

Mine Rescue Contest Held

Trained Experts Compete In Kentucky

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (UPI)—The chances of spending dark, lonely hours trapped in a mine mishap are slimmer now than they used to be with the fine first aid and rescue teams now available.

Some of the well-trained teams are so good, or think they are, that bragging has led to contests like the ones here at the 22nd annual national first aid and mine rescue contest.

The two-day event, which closed Tuesday, drew 32 entries from seven states and Canada, with teams from Kentucky, Pennsylvania and West Virginia winning national honors.

International Harvester Co.'s Wisconsin Steel coal mines' team from Denham, Ky., took the congressional medalion trophy over a U.S. Steel Corp. team in mine rescue.

However, a U.S. Steel team from Monongahela, Pa., retaliated by winning the first aid contest with a 99.36 per cent average in five skill tests.

In the combination first aid and mine rescue competition, Island Creek Coal Co.'s Holden Division team from Holden, W.Va., won the trophy, edging U.S. Steel.

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