

Central Upsets Ludington In 1st Cross Country Meet

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LINCOLN HILLS — It was cross-county cross-country rival time Thursday afternoon. Mason County Central and

Ludington opened up with their annual early season county showdown and the Spartans picked up the win 23-35. The Orioles did take the individual honors though as Steve

Barrett won the two and a half mile run over the golf course in a time of 12:37. Central's Bill Thompson finished second in 12:43, Bob Williams ran third in 12:48, Mike

Williams was fifth with a 13:04 clocking, Pat Wilson ran 13:05 for sixth and Denny Anthes was seventh in 13:06.

In addition to Barrett, Ludington's Tom Breeding was fourth in 13:00; Bob Budreau finished eighth in 13:07; Danny Gomez ran 13:33 for ninth and Norm Nielson was 13th with a time of 14:17.

"It's a very good way to start the season," said Coach Bruce Krieger tugging at the bill of his cap, shaking his head in sort of disbelief and showing his fisherman's smile all at the same time.

Ludington's veteran coach, Ruben Gomez, commented about his boys, "We're disorganized and out of condition. Many had jobs which didn't allow them time to run. You can't get in shape like that."

Then Gomez, one of the most noted and successful track and cross country coaches in Western Michigan grinned which means—we'll get in shape so don't count us out!

Central travels to Oakridge for a tough conference opener next Tuesday, Sept. 14.

Irish Groups Threaten To Disrupt Ryder Match

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (UPI) — Threats by local Irish groups to disrupt the 19th Biennial Ryder Cup Golf Matches between American and British players here next week were discounted Thursday by 11 members of the British team.

"Let them try it," replied Brian Barnes, 26, a member of the 1969 team which battled the United States team to a 16-16 draw. "It might be fun—might add spice, you know. We have some big boys on the team."

He then asked, "you have a good police force don't you?"

Former Missouri State Representative Jack Keane said Thursday that three Irish-American organizations plan to

Eric Brown, non-playing captain of the British team, said the three groups "must be wrong in their minds. We've got one (Irishman) on our team you know."

Tony Jacklin, who is a regular on the pro tour said of the planned disruption, "it would be a shame if it happened. I hope it doesn't."

Maurice Bembridge, 26, added, "I think we ought to treat them with the contempt they deserve."

John Garner said, "they could try but I don't think they would succeed."

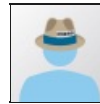
The team arrived here Thursday afternoon accompanied by 156 other persons,

including wives and a contingent of British sports writers.

The American squad includes Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino, Charles Coody, Miller Barber, Frank Beard, Billy Casper, Gardner Dickenson, Gene Littler, Mason Rudolph, J. C. Snead and Dave Stockton.

TURNER'S YACHTING LEAD

OYSTER BAY, N.Y. (UPI)—Ted Turner of the United States took the overall lead after three races in the seven-race 5.5-meter World Yachting Championships Thursday when he won one race and was fourth in the other.



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