

Scobey Wins Race, Pierce Places 2nd

Pierce College can claim the Southern California junior college individual cross country champion, but no better than second place in the team standings. Bill Scobey set a new course record in the championships held at Pierce, but Fullerton sneaked in for first place and the Southern California title.

Scobey took off quick but fell back slightly on the first hill of the race as a horde of runners clamored for spots near the front of the pack.

But at the crest of that initial hill, he took the lead and dueled Bob Lamorandier of Grossmont College for a while.

Lamorandier couldn't keep up with Scobey and the Brahma ace won the race with plenty to spare.

He was clocked in 16:22.0, breaking Sterling Jenkins' year-old mark of 16:30.2 by 8.2 seconds.

As a team, the Brahmas scored 77 points while Fullerton, whose top placer was sixth-place Mark Wynne, won the team crown with 63 points.

Pierce coach Bob Chambers was happy with second place, but it's getting to be a habit with the Brahmas.

This is the third straight year that Chambers' team has finished in the runner-up spot.

Bob Branch also finished in the top 10 for Pierce. He was seventh in 17:08.0.

Other Brahma placers in the top 25 were Bill Berridge, 12th, and Steve Persson, 24th.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS: Bill Scobey (Pierce), 16:22.0; Bob Lamorandier (Grossmont), 16:41.0; Bill Trujillo (San Diego Mesa), 16:55.0; Ken Simmons (Santa Barbara), 16:56.0; Bill Day (Pasadena), 17:03.0; Mark Wynne (Fullerton), 17:05.0; Bob Branch (Pierce), 17:08.0; Greg Bagby (Pasadena), 17:09.0; Bob Bitterlie (Southwestern), 17:11.0; Rich Martinez (East Los Angeles), 17:19.0; Bill Langdon (Fullerton); Bill Berridge (Pierce); Jim Wambua (Fullerton); Don Chadez (Fullerton); Richard Cota (San Diego Mesa); Phil Davis (Grossmont); Ed Peraza (East Los Angeles); Ernie Calderon (East Los Angeles); Dick Haynes (Fullerton); Dave Gonzales (San Diego Mesa); Bob Oliver (San Diego Mesa); Bob Oliver (San Diego Mesa); Bob Hose (San Diego Mesa); Sal Mendoza (Santa Ana); Steve Persson (Pierce); Ken Baker (Citrus).

TEAM SCORES: Fullerton 63, Pierce 77, San Diego Mesa 81, Pasadena 115, East Los Angeles 159, Grossmont 193, Santa Ana 222, Mt. San Antonio 232, Bakersfield 323, Southwestern 329, Glendale 330, El Camino 343, Cerritos 344, Orange Coast 348, Harbor 350, Long Beach 352, San Diego 395, Citrus 427, San Bernardino 487, Santa Barbara 538.