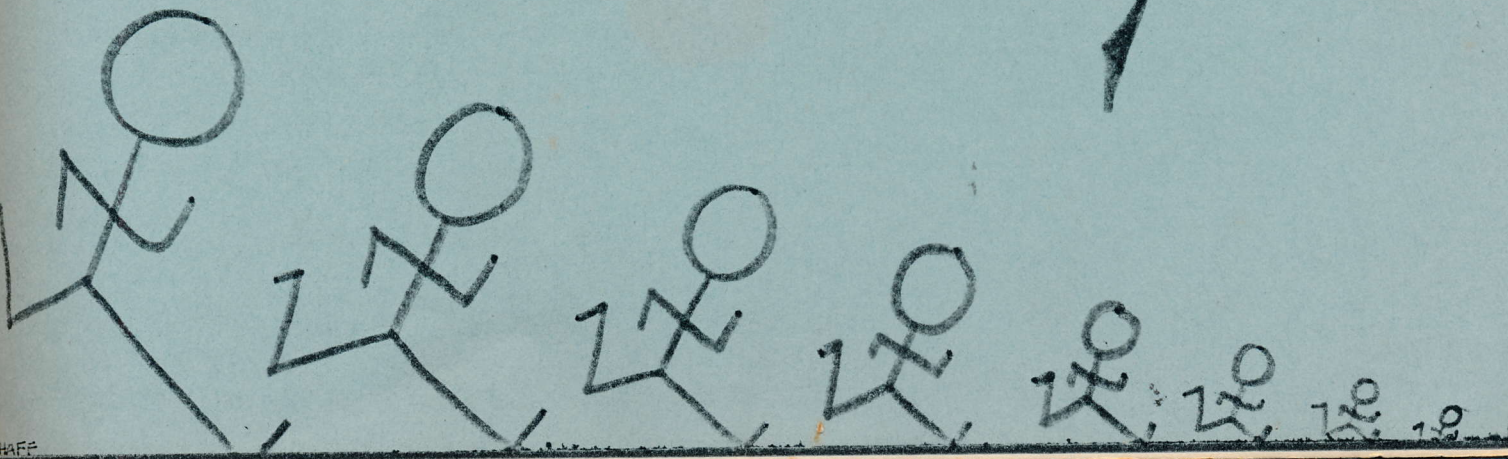


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November 25, 1979

Coach Ludwick Lubaska and Team,

CONGRATULATIONS on an undefeated campaign in duell meets, invitationals, and state qualifications, and finally on your New Jersey State Girls Cross Country Championship! It is a well deserved victory. You have all worked hard, and at last you have achieved a feat that no other girls team in the history of Hunterdon Central High School has, a stste championship. Good luck in your future endeavors, and may you all reach your highest aspirations!

With You Always,

Dale Crasher

Far away, there in the sunshine, are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they may lead.

-Louise May Alcott

CROSS COUNTRY ACHIEVEMENTS

Lorrie Butterfield - Junior 198 points

4th Edison Invitational
6th Roselle Catholic Turkey Trot
1st Passaic Coaches Invitational
3rd Bernard's Invitational
1st Ridgewood Invitational
3rd St. John's Invitational-Kinney Northeast Qualifier
1st DRC Championships
6th State Sectionals
2nd State Group IV Finals
1st 10th Meet of Champions

Cricket Batz - Sophomore 188 points

6th Edison Invitational
2nd Roselle Catholic Turkey Trot
3rd Passaic Coaches Invitational
6th Bernard's Invitational
4th Ridgewood Invitational
7th St. John's Invitational-Kinney Northeast Qualifier
2nd DRC Championships
1st State Sectionals
3rd Group IV Finals
5th 16th Meet of Champions

Stephanie Guidotti - Sophomore 181 points

10th Rosell Catholic Turkey Trot
9th Passaic Coaches Invitational
7th Bernard's Invitational
6th Ridgewood Invitational
12th St. John's Invitational-Kinney Northeast Qualifier
4th DRC Championships
5th State Sectionals
6th Group IV Finals
13th 26th Meet of Champions

