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Central Christian Wins Invitational Central 2nd In CC Meet; Ludington Finishes 3rd

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Coach Ruben Gomez' underclassmen - dominated Cross Country squad didn't win the main event . . . but they came close.

The annual Ludington Invitational Cross Country Meet was a big success Saturday despite the cold, rainy weather at the Lincoln Hills course. A total of 12 schools participated.

Class A Grand Rapids Central Christian, runners-up a year ago to Grand Rapids West Ottawa, won the team title as well as winning the individual medalist honors. Central's Dan Taminga churned the just under two and a half mile course in a blazing 11 minutes, 37 seconds.

Central Places Second
Christian won the meet with a total of 76 points. Mason County Central, rapidly improving in this grueling sport, placed second a nose ahead of the hosting Orioles. The Spartans had 81 points while Ludington accumulated 82.

The second place finisher was

West Ottawa's Randy Lawrence who was clocked in 11:51. Reed City's sophomore phenom, Herb Lindsay, placed third with an 11:54 clocking.

Ludington's Roger Bradshaw finished fourth, one-tenth of a second ahead of cross county rival Jim Nichols from MCC. Bradshaw's time was 12:10 . . . Nichols, 12:11. Central's Chris Villadsen was sixth in 12:14 while Montague's Stuart Scholl placed seventh with a clocking of 12:16. The Oriole's Tom Breeding just missed a shot at Scholl, completing the course in 12:17 for eighth place. Ninth and tenth went to Tom Zwier of Central Christian and Tim Perry of Fremont. Their times were 12:19 and 12:20 respectively.

A total of 84 runners participated in the varsity competition with each of the 12 participating schools using seven men—the first five of which counted in the final standings.

Oriole JV's Win Handily
In the Junior Varsity race, Coach Ruben Gomez received a

pre-view of years to come as his Oriole Striders chalked up an incredible. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place finish.

Coach Gomez' son, Danny, headed the pack with a 13:08 time. He was followed by Dan Hinds in 13:18; Bob Budreau in 13:19 and Randy Ferriss in 13:22. Warren Hansen was the fifth Oriole to finish. He was clocked in 13:57.

Gomez and Hinds are both freshmen . . . which makes for a happy coach. "If I didn't have

the watch to keep the official time," said a beaming Gomez, "I'd be doing somersaults."

The Ludington Orioles' next match will be Thursday in Muskegon against Seaway Conference foe, Reeths-Puffer. The Rockets finished well down the line in the Invitational with 179 points.

Mason County Central is back in action tonight at Oakridge, a team which the Spartans have already defeated.



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