

Begay Leads Navajo to Marathon Title

Cindy Doubek and Annamarie Tzakis swear they're not psychic. The two members of the Oakton Community College (Des Plaines, Illinois) athletic department handled the processing of incoming registrations for the June 3 National Junior College Athletic Association Marathon Championships, which were held at Oakton for the first time. And it was Doubek and Tzakis who assigned numbers to each of the 54 entrants, including a No. 1 to Navajo (Tsaile, Arizona) Community College's Alvin Begay.

"When their coach (Jim Trapp) came in and got the numbers, he pulled out the number and told Alvin he had No. 1 and was going to win," Tzakis said. "We just assigned the numbers by region, so it's pretty strange that he had No. 1 and won the race."

Begay's winning time of 2:26.27 was the seventh fastest winning time since the marathon championships began in 1974. The sophomore, who finished seventh in the 1987 NJCAA cross country championship, led the entire way on the 26-mile, 385-yard course.

Begay's win, coupled with teammate Andrew Eticity's runner-up finish (2:37.57) were the major factors in Navajo spoiling Haskell Indian (Lawrence, Kansas) Junior College's bid for a fifth consecutive team marathon championship. Navajo's Tony Luna finished 15th (2:51.25) overall (12th for team results) to give the Warriors 15 points and the first-place finish.

Lansing (Michigan) Community College finished second (19 points), followed by Haskell (22), Milwaukee Area Technical College (39), Southwestern (Dowagiac) Michigan College (53), Monroe (Rochester, New York) Community College (54) and Highland (Kansas) Community College (75).

Joining Begay and Eticity as All-America runners were Matt Adams (2:38.26), of Hagerstown (Maryland) Junior College; Scott Davis (2:39.52), of Haskell; David Buysse (2:40.06), of Southwestern Michigan; and Brad Town (2:41.01), of Lansing. The top six finishers earned NJCAA All-America status.

In the women's division, Brevard (Cocoa, Florida) Community College's Judith (Cher) Patterson overtook leader Brenda O'Connor of Oakton, at the 18-mile mark and went on to a victory in 3:14.18. Brevard, the only team with three women, also took the team trophy, as Nancy Pinholster finished fifth (3:34.32) and Laura Lagemann placed sixth (3:56.24). All three Brevard runners earned All-America status.

O'Connor held on to take the runner-up spot for the second consecutive year. The Oakton sophomore knocked 30 minutes off her time, finishing in 3:20.20, down from 3:50.11 a year ago.

Joining O'Connor and the three Brevard runners as All-Americans were Alice Gunn (3:33.14), of Southwestern Michigan and Merle Bancroft (3:33.42), of Haskell.

The 54 entrants were more than double the number from a year ago. Runners and coaches participated in a pre-race dinner and post-race awards banquet, both of which were provided by the Oakton Educational Foundation.

INDIVIDUAL MEN'S RESULTS

1. Alvin Begay, Navajo Community College, Tsaile, AZ 2:26.27
2. Andrew Eticity, Navajo Community College, Tsaile, AZ ... 2:37.57
3. Matt Adams, Hagerstown Junior College, Hagerstown, MD . 2:38.26
4. Scott Davis, Haskell Indian Junior College, Lawrence, KS . 2:39.52
5. David Buysse, Southwestern Michigan College, Dowagiac, MI 2:40.06
6. Brad Town, Lansing Community College, Lansing, MI 2:41.01
7. Dave McAuley, Macomb Community College, Warren, MI . . 2:43.49
8. Scott Townsend, Lansing Community College, Lansing, MI . 2:44.06
9. Jeff Allen, University of Minnesota-Waseca 2:44.48
10. Dave Brace Milwaukee Area Technical College, Milwaukee, WI 2:46.09
11. Ryan Will, Lansing Community College, Lansing, MI 2:46.39
12. Marty Eagle, Haskell Indian Junior College, Lawrence, KS 2:46.45
13. Dwayne Antonio, Haskell Indian Junior College, Lawrence, KS 2:48.44
14. Kevin Plumage, Haskell Indian Junior College, Lawrence, KS 2:49.55
15. Tony Luna, Navajo Community College, Tsaile, AZ 2:51.25
16. Joe Clasen, Milwaukee Area Technical College, Milwaukee, WI 2:51.30
17. Steve Mathews, Lansing Community College, Lansing, MI . 2:53.00
18. Jon Heidrick, Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY . 2:56.24
19. Robert Perez, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL . 2:56.50



FIRST PLACE FINISHER
Alvin Begay, Navajo



FIRST PLACE FEMALE FINISHER
Judith (Cher) Patterson, Brevard

20. Aldric George, Haskell Indian Junior College, Lawrence, KS 2:57.49
21. James Chavez, Haskell Indian Junior College, Lawrence, KS 2:58.11
22. Steve Johnston, Lansing Community College, Lansing, MI . 2:58.18
23. Robert Fletcher, Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY 2:58.31
24. Jim Feyan, Lansing Community College, Lansing, MI 2:59.39
25. Eric Seebacher, Milwaukee Area Tech. College, Milwaukee, WI 3:06.20
26. Thomas Begay, Navajo Community College, Tsaile, AZ 3:06.25
27. Dan Goodwin, Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY . 3:10.00
28. Dennis Simpson, Vincennes University, Vincennes, IN . . . 3:10.39
29. Willie Hamm, Highland Community College, Highland, KS 3:17.05
30. Mark Kuchera, Mohawk Valley Community College, Utica, NY 3:17.59
31. Brian Young, Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY . . 3:21.41
32. Gary Lamar, Southwestern Michigan College, Dowagiac, MI 3:26.30
33. Claude Thomas, Lansing Community College, Lansing, MI . 3:29.31
34. Rocky Argo, Highland Community College, Highland, KS . 3:42.41
35. Alex Barajas, Highland Community College, Highland, KS . 3:55.20

MEN'S TEAM RESULTS

1. Navajo Community College, Tsaile, AZ 1- 2-12 15
2. Lansing Community College, Lansing, MI 5- 6- 8 19
3. Haskell Indian Junior College, Lawrence, KS 3- 9-10 22
4. Milwaukee Area Technical College, Milwaukee, WI 7-13-19 39
5. Southwestern Michigan College, Dowagiac, MI 4-24-25 53
6. Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY 15-18-21 54
7. Highland Community College, Highland, KS 22-26-27 75

INDIVIDUAL WOMEN'S RESULTS

1. Judith (Cher) Patterson, Brevard Community College, Cocoa, FL 3:14.18
2. Brenda O'Connor, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL 3:20.20
3. Alice Gunn, Southwestern Michigan College, Dowagiac, MI 3:33.14
4. Merle Bancroft, Haskell Indian Junior College, Lawrence, KS 3:33.42
5. Nancy Pinholster, Brevard Community College, Cocoa, FL . 3:34.32
6. Laura Lagemann, Brevard Community College, Cocoa, FL . 3:56.24
7. Shelly Cole, Lansing Community College, Lansing, MI 4:04.50
8. Eunice Brown, Haskell Indian Junior College, Lawrence, KS 4:16.35
9. Kelly Cole, Lansing Community College, Lansing, MI 4:26.00
10. Keath Keifsen, Anderson College, Anderson, SC 5:35.48

WOMEN'S TEAM RESULTS

1. Brevard Community College, Cocoa, FL 1- 2- 3 6



FIRST PLACE MEN'S TEAM—Navajo Community College, Tsaile, Arizona



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