Liese Schaff - Junior 168 points

3rd Edison Invitational
3rd Roselle Catholic Turkey Trot
2nd Passaic Coaches Invitational
9th Bernard's Invitational
3rd Ridgewood Invitational
3rd DRC Championships
4th State Sectionals
6th 17th Meet of Champions

Pat Vowinkel-Sophomore 104 points

9th DRC Championships
15th State Sectionals
27th 49th Meet of Champions

<u>Jeni Stover</u> - Junior	91 points	
20th DRC Championships		
22nd State Sectionals		
<u>Molly Ragette'</u> - Freshman	85 points	39 Frosh
10th DRC Championships		
29th State Sectionals		
<u>Chris Zdepski</u> - Freshman	42 points	52 Frosh
DRC Frosh Champion		
<u>Bonnie Reed</u> - Junior	38 points	20 J.V.
<u>Katie Fitzgerald</u> - Junior	23 points	35 J.V.
DRC Junior Varsity Champion		
<u>Lisa Axel</u> - Senior	4 years participation	
<u>Chet Sarnowski</u> - Junior	185 points	
7th Edison Invitational		
2nd Rosell Catholic Turkey Trot		
7th Bernard's Invitational		
2nd DRC Championship		
4th State Sectionals		
<u>Peter Rosen</u> - Senior	112 points	
4th DRC Championship		
<u>Ray Powell</u> - Senior	94 points	
8th DRC Championship		
<u>Carl Ramirez</u> - Sophomore	86 points	
6th DRC Championship		
<u>Rich Cherry</u> - Sophomore	63 points	
10th DRC Championships		
<u>Allen Acken</u> - Junior	41 points	
<u>Dennis Sullivan</u> - Junior	41 points	
<u>Eric Schwehm</u> - Senior	4 year participation	
<u>George Dragan</u> - Senior	4 year participation	

Junior Varsity Letters

Sue Schnitzler	19 points	46 Frosh points
Sue Palladino	17 points	38 J.V. points
Lauren Black	16 points	45 J.V. points
Kathy Costello	4 points	18 J.V. points
Jennifer Grill	3 points	22 J.V. points
Beth McGivney	3 points	18 J.V. points
Michelle Morgan	2 points	16 J.V. points
Tom Smith	7 points	48 J.V. points
Rick Herdman	6 points	35 J.V. points
		100 Frosh points
	DRC Frosh, Co-champion	
Dan Brewster	6 points	36 J.V. points
		83 Frosh points
	DRC Frosh Co-champion	
Rich Plinio		49 J.V. points
Bill Cronin		47 J.V. points
Barrett Powers		39 J.V. points
Bill Hoffman		38 J.V. points
John Rendina		34 J.V. points
John Robachefski		23 J.V. points
		36 Frosh points
Charles Bradley		23 J.V. points
Steve Eckstein		20 J.V. points

Frosh Numerals

Molly Ragette'	39 points
Chris Zdepski	52 points
Sue Schnitzler	46 points
Melissa Vozzo	24 points
Michelle Mont	29 points
Karen Hume	13 points
Rick Herdman	100 points
Dan Brewster	83 points
John Robachefski	36 points
Rick Hammond	38 points
Paul Madonia	25 points
Jeremt Zink	13 points
Joe Hendricks	24 points

BOYS

Sept.	18	Warren Hills	Won	22-34
	25	North Hunterdon	Won	27-29
Oct.	4	Ewing	Won	22-37
	9	Delaware Valley	Won	23-36
	11	Hamilton West	Won	19-43
	16	South Hunterdon	Won	15-50
	18	Voorhees	Won	20-41
	23	Hackettstown	Won	15-45
Sept.	15	Edison Invitational	5th	
	22	Roselle Catholic Invitational	6th	
	30	Passaic Coaches Invitational	4th	
Oct.	6	Bernard's Invitational	5th	
	20	St. John's Invitational	8th	
	26	DRC Championships	1st	
Nov.	3	State Sectionals	6th	

