considering the heat and humidity. Chino won the men's title with a time of 2:42:00, while Hansen crossed the finish line in 3:43:54. (Daily News Photos by Scott Novak)

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. Wendell Chino, Haskell Indian JC, Lawrence, KS 2:42:00
2. David Lawhorn, Southwestern Michigan College, Dowagiac, MI 2:48:03
3. Kent Hattery, Southwestern Michigan College, Dowagiac, MI 2:49:06
4. Marty Pretends Eagle, Haskell Indian JC, Lawrence, KS . . 2:50:23
5. Aldric George, Haskell Indian JC, Lawrence, KS 2:52:53
6. John Woospiti, Haskell Indian JC, Lawrence, KS 2:55:07
7. Dave MacAuley, Macomb Community College, Warren, MI . . 2:57:28
8. Julius Poitra, Haskell Indian JC, Lawrence, KS 3:03:27
9. Dewayne Antonio, Haskell Indian JC, Lawrence, KS 3:03:57
10. Brad Town, Lansing Community College, Lansing, MI 3:08:42
11. Brian Scott Young, Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY 3:16:14
12. Boyd Seghers, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL 3:24:22
13. Ross Gosse, University of Wisconsin, Sheboygan, WI 3:29:55
14. Tina Hansen, Mercer Community College, Trenton, NJ 3:43:54
15. Tony Saviano, Southwestern Michigan College, Dowagiac, MI 3:49:07
16. Brenda O'Conner, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL 3:50:11
17. Dan Goodwin, Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY . . 3:57:21
18. Tom Murphy, Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY . . 4:05:14
19. Jose Silvera, Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY . . 4:12:29

TEAM RESULTS

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| 1. Haskell Indian Junior College, Lawrence, KS . . . 1-4-5 | 6-8 | 10 |
| 2. Southwestern Michigan College, Dowagiac, MI . . 2-3-9 | | 14 |
| 3. Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY 8-10-11 | 12 | 29 |