Wildcats Win AAA Cross Country Title

When St. Ignatius leaves the city's AAA and joins the Catholic_Athletic League next year, it will take along the S.F. prep cross country championship.

The talented Wildcat runners, led by Rich Howard and Klauss Hoffmann, won their second straight Academic Athletic Association cross country title yesterday on Golden Gate Park's new 2.3 mile course.

Sweeping up the first three places in the varsity division, where they tallied 33 points to runner-up Balboa's 81, the Wildcats also captured the junior varsity crown, finished second to Poly in the Soph-Frosh division and easily won the overall team title over Poly with 135 points.

Howard established an automatic courserecord in finishing first with a time of 11:31.3. His time was only one-tenth of a second faster than teammate Hoffman. SI's Terry Harran was third in 11:34.0. The results:

VARSITY SCORING: St. Ignatius 33, Balboa 81, Lincoln 90, Poly 115, Lowell 121, Washington 134, Mission 157, Wilson 211, Galileo 242.

JV SCORING: St. Ignatius 25, Poly 68, Mission 85, Galileo 93, Balboa 97, Lincoln 145, Lowell 157, Wilson 249, Washington 312, Individual winner-Joe Montava (SI), 10:08.2

SOPH-FROSH SCORING: Poly 20, St. Ignatius 77, Lincoln 88, Washington 90, Lowell 99, Mission 163, Individual winner-Joe Hogue (Poly), 10:24.8.