GIRLS

Sept.	18	Warren Hills	Won	15-49
	25	North Hunterdon	Won	17-42
Oct.	4	Ewing	Won	19-44
	9	Delaware Valley	Won	15-50
	11	Hamilton West	Won	23-34
	18	Voorhees	Won	20-36
	23	Hackettstown	Won	15-50
Sept.	15	Edison Invitational	1st	
	22	Roselle Catholic Invitational	1st	
	30	Passaic Coaches Invitational	1st	
Oct.	6	Bernard's Invitational	1st	
	13	Ridgewood Invitational	1st	
	20	St. John's Invitational	1st	
	26	DRC Championships	1st	
Nov.	3	State Sectionals	1st	
	10	State Group IV Finals	1st	
	17	Meet of Champions	1st	

Boy's J.V. and Frosh teams undefeated

INDIVIDUAL CROSS COUNTRY RECORDSCourse Records

(boys)	Barney Costello	3	mi.*	15:11.9	1977
	Randy Greathouse (NHR)	3	mi.	14:59	1974
	Merrill Noden (Law. Prep)	2.5	mi.	12:19	1972
	Cliff Price	2	mi.	11:07	1975
(girls)	Janet Kronick (Fr. Twp)	2	mi.	11:27	1974
	Penny Fales (Hack)	2	mi.*	11:39	1976
	Lorrie Butterfield	3	mi.	17:59	1978

Home School Records

(boys open)	Barney Costello	3	mi.*	15:11.9	1977
(boys open)	Bruce Gramling	3	mi.	15:06	1974
	Gil Emmons	2.5	mi.	12:40	1972
(senior)	Barney Costello	3	mi.*	15:11.9	1977
	Bruce Gramling	3	mi.	15:06	1974
(junior)	Barney Costello	3	mi.*	15:35	1976
	Blaise Boyle	3	mi.*	15:35	1976
(sophomore)	Chet Sarnowski	3	mi.	15:49	1978
(freshman)	Chet Sarnowski	3	mi.	16:29.5	1977
(girls open)	Sandra Guidotti	2	mi.	11:42	1976
(senior)	Kathleen O'Donnell	2	mi.	12:18	1976
(junior)	Sandra Guidotti	2	mi.	11:42	1976
(sophomore)	Laura Hawran	2	mi.	12:13	1974
(freshman)	Tina McCarty	2	mi.	12:40	1972
(girls open)	Lorrie Butterfield	3	mi.	17:59	1978
(senior)	Sandra Guidotti	3	mi.	19:04.5	1977
(junior)	Dale Orashen	3	mi.	19:55	1977
(sophomore)	Lorrie Butterfield	3	mi.	17:59	1978
(freshman)	Lorrie Butterfield	3	mi.	18:41.8	1977

Most Times First

(male)	Barney Costello	13		1977
(female)	Sandra Guidotti	11		1975
	Lorrie Butterfield	11		1978

Most Course Records

(male)	Barney Costello	8		1977
(female)	Lorrie Butterfield	9		1978
(frosh)	Cliff Price	5		1974

Longest Winning Streak

(boys)	Ludwik Lubaszka	31		1976-78
(girls)	Ludwik Lubaszka	17		1976-78

Most Wins per Season

(boys)	Ludwik Lubaszka	18		1975
(girls)	Ludwik Lubaszka	17		1979

Undefeated Season

(boys)	Ronald Burd	15-0		1962
	Ludwik Lubaszka	14-0		1976

Undefeated Seasons

(boys)	Ludwik Lubaszka	11-0	1977
	Ludwik Lubaszka	8-0	1979
(girls)	Bill Bausmith	8-0	1977
	Ludwik Lubaszka	17-0	1979

*modified course slightly longer

Cross Country Honor RollAll State 1st Team

Barney Costello	1977
Lorrie Butterfield	1979

All State 2nd Team

Sandra Guidotti	1976
Sandra Guidotti	1977
Lorrie Butterfield	1978
Liese Schaff	1978
Cricket Batz	1979

All State 3rd Team

Liese Schaff	1979
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Delaware River Conference Champions

Barry Case	1969
Steve Davila	1970
Fred Woodruff	1972
Barney Costello	1977
Lorrie Butterfield	1977
Lorrie Butterfield	1978
Lorrie Butterfield	1979

