

Sunnyvale Runners Set 5,000

Mile World's Record

Thirty Youths Run Non-Stop Marathon

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A world's track record was set in Sunnyvale last night in the little known but hotly contested 5,000 mile marathon run.

A total of 30 runners from Sunnyvale High School set out at midnight, July 31, to beat the slightly less than 26-day 5,000 mile record set by Sunset High School in Hayward.

Paced by 25 cindermen who clocked over 100 miles, two boys who climbed above 200 miles apiece, and one youngster, 16-year-old Frank Matoes who plowed across 352½ miles of earth, the Sunnyvale group finished in slightly less than 25 days, at 9:46.06.

The run, which strikes the novice as something attempted on a lark, was taken in all seriousness by the runners, who, according to Frank, saw the marathon as a two-fold affair: to break the world's record, and to get in shape for the high school cross country track team.

There were dark moments and times when runners didn't show up to take their allotted run, but things managed to work out for the boys. Parents chipped in with help, encouragement and food; area businesses supplied milk, juices, honey and donuts, and school principal Adrian Stanga ran a mile with the boys to keep up morale.

vice-principal Henning asked the boys to thank their parents for their help and support. The tracksters did.

The run was Frank Matoes' idea, and he and Tom Orsua and Charlie Steffes set up the two courses, one at the high school and one across the way at Fair Oaks Park. Frank said he was always sure they could do it, but added that he doesn't want to tackle any other large scale marathon for quite a while.

Runners

Runners who went 100 miles or more were: Steve Hart, 101; course, Frank Matoes did 352½; 109; Dennis Cogger, 117; John Burns, 119; Mark Price, 120; Dave Neily, 123; Lowell Taylor, 126; Joe Johnson, 133; Calvin Conrad, 134½;

Charlie Steffes, 147; Jim Stafford, 149; Bob Gomez, 151; Paul Reynoso, 160½; Joe Fleet, 161; Terry Jett, 165; Rod Clark, 165; Rick Carranza, 171; Jan Dawson, 171½; Steve Orsua, 181; Tom Orsua, 181; Joe Adriano, 183; Mike Arredondo, 185; Art Rodriguez, 187; and Bob Anaya, 194.

Paul Sasaki ran 202 miles, Charlie Orsua ran 272½

A tent was made out of a parachute donated by one of the runner's parents and was used as home for many of the tracksters during the run.

"Sleeping in the tent insured our chances that runners would make the late night and early morning-hour runs," said Frank, whose shift was from 1 to 2 a.m. every day, plus additional hours when needed.

"However," he added, "you didn't really get much sleep if you stayed in the tent, what with all the talking, so I didn't stay there very often."

The boys averaged over 200 miles a day, most of them run during the cool night and early morning hours. Yesterday, when the finish came, nearly 200 spectators, parents, fellow runners and friends were on hand when Frank and 16-year-old Charlie Orsua shared the last mile run and crossed the end mark.

Congratulating them were school vice-principal Richard Henning, Sunnyvale shift supervisor lieutenant Frank Hauck, San Jose City College track star Lee Evans, plus his coaches, and many fans.

Worthwhile

Lieutenant Hauck expressed pleasure that youngsters can form groups for worthwhile purposes; Evans added that Sunnyvale High ought to have a top cross-country team, a possible understatement, and



Steve Hart ran 101 miles.



Bob Gomez ran 151 miles.



Paul Sasaki clocked 202 miles.



Steve Orsua hit 181 miles.



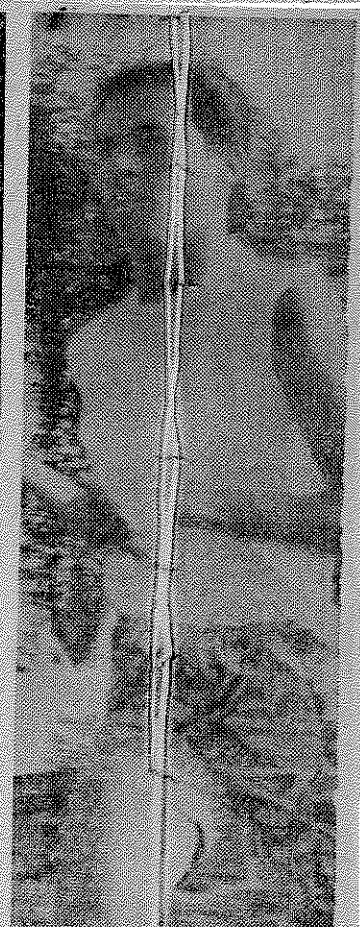
149 miles by Jim Stafford.



