

# G.R. Catholic Central, Jackson Lumen Christi run to 'B' crowns

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The honors were deserved Saturday afternoon in the Class B state cross country championships at Tyrone Hills Golf Course.

A biting cold kept temperatures in the chilly 30s and a stiff winter-like wind made it even tougher for the 24 boys' teams and 22 girls' teams battling for their titles along with 160 individuals competing in their portion of the race.

When the final results were posted, Grand Rapids Catholic Central swept to the boys' championship with 145 points and Jackson Lumen Christi emerged No. 1 from the girls' pack with 99 points. Individual honors were collected by Rusty Korhonen of Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central who toured Tyrone Hills' rolling terrain in 16:19 and Valari Ambrose of Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard who successfully defended her title with a time of 19:56.

THE FLINT AREA failed to produce a runner in the top 15 in both individual divisions. The best team performance was posted by Holly which scored 279 points to grab 10th place in the boys' competition. Metro League rival Ainsworth was 14th with 336 points.

Powers Catholic, the only local girls' team which qualified for the state, totaled 272 points and finished 11th.

"We didn't run that bad," said Holly's veteran Coach Duane Raffin who has taken the Bronchos into the state finals seven times in the last eight years. "We're awful young. But this was a very competitive team race today, the best Class B final I've ever seen. It sure was cold, though. I can't remember when it was this cold. The wind was the thing."

Holly's points came from sophomore twins Tedd and Todd Stone who finished 18th and 20th, respectively, freshman Troy Radell who was 64th, Mark Zuel, another frosh, who was 85th and junior Brandon Jubar who was 92nd.

AINSWORTH'S total was produced by Bruce Williams (29), Dave Carol (33), Tony Tyler (38), Rob Glazier (112) and Jim Featherston (124). However, Coach Kenn Domeresse wasn't too happy about his Spartans who were projected for a top 10 finish.

"I'm disappointed," said Domeresse. "I really can't put my finger on what happened to us. It's hard to explain. We had three kids who did what I expected. I don't know what else to say except that we'll be back next year."

Powers Coach Jim Waner is also looking ahead to

1983 with the nucleus of his Chargers returning. The Powers' girls were led by juniors Cathy Burkart and Diane Devereaux who finished fifth and 11th, respectively. Burkart's effort — placing in the top seven — earned her Class B All-State accolades. The remainder of the Chargers' scoring came from Melissa Hill (83), Martha Kaines (86) and Maria Grzesik (87).

"WE WERE hoping to be in the top 10 but I'm not disappointed finishing 11th," said Waner. "We have five of our top seven runners back. Last year was the first time we qualified for the state and we were 13th. I wasn't disappointed at all about today and I'm happy to have two girls place in the top 15."

Following Grand Rapids Catholic Central in the team scoring were Dearborn Divine Child with 193 points, Essexville Garber 196, Hemlock 209, Marysville 209, Okemos 218, Mason 223, Warren Fitzgerald 243, Royal Oak Sarinae 267, Holly, Fremont 287, Spring Lake 308, Sturgis 327, Ainsworth, Grand Rapids Christian 342, Gaylord 357, Cadillac 389, Vicksburg 390, St. Joseph 396, Battle Creek Lakeview 413, Chelsea 501, Saline 557, Ypsilanti Lincoln 603 and Ecorse 604.

Lumen Christi's 99-point winning total was followed by Hartland with 130, Dexter 144, Muskegon Catholic Central 166, Gladwin 236, Livonia Ladywood 237, Marysville 240, Mason 255, Royal Oak Shrine 256, Grand Rapids Christian 266, Powers, St. Joseph 278, Ionia 310, Jackson Northwest 315, Hemlock 333, Wyoming Rogers 344, Richland-Gull Lake 377, Cadillac 386, Three Rivers 423, Essexville Garber 445, Saline 488 and Monroe St. Mary 503.

GRAND RAPIDS Catholic Central Coach Jim Gardiner, confined to a wheelchair because of a broken neck sustained in a swimming accident, was elated about his team's victory and performance.

"I just can't believe it," he said with a big smile. "It's our first state cross country championship ever. We improved all year and gradually moved up to No. 1. I think the key was Jeff Costello (last year's individual champion). All year long he has led our team and the other kids have been tough running together and scoring great."

Costello triggered Catholic Central's scoring with a fifth-place finish followed by Denis McGrath (16), Steve MacDonald (31), Mike Finn (39) and Steve Cashman (54).

And there could be a more great seasons in store for Lumen Christi because four of its top five finishers are sophomores. Lorie Knopacki paced the scoring by finishing seventh, Barb Wallace, the only senior, was 18th, Lis Fenner was 19th, Julie Ziegler 23rd and Mar DeWitt 32nd.

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