**EIGHTH ANNUAL USA VS. CANADA**

**MASTERS CROSS-COUNTRY CHALLENGE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NY (Suburb of Syracuse)**

**Green Lakes State Park 7 mile course**

**OCTOBER 20, 1984**

Age Group Top 5

M40-44

Ken Inglis CAN 37:36

Ben Cormier USA 39:16

Joe Thomas USA 39:38

Charles Parmalee USA 40:54

Jerry Smith USA 41:14

M45-49

Ben Johns CAN 38:38

John Dugdale USA 39:59

Ian Atkinson CAN 44:02

Art Conro USA 45:05

Ed Hughes CAN 45:39

M50-54

Bill Foulk USA 40:39

Bob Brock USA 42:56

Chet Fortier USA 43:16

John Johnston CAN 43:21

Richard Graves CAN 43:30

M55-59

Howard Rubin USA 42:00

Cliff Hall CAN 43:16

Roland Welch CAN 46:39

Danny Daniels CAN 57:25

Don Farquharson CAN 58:11

M60-64

Charlie Blancher CAN 48:36

Andy Taylor CAN 50:33

Ed Buckley USA 50:39

Sam Bratsch USA 61:56

Kermit Schooler CAN 61:58

M65-69

John Restani USA 51:14

Nate White USA 53:17

Whitey Sheridan CAN 57:13

Aaron Kazdan CAN 58:19

Nate Hacker USA 66:11

M70+

Chas Hackenheimer USA 60:12

Ray Deschambault USA 65:00

Ross Cruickshank CAN 74:11

W35-39\*

Lynn Sands CAN 58:06

Margaret Laing USA 70:57

\*Note: International XC begins at age 35 for Masters

W40-44

Cheryl Hughes CAN 51:47

Linda Whitney USA 53:53

Judy Willmot CAN 56:28

Joan Duval USA 63:53

W45-49

Judy Kettle CAN 54:15

W50+

Judy Kazdan CAN 59:57

Lucille Fortune USA 75:20

**TEAM SCORES:**

USA CAN

M40 20 36

M45 31 24

M50 19 41

M55 21 14

M60 12 11

M65 8 13

M70 3 7

W35 2 1

W40 6 4

W45 2 1

W50 2 1

Total 126 153

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**USA Tops Canada in Cross-Country Match**

Jerry Smith is a man of his word.

He vowed to organize a U.S. Masters cross-country team which could stand up to the dread Canadian Masters squad. In seven previous outings between the two North American rivals, the Northerners had romped off with six of the coveted Fleischman's Challenge Trophy titles. Calling upon the aerobic capacities of some of the best American hill-and-dalers, Smith inspired his troops to a convincing 126-153 victory in Fayetteville, New York's Green Lakes Park on October 20, 1984. Although the Canadians won seven of the 11 age-division crowns, the Americans dominated the other four groups (M40, M50, M65 and M70) to provide the margin for their second victory in this annual autumnal matchup

The seven-mile course is described as one of the best European-style cross country courses in North America. It starts with a mile of steady uphill on grassy trails, and then goes up and down thickly wooded glacial slopes for most of the race. It crosses a wide stream, which goes through thick black ooze. One runner lost a shoe in the bog. The course finishes on a sandy beach. A three-day rain earlier in the week let up in the nick of time, and the fall foliage made it a beautiful day for running. John Dugdale, 49, of the U.S.A. went out very fast in the field of 70 (43 USA, 27Canadian) runners. But Canada's premier Master runner, Ken Inglis, took over the lead at about the one mile point and gradually drew out to win by over a minute in 37:36. Canada's Ben Johns, M45, took 2nd (and 1st M45) in 38:38, with the USA's Roland Cormier and Joe Thomas running 3-4 in 39:16 and 39:38. Dugdale was 5th (2nd M45) in 39:59.

Bill Foulk led an American sweep in the M50-54 division, with Bob Brock and Chet Fortier. America's Howard Rubin bested Canada's always-tough Cliff Hallin the M55 group in 42:00. Charlie Hackenheimer of the USA team drew everyone's admiration with an excellent 60:12 at age 78 to win the M70+ bracket. Next year's ninth renewal of this growing inter-nation rivalry will be held on Canadian turf. Masters runners from both countries are urged to participate. Many of those who took part this year felt it was one of the highlights of their running year, both socially and competitively.