Joe Adriano ran 183 miles.



Ron Jaime crossed 109 miles.

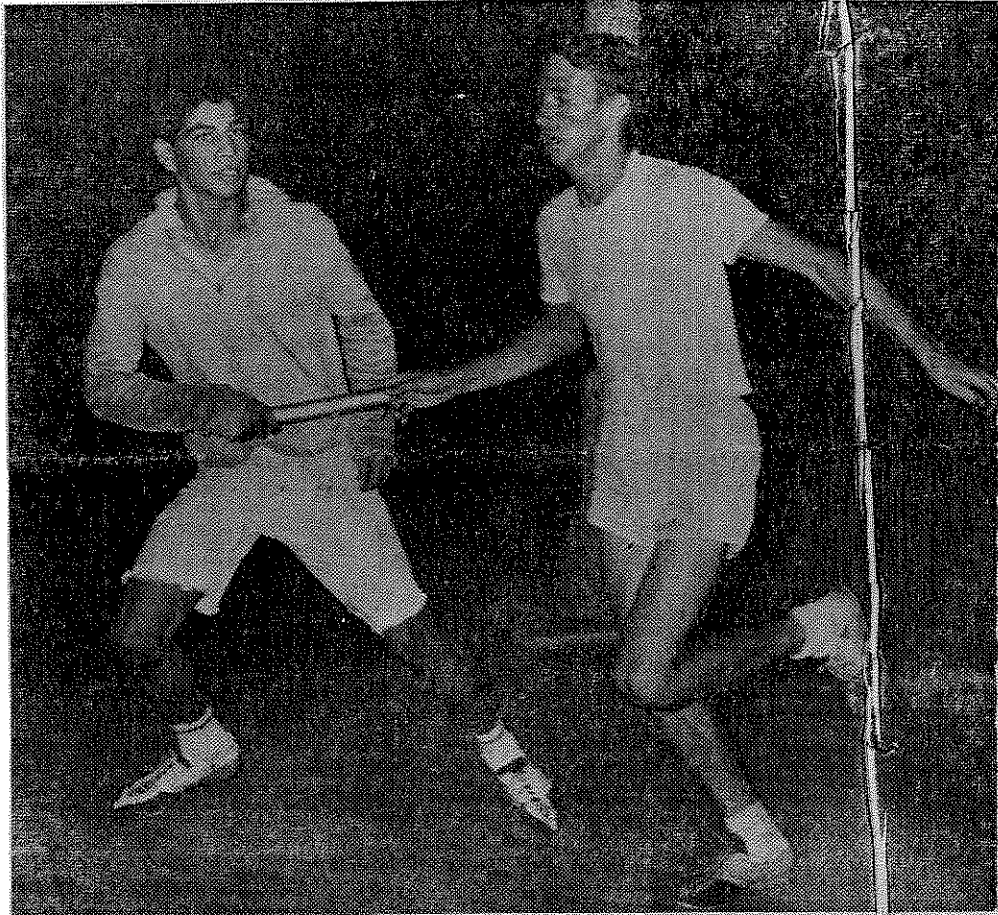


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MUSIC TO RUN BY—Judy Hulseman, 273 N. Sunnyvale Ave., sets a Beatle record spinning to keep spirits of Sunnyvale High School tracksters climbing as they chopped away at a 5,000 mile marathon run

record. Runners said that a record or the radio was playing constantly during the 25 day event. Record player, table, sleeping bags and other necessities were set up inside a tent made of a parachute.



PASSING IN THE NIGHT — Joe Johnson (right) passes the baton to fellow runner Mike Arredondo during the evening portion of a 5,000 mile non-stop marthon run