State Sectional Champions

Cricket Batz	1979
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CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country Coach: Ludwik Lubaszka, Georgetown University
 Assistant Cross Country Coach ; Carmela DeMarco

CROSS COUNTRY RECORDS 1959 to 1979

<u>Year</u>	<u>Head Coach</u>	<u>Record</u>		
1959	Ronald Burd	2-5		
1960	Ronald Burd	6-3		<u>Total</u>
1961	Ronald Burd	10-1		33-9
1962	Ronald Burd	15-0		
1963	Russell Riegel	11-4		
	4th in NJSIAA States	County Champions		<u>Total</u>
1964	Russell Riegel	11-4		22-6
		County Champions		
1965	William Craft	7-8		<u>Total</u>
1966	William Craft	5-11		23-26
1967	William Craft	11-7		
1968	Steve Frankenthaler	8-6		
1969	Ludwik Lubaszka	11-4		
1970	Ludwik Lubaszka	11-3-1		
	4th in State NJSIAA Sectional Group IV			
1971	Ludwik Lubaszka	17-3		
	4th in State NJSIAA Sectional Group IV; DRC Champions			
1972	Ludwik Lubaszka	16-2	5-1	
	(boys) 4th in State NJSIAA Sectional Group IV; DRC Champions			
	(girls) 3rd in NJSIAA State			
1973	Ludwik Lubaszka	5-12	4-3	
1974	Frank Osmun	12-10	14-2	
1975	Ludwik Lubaszka	18-2	9-4	
	(boys) 5th in State NJSIAA Sectional Group IV; 9th in State Group IV Finals			
1976	Ludwik Lubaszka	14-0	10-3	
	(boys) State Sectional Champs; 5th in State Group IV Finals;			
	DRC Invitational Champs; DRC Conference Champs			
	(girls) State Sectional Champs; 3rd in State Group IV Finals;			
	DRC Invitational Champs			
1977	Ludwik Lubaszka	11-0	8-0	
	(boys) State Sectional Champs; 7th in State Group IV Finals; Edison			
	Invitational Champs; DRC Invitational Champs; DRC Conference Champs			
	(girls) State Sectional Champs; 5th in State Group IV Finals; Passaic			
	Coaches Inv. Champs; DRC Inv. Champs; DRC Conference Champs			
1978	Ludwik Lubaszka	11-4	12-1	
	(boys) Passaic Coaches Invitational Champs			
	(girls) State Sectional Champs; 5th in Group IV Finals; Passaic Coaches			
	Invitational Champs; Roselle Catholic Turkey Trot Champs; St.			
	John's Invitational Champs; DRC Invitational Champs; DRC			
	Conference Champs			
1979	Ludwik Lubaszka	8-0	17-0	
	(boys) DRC Invitational and Conference Champs			
	(girls) All-State Champs; Group IV Champs; State Sectional Champs; DRC			
	Conference Champs; DRC Invitational Champs; St. John's Invitational			
	Champs; Ridgewood Invitational Champs; Bernard's Invitational Champs;			
	Passaic Coaches Invitational Champs; Roselle Catholic Turkey Trot			
	Champs; Edison Invitational Champs			

Jersey Athletes In the Running At Group Meet

The Hunterdon Central and North Hunterdon girls' teams have good shots at high finishes in the New Jersey group cross country championships in Holmdel today. Both squads won titles in sectional qualifying meets last Saturday.

The Central Red Devils, ranked as the No. 1 girls' team in the state, easily captured the Central Jersey, Group 4 championship, scoring 30 points to 62 for runnerup Raritan.

Devil sophomore Cricket Batz, runnerup to teammate Lori Butterfield in the recent Delaware River Conference championships, was the individual winner in 19 minutes, 29 seconds for a muddy course measuring 5,000 meters (the distance for all sectional races). Beverly Rockhill of Hamilton West was second in 19:36.

Central also got a 4-5-6 finish from Liese Schaff (19:48), Stephanie Guidotti (19:49) and Butterfield (19:55). Butterfield, the runnerup in the sectional meet last season, was one of many runners who lost time because of falling on the treacherous course.

