

Oriole Cross Country Team Wins Seaway Conference Title

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It's always nice to go first class. The Ludington Oriole Cross Country team did just that yesterday at Fremont, winning the Seaway Conference meet with a total of 43 points.

Although the trip back wasn't exactly first class, thanks to the weather, "It was a real poor afternoon," said Coach Ruben Gomez, "and we were all soaking wet. That's the way we all

came back."

The Orioles, paced by Roger Bradshaw's first place finish, finished 11 points better than their nearest rival, Spring Lake. The Lakers accumulated 54 points. Reeths-Puffer was third with 81, followed by Fremont with 82, Orchard View, 107 and Fruitport, 127. Whitehall was not eligible for the Conference meet.

On an individual basis, Bradshaw ran the two and a half

mile course in 14 minutes, 15 seconds. Fremont's Tim Perry was second and Ralph Steward of Reeths-Puffer placed third.

Bradshaw's time is unofficial due to the inclement weather which hampered the meet severely. "They were really disorganized," said Coach Gomez, "Our ball points didn't even do their job."

Other Orioles placing were Tom Breeding, 6th; Steve Barrett, 7th; Steve Chinworth, 10th; Ray Finholm, 15th; Brian

Hamilton, 30th and Al Pack, 41st.

"I used Pack to set a quick early pace to pull our boys out front," Gomez said, "and Brian was out of shape because of his leg."

In the Junior Varsity race, the Little Orioles almost scored a sweep, incredibly enough. With a total of six schools competing, the Ludington underclassmen ran off with 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th... a total of 18 points.

Danny Gomez led the field with a time of 15:51, unofficially. Bob Budreau was the second man across the line with Kim Klopfenstein, Dan Hinds and John Wolkow grabbing off the 4th, 5th and 6th spots respectively.

Who finished second in the JV standings...? "A lot of runners lost their numbers which were pinned on their uniforms, during the race," Gomez said, "and we didn't stick around to find out. We'll let them figure it out."

The Orioles concluded their season with a perfect record in dual meets and they had a very respectable third place finish in the Annual Ludington Invitational. In Regional competition at Spring Lake, Saturday, the Oriole Striders again placed third, against a strong field.

Unfortunately, only the first two teams qualified for the state meet this Saturday in Ypsilanti. However, three Orioles did qualify for the individual race. They are Roger Bradshaw, Tom Breeding and Steve Barrett.

'Next Year' Comes Early For Coach Schwartzwalder

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (UPI)—Two months ago, Ben Schwartzwalder was saying he hoped "by next year, maybe we'll be a football team."

The Syracuse University coach beat his estimate by 11 months. Riding a four-game win streak that included an upset win over Penn State and

Schwartzwalder was watching an Aug. 29 practice session by a team that had been rocked in previous weeks by the loss of eight black players in a racial dispute that began with a demand Syracuse hire a black coach.

Among the players lost were the two leading Orange ground-

zwalder admits.

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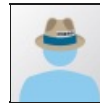
The veteran of 22 years at Syracuse describes what happened next as being a case of "the kids just hung in there. It's more of a team thing than we ever had before."

What actually happened was that through a little shuffling

East Weymouth, Mass., who led the Orange defense for two years, suddenly found himself playing wingback.

White's job is blocking, not ball-carrying. "He just knocks people down," the coach says.

Then there was Charlie Boniti, a sophomore linebacker who failed to make the pre-



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