

53rd IC4A XC Championships
November 21, 1961
Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx, NY

New York City, Nov. 21--Running in one to two inches of snow, slush and mud, Steve Machooka of Kenya and Cornell scored a convincing 60-yard win in the 53rd IC4A cross country championships. Michigan State edged Penn State for the team title at Van Cortlandt Park, 79-86.

Gerry Norman of Penn State finished fast to take second, passing St Joseph's Kevin Quinn in the last 300 yards. Behind Quinn were Gerry Young, Michigan State senior (not running barefoot this time), Villanova soph Vic Zwolak, and Duke's Jared Nourse. Machooka's time for the five miles was 26 02 9, good for the conditions, especially since it was his first run on snow.

Machooka took the lead at the start, and was challenged only twice. At about two miles out, Zwolak passed him briefly, only to be re-passed by Machooka after a few hundred yards. The 5'11", 128 pound Kenyan said, "I wanted to see how he runs, after I did it was fun passing him." And at the finish Norman appeared to be gaining on Machooka, until the skinny one took one of his frequent backward glances, sized up the situation, and held Norman off with little apparent exertion.

Aiding Young in Michigan State's successful recapturing of the team mantle it regained after a year's absence were Don Castle, 12th, Bob Fulcher, 15th, Pat Stevens, 28th, and Ron Berby, 39th.

After the race, not even breathing hard, Machooka pulled off the sweat socks which served him as mittens and stepped casually into his sweats. His win was the more remarkable because he has done very little training. He is working 24 hours a week to support himself, and is not finding his Ag Economics course a snap, one reason being the cross-country trips. This is why he did not compete in the AAU meet at Louisville.

Zwolak's effort to stay close to Machooka probably cost him a better place. Jumbo Elliott's reported strategy for his ace was to lay back until the four mile post and then try to take Machooka on the rugged steeps of Cemetery

Hill. But Zwolak apparently felt he could do it sooner; hence his try at two miles.

Zwolak was not the only disappointed runner; Yale's Bob Mack, second to Machooka in the Heptagonals a week before, finished 41st, and Jim Brown, NYU's Metropolitan champ, came in 52nd. Army, expected to challenge strongly for the team title, could do no better than fifth.

Villanova's freshman team proved even mightier than anticipated, finishing 1-2-3-8-11. Tom Sullivan led the parade in 15.44, with Dave Hyland and Marty Ferko close behind, and Villanova looks set for the next three years.

1. Steve Machooka, Cornell	26:02.9	14. Steve Moorhead, PS	27:19
2. Gerry Norman, Penn St.	26:12	15. Bob Fulcher, MSU	27:20
3. Kevin Quinn, St. Joe	26:17	16. Bill Holmes, LaSalle	27:21
4. Gerry Young, MSU	26:30	17. Jim Siggins, Man.	27:22
5. Vic Zwolak, Villanova	26:39	18. John Jones, Army	27:23
6. Jerry Nourse, Duke	26:44	19. Ernie Noll, Penn St.	27:27
7. Frank Carver, N. Dame	26:50	20. Bill Straub, Army	27:28
8. Jim Tucker, G'town	26:52	21. Paul Byrne, Man.	27:29
9. Joe Francello, Syr.	26:55	22. Bob Brouillet, Mass.	27:30
10. Pat Traynor, Villa.	27:00	23. John Dougan, NYU	27:31
11. Mike Kingston, Prin.	27:03	24. Norb Sander, Ford.	27:34
12. Don Castle, MSU	27:12	25. Ray Westendorp, Cor.	27:38
13. John Geraghty, Man.	27:15		

<u>Team</u>	<u>Places</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. Michigan State	3-8-11-24-33-(65-116)	79	2:16:37
2. Penn State	2-10-15-22-37-(41-81)	86	2:16:38
3. Villanova	4-6-23-29-39-(47-97)	101	2:17:11
4. Manhattan	9-13-17-36-50-(55-61)	125	2:18:17
5. Army	14-16-38-57-58-(105-119)	183	2:19:42

Other scores: Princeton 191, Cornell 217, Syracuse 240, LaSalle 251, Fordham 273, St. John's 281, Massachusetts 367, Providence 386, Brown 389, Delaware 405, Maine 428, New York University 431, Seton Hall 456, Rhode Island 456, Rutgers 510, Yale 515, Pennsylvania 527, Alfred 563, Columbia 663, CCNY 682.