The Devils' fifth scorer was Pat Vowinkel in 14th place. Teammates Jenny Stover and Molly Ragette finished 22nd and 29th, respectively.

In the DRC meet, Central rolled to the team title as Butterfield, Batz, Schaff and Guidotti finished 1-2-3-4.

Central, which finished a disappointing fifth in the state Group 4 championships a year ago, has to be rated the favorite today. North was third in Group 3 last fall and has a good chance to do at least as well.

With Marge DeMarrais taking individual honors in 20:59, the North Lions won the Central Jersey, Group 3 crown with 35 points. Manalapan was second with 65 as Red Bank Catholic, which figured to be a strong contender, slipped to fourth with 135.



GENE
BECKNER

Other overall finishes for the North scorers included a fourth by Sharon Greene, a seventh by Mickie Griffith, a 12th by Sue Dahme and a 16th by Liz Ludwigson. Teammates Lee Malsbury and Kirsten Busch were 50th and 52nd.

The only other Express area girls' team to qualify for today's state meet was Delaware Valley. With Nancy Lauck and Aliassa Andrejack taking 13th and 15th, the Terriers wound up fifth in Central Jersey Group 2. Holmdel was the winner.

Voorhees, competing in the same Group 2 sectional as Delval, placed 10th. The Vikings' best finish was an 18th by Cindy Hup.

From the sectional meets, the first five teams and top 10 runners qualify for today's championships. The only Express area boys' team to make the field was Warren Hills. Four other schools narrowly missed with sixth place finishes. Most of them will be represented by individuals, however.

Warren Hills scored 120 points to finish fifth in the North Jersey Section 2 Group 2 meet. Hillside won with 49.

Roy Van Pyke of Jefferson Township was the individual winner in 17:33. Warren Hills' Derrick Simpkins, who led until making a wrong turn, was third in 17:40. The Blue Streaks' also got a 17th

from Steve Noctor and a 24th from Jim Gibson.

Phillipsburg, which enjoyed a 22-1 dual meet season, had to compete without two regulars and finished only sixth with 202 points in North 2, Group 3. Morris Hills won with 62.

Phillipsburg's Scott Kennedy qualified for the state Group 3 meet with a seventh place finish. The Stateliners' next best effort was an 18th by Wayne Oyer.

Hunterdon Central, North Hunterdon and Delaware Valley all took sixth places in the Central Jersey sectional.

Central, the DRC champion, scored 143 points while Edison won the Group 4 race with 74. Piscataway's Robert Robinson was the individual winner in 16:37.

Central's Chet Sarnowski, the runnerup in the DRC championships, finished third in 16:56 to qualify for today's meet. The Devils also received a 25th from Rich Cherry and a 27th from Raymond Powell.

In Central Jersey, Group 3, Manalapan won with 53 points while North took its sixth with 187. In individual competition Long Branch's Kevin Lundy won in 16:45.

North's John Ennis, still slowed by the injury which forced him to drop out of the DRC race, qualified for the states by finishing seventh in 17:28. The Lions also got a 24th from Matt Isham.

Holmdel won the Group 2 competition with 42 points. Delaware Valley and Voorhees ranked 6-7 with 161 and 197 points. Neither Hunterdon school qualified an individual for the states.

Delval's best finishes were a 16th by Steve Traxinger and a 27th by Paul St. Clair. The Terriers' Paul Lillie, the DRC champion, fell a couple times and wound up a disappointing 39th. Voorhees' top finishes were a 17th by Jeff Dishner and a 23rd by Rich Woods.

Batz, DeMarrais Win Titles

By Bill Tooker

Hunterdon Central successfully defended its Central Jersey Group 4 title. Delaware Valley lost its Central Jersey Group 2 crown of a year ago, and North Hunterdon moved up from second place last season to the top spot in Central Jersey Group 3 in the girls' portion of last Saturday's State Sectional Championships at rainy, muddy Buccleuch Park in New Brunswick. All three teams qualified for the Group Meet at Holmdel Park this Saturday.

The other Hunterdon County team in the competition, Voorhees, was ninth in Central Jersey Group 2.