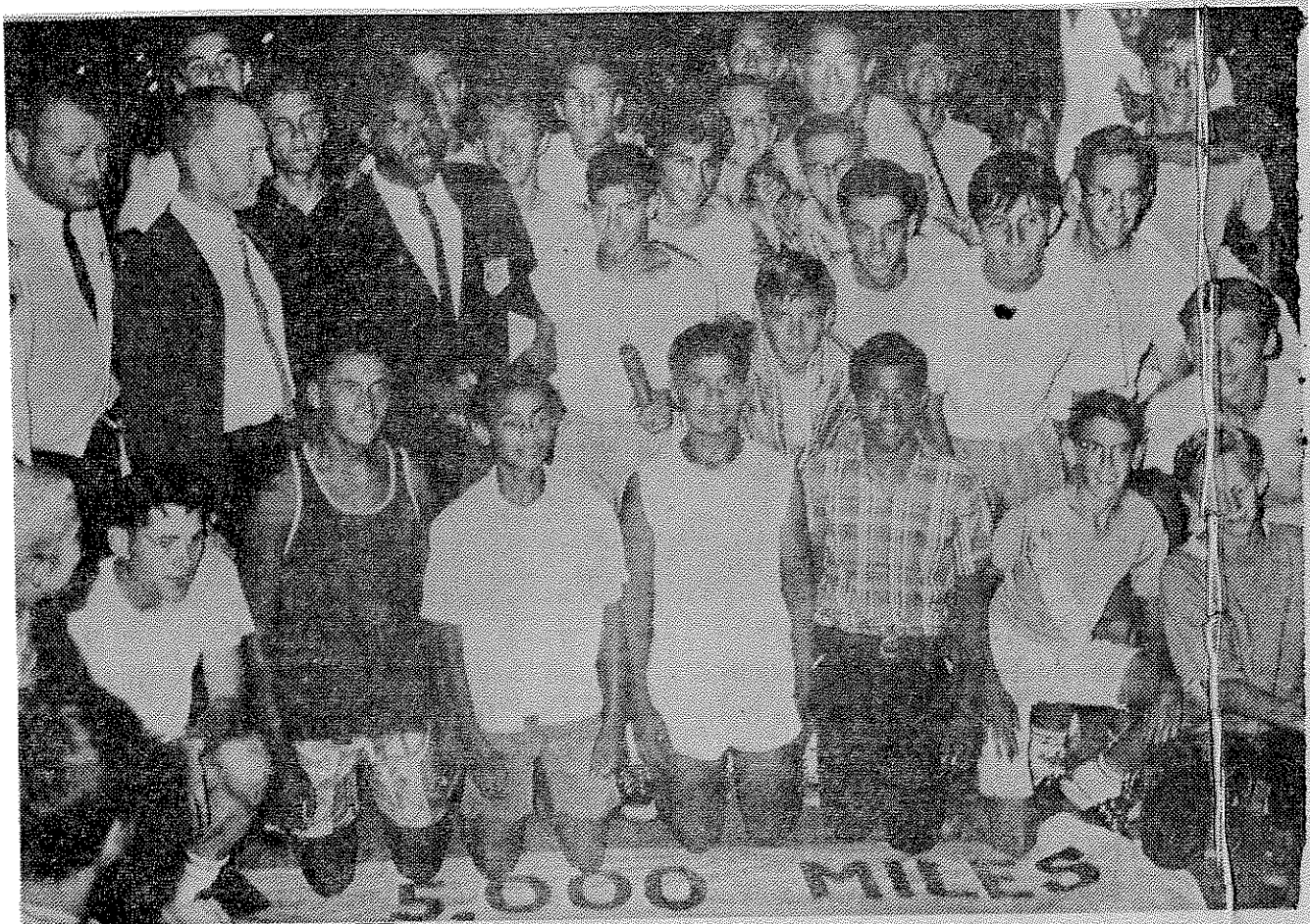
which ended last night with some 30 Sunnyvale High School boys setting a new world's record of less than 26 days.



TO WAKE, PERCHANCE, TO RUN—

—Mornings came early for some 30 Sunnyvale High School students during the past month. They'd sleep in tents near a mile tract course and wake to run for an hour. The arrangement was made to insure

runners to carry on a 5,000 mile non-stop marathon which ended yesterday with the youngsters setting a world's record. From left are Charlie Steffes, Charlie Orsua (upside down, holding cat "George"), Clarence Ching and Frank Matoes.



(Photos by Ken J. Hines)

THE WINNERS — Sunnyvale High School tracksters and fans kneel before a sign designating the number of miles they ran during the last 25 days. The run time set a world's record. Kneeling (from left) are runners Joe Fleet, Charlie Orsua, Lowell Taylor, Steve Orsua, Steve Hart, Clarence Ching, Dave

Neily, Rod Clark and Terry Jeff. In back; are (from left) two unidentified San Jose City College coaches, runner Paul Reynoso; SJC track star Lee Evans, and runners Ron Jamie, Joe Johnson, Pete Bustabade, Frank Matos, Mike Arredondo, John Burns, Byb Anaya, Joe Adriano, Mark Price and Charlie Steffes.