

# Butterfield Places 11th in National

by Diane Kolodzinski



Junior Lorrie Butterfield poses in front of the HCHS billboard. Lorrie placed 11th in the national x-country championships held in San Diego last weekend. photo by David Kelber

## X-Country Has 'Phenomenal' Season

by Gary Thompson

A tradition here at Hunterdon Central, is that every team remaining undefeated at the end of its season is given a free dinner by the Board of Education. Since all of the HC x-country squads were undefeated this year, on Tuesday night they were all honored with this banquet.

The Hunterdon Central girl's x-country team finished this season with their victory on November 17, in the "Meet of Champions", making them state champions. "They had a super-phenomenal season," coach Ludwik Lubaszka said.

They not only proved themselves as number one, but made up for last years team, which didn't even qualify them for the championship meet in the state sectionals. "Last year's defeat was on our minds," said coach Lubaszka. "We went out too fast and we couldn't make it at the end. We had been picked as favorites to win, and we went in a little overconfident."

This year, the Devils competed in a total of 17 meets, seven of which were dual meets, and the other ten, multiple meets which included at least five other teams. They beat all of them, going undefeated, setting a new Central record for most wins in a season.

Individually, the girls had a fine season. Lorrie Butterfield finished in first place four times, including a second place finish in the Central Jersey Group IV meet. Lorrie also finished tenth at the "Meet of Champions", good enough to

place her on the all-state first team. Finishing fifth in the Eastern States competition, she qualified for the national meet, in which she placed 11th.

Hunterdon Central also placed two other runners on the all-state team. Cricket Batz, Central's number two runner, made the second all-state team, and Liese Schaff, the number three runner, made the third team.

Sophomore Stephanie Guidotti, sister of former Central x-country runner Sandra, rounds out the top four Devil girls.

Sophomore Patti Vowinkel is the usual number five runner, ahead of juniors Jeni Stover, Katie Fitzgerald, and Bonnie Reed, and freshmen Molly Raquette and Chris Zdepski.

"These runners were responsible for the undefeated dual meets," said Lubaszka. "I rested my front four runners on these days, which gave them a chance to rest. If I didn't have these runners, I would've had to run the front four all season. It gets tiring to run in 17 meets."

"I'd like to see my top four runners become individual stars on their own," he continued. "I hope the other girls can develop more confidence and become team stars."

The boy's x-country team also enjoyed a successful running season with an undefeated record of 8-0. Coach Lubaszka said he believes the team is doing as well as it should be doing, and is looking forward to next years team.

"I hope some of the guys mature a little bit more," Lubaszka said.

"I'm looking forward to Tommy Smith and Paul Hoffman from the J.V. team. We're hopeful for next year."

"I'm really happy with the team this year," junior Chet Sarnowski said. "Everyone really came through and gave his best. As for myself," Chet continued, "I'd like to place top ten in the state."

## Pre-season Scrimmages Successful

### Boy's

Hunterdon Central's fall sports season starts today, and one of the teams starting out is the varsity boy's basketball team.

The ten-man varsity squad this year is composed of six seniors and four juniors. "It's a small team as far as basketball goes," said coach Joseph Kleczynski, "But the boys are fast and they have quick reactions. Hopefully, through their speed, they'll compensate for what they lack in size."

The 1979-80 team consists of seniors Mike Matto, Fred Gobillot, Brian Greif, Bill Wallace, Joe Dabulas, Scott Schroeder, and juniors Steve Koval, Billy Hunt, Dave Aimone, and Jim Cegielski.

The team has played four successful scrimmages this year, against Bound Brook, Montville, Hopewell Valley, and Somerville. "As of yet, it's hard to say what this years team is going to be like," Kleczynski said. "Most of the

Junior Lorrie Butterfield capped an outstanding season by placing 11th in the national high school cross-country championships in San Diego, California this past Saturday. "I couldn't believe it," Lorrie said, "I never expected to do so well."

Coach Ludwik Lubaszka expressed the feelings of the whole Central team when he stated, "I think it's fantastic. I would have been pleased if she placed some where in the middle of the pack," Lubaszka stated. "We're all very proud of her."

Lorrie travelled to Balboa Park with all expenses paid. She ran the 5000-meter course in 18:32:7 which was good enough to capture 11th place. Another girl from New Jersey, Ann Gladue, who was named the number one x-country runner in the state, placed third at the championship.

Lorrie and Ann were part of the eastern team which won the championship over the West. Three other Eastern girls, from Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Maine, were also part of the team.

"The other runners were so fast," Lorrie stated. "In the beginning they were all zipping past me. But I caught up, and I had a good sprint at the end for once."

The runners who placed in the top ten received medals for their performances. "I only missed it by one person," Lorrie stated. But, Lorrie did receive a medal for being a part of the eastern team which won the championship.

Coach Lubaszka said he believes Lorrie's performance in the meet will help the girl's team next season. "I still have another year with her and the rest of the team," Lubaszka stated, "Now others might see the goal of going to the nationals and strive for it. It sets some higher sites for next year. The fact that Lorrie made it will

scrimmage: were played without Wallace and Greif, who were in the state football games."

"The team should carry us to quite a few victories this year," he continued. "Right now, I can't say much about our shooting team. We haven't really been watching for that. Points don't really become important until Friday."

The boys have their first varsity and J.V. games tonight against Piscataway, at home in the field house. J.V. begins at 6:00.

### Girl's

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