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# Spartans Third In State CC Meet



A Total Of 144 Runners Begin The 2½-Mile Race For The Class C-D State Championship

## Jim Shoup

### The State CC Meet

YPSILANTI—It's quite a sight, this colonial styled, immense clubhouse and colorful rolling green.

Here is a rippling brook running through the landscape and dotted clumps of woodlots to add spice.

The event wasn't any Bulck Open or PGA tournament. There are no Gary Players or Arnold Palmers. In fact, few folks are on the course and it is not an amateur's invitational, either.

What just took place was the mammoth, high school state cross-country championship.

Mammoth it was, as five separate races were run. Class A and B each had two races . . . for teams which qualified from the regionals and one for "Individuals" who placed high in the regionals, but not members of competing teams . . . and a single race for C-D teams and high individuals.

In class A, 26 schools had a total of 140 runners scheduled for the team race and 90 boys were entered in the individual A. Class B had 18 schools with 126 runners and 90 more in the individual meet.

Class C-D which combined the team and Individuals had 144 running at one time.

If my math isn't too far out, there were just under 400 runners trying for state medals, championships and, if nothing else, trying to make a good showing and keep from getting slipped by the other runners.

Estimates run from 5,000 to 10,000 the total number of people on the course. That includes runners, coaches, sports writers, spectators, cheerleaders and pep bands.

Did I say cheer leaders and pep bands?

That's right!  
I could hardly believe it as this was my first time covering this meet. Cheerleaders were dressed in their finest school colors and a couple of pep bands let loose with music as their favorite runners came pounding up the hill to the finish.

And that was some hill! Just before the tape, the boys had to run up a rather steep hill, turn half way up and continue heavenward until reaching the waving flags and white painted gates of the finish.

And getting back to crowd, some schools who apparently take cross-country as a steady appetite brought two and even three



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## Saints Upset Lions, 19-17 On Dempsey's 63-Yard FG

By United Press International

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But on Sunday, the 43-year-old Dempsey shared the garish spotlight of pro football. Dempsey kicked the longest field goal in pro football history, 63 yards on the very last play of the game to give his New Orleans Saints a 19-17

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kick breaks record Dempsey had three other field goals, of 29, 27 and eight yards before booming the 63-yarder that eclipsed the record set in 1933 by Bert Rechichar of Baltimore. Dempsey was fitted with an

In the other American Conference games, Pittsburgh defeated the New York Jets, 21-17, San Diego edged Denver, 24-21, Kansas City beat Houston, 24-6, and Cincinnati routed Buffalo, 43-14.

In intra-conference action, St. Louis blanked Boston, 21-0, and Philadelphia best Miami, 24-17. In the Monday night TV game, Baltimore meets Green Bay. Brodie Completes 2,000 Passes

By JIM SHOUP  
Daily News Sports Writer  
YPSILANTI — Mason County Central's class C cross-country team is still No. 1 . . . in West Michigan, and Ludington's Roger Bradshaw won a spot on the Class B all-state team at the Washenaw Country Club, Saturday.

The Spartans "almost—but, didn't quite" as they had to settle for third place in their bid for the state class C-D championship.

The two teams to defeat them were Vandercook Lake with 183 points and Shepard with 292. Central had 230. Since Vandercook Lake is near Jackson and Shepard is considered Central Michigan that leaves MCC still tops on this side of the state.

Villadsen All-State  
Chris Villadsen placed eighth and was named to the all-state class C team. Villadsen's time was 13:49. Jim Nichols was third in 14:03 while Bob Williams' 14:11 was good for 31st spot.

Central's Bill Thompson came in 6th with 14:49 and their last scorer, Roman Boldyreff was 101 in 15:05. Also, the Spartans' Tom Lundberg had a 15:16 time good for the 108th place while Pat Wilson had a 15:24 race for 114th place.

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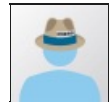
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