

# Ludington Cross Country Team Clobbers Fruitport

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FRUITPORT — After losing their opening dual match with Mason County Central, the Ludington Oriole cross country team appears to be nearing high gear.

Thursday afternoon the Oriole Harriers ran away from Fruitport by sweeping the first five places for a perfect score of 15 points while the Trojans scored 44.

The victory was the third against one loss and the third in Seaway competition. The Orioles are defending Seaway Conference Champions, and appear to be the favorite to win this season despite rumblings from Spring Lake which has a strong

squad and is still undefeated. Medalist for the meet was Ludington's Steve Barrett, who continues to wage an ever-tighter battle with teammate Tom Breeding for the first position.

Barrett, a senior, edged junior Breeding by one second in the Thursday meet over a flat course at the Pontaluna Golf Course. The winning time was 14 minutes, one second with Breeding next at 14:02.

Bob Budreau finished third with a time of 14:25 with Warren Hansen fourth at 14:42 and Dan Gomez fifth in 14:44.

"What was so good about the meet was that we had our first five finish within a 43-second gap," commented LHS coach Ruben Gomez.

"The kids ran real well," he continued. "Budreau tried to keep up with Breeding and Breeding was after Barrett. They're running closer to the way I thought they should at the beginning."

Other Ludington runners placing were Norm Nielsen and Dennis Reimann. Both finished ahead of the Trojans' number four and five runners.

On Tuesday, Sept. 28, Mason County Eastern's first-year squad will engage the Orioles in a non-conference dual while on Thursday, Sept. 30, the Orioles host a surprising Whitehall squad. On Saturday, Oct. 2, the annual Ludington Invitational Cross Country meet is scheduled for 10:00 p.m.



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