



TORONTO'S BILL CROTHERS
Winner of 1963 Lou Marsh Trophy

Canada's best Bill Crothers wins Marsh

Bill Crothers, the world's ranking No. 1 half-miler of the moment, won additional honours today. The selection committee for the Lou Marsh Trophy announced Crothers had been named the winner for 1963, as the outstanding athlete in Canada.

Due to the serious illness of the two committee members, the selection of the 1963 winner was delayed. Members of the selection committee are Harry (Red) Foster, Charles Ring, donor of the trophy, Charles Higginbottom, Oscar Pearson and Don Ross.

OUTSTANDING IN 1963

Crothers was one of half a dozen Canadian athletes who received serious consideration. His outstanding record in 1963 won him the award. Crothers won in Canada, the U.S.A., England, Ireland, Sweden and Norway, at distances of 660 yards to one mile, under all kinds of conditions.

He won Canadian, U.S., and British indoor championships, in addition to the U.S. outdoor championship at 880 yards. The U.S. title, in 1.47.1 was the second fastest in the world last year.

Crothers is considered the outstanding candidate for the 800 metres at the summer Olympics in Tokyo.

HONOURABLE MENTIONS

Others who received honourable mention in the committee's report were Claudia McPherson of Winnipeg, youngest person to swim the English Channel, curler Ernie Richardson of Regina, Toronto runner Abigail Hoffman, golfers Marlene Stewart Streit and Ada Mackenzie, gymnast Wilhelm Weiler, world champion skater Donald McPherson, and shot-putter Nancy McCredie.

Crothers is the 25th winner of the trophy and is the fifth from track and field. The first winner, in 1936, was Dr. Phil Edwards. From 1942 to 1945 inclusive, the trophy was awarded to perpetuate the memory of those who fell in armed service.

The trophy itself is in memory of Lou Marsh, former sports editor of The Star.