The Red Devil girls' victory in Group 4 was no surprise, as the Red Devils, the Delaware River Conference champs who are ranked No. 1 in the state, compiled a team total of 30 points, well ahead of runnerup Raritan, which had 62. But what was somewhat shocking was the fact that the first Central runner across the finish line wasn't Lorrie Butterfield.

Sophomore Cricket Batz took the individual sectional crown for the Devils with a winning time of 19 minutes, 29 seconds, just ahead of runnerup Beverly

Rockhill of Hamilton West (19:36). Batz was second to Butterfield in the recent DRC Meet.

Runnerup for Central and fourth overall was Liese Schaff (19:48), followed by teammate Stephanie Guidotti (fifth, 19:49). Butterfield was slowed by the slippery condition of the 2.9-mile course and came in sixth in 19:55.

"The girls ran a super race," remarked Central coach Ludwik Lubaszka. "Batz's time was amazing for the conditions. In fact, anything under 20 (minutes) is exceptional."

Costly Spill

In discussing the sixth turned in by Butterfield, last fall's sectional runnerup, Lubaszka noted, "Lorrie tried to make her move (for the lead) at the half-mile point, but she slipped on a turn and took a spill. After that, she got cold, and couldn't get back in it. I told her to just relax. There was no need for her to push."

Pat Vowinkel (14th, 21:11), Jenny Stover (22nd, 21:43) and Molly Ragette (29th, 22:05) rounded out the finishers for the Devils.

Of his team's chances in this week's Group event, Lubaszka said, "It looks very

good. We definitely have confidence, and I think the problems of last year (when Central finished a subpar fifth) will help us now." The Central coach sees Raritan and Toms River North as this week's toughest challengers.

North coach Bob McGivney summed up his squad's triumph in Group 3 (the Lions had 35 points to second-place Manalapan's 65) by saying, "We were devastating in the mud." North was second in the DRC this season.

Individually, the Lions were paced by Marge DeMarrais, who captured first place in 20:59 on a course McGivney called "a sea of mud." Also in the top ten for North were Sharon Greene (fourth, 21:28) and Mickie Griffith (seventh, 21:35).

"Marge ran the best race of her career," the Lion boss observed of DeMarrais, a sophomore who was sixth in the Sectionals in '78.

Other finishers for North included Sue Dahme (12th, 21:48), Liz Ludwigson (16th, 22:13), Lee Malsbury (50th, 23:49) and Kersten Busch (52nd, 23:59).

The second-year North coach said the key to the Lions' first sectional title since 1974 was "Our hill training. It really paid off in the mud. We had more leg strength than the other teams."

On Saturday, the Lions try to better last season's third-place showing in the Groups. And McGivney is confident his runners can do it.

Delaware Valley may not have won the sectional title, but its fourth place finish guaranteed the Terriers a spot in next week's Group II run.

Nancy Lauck led the Del Val team Saturday with a 13th place finish, with teammate Alissa Andrejack not far behind in 20th position. Other Terriers to place included Lynette Geddes, Donna Wilson and Carolyn Roskowski.

While the other three DRC teams were in the fight for positions in the Groups, the young, building Voorhees squad "went out to have fun in the mud," according to Viking coach Marjorie Paul. "We were very relaxed and ran pretty well."

The top harrier for Voorhees was freshman Cindy Hup (18th, 22:17) followed by Tammy Beam (35th, despite falling four times), Rosemary Woods (41st), Rosey Thomas (57th) and Lucinda Smarro (69th).



Staff photo by Richard Rawlins

THE LOOK OF CONFIDENCE told the story last week as Hunterdon Central's Cricket Batz placed first in the Central Jersey Group IV race. The Devils also won as a team.

Cricket Batz And Marge DeMarrais Lead Central and North To Sectional Titles

NEW BRUNSWICK — It was quite a fine Saturday morning for both the North Hunterdon and Hunterdon Central girls cross country teams, despite the heavy rains and the muddy Buccieuch Park course as both teams got individual champs and team championships in the New Jersey Central Jersey group sectional race.

It might not be surprising that both teams took the title, but the individual winners might be a little bit of a surprise.

North's fine sophomore runner Marge DeMarrais was the first in for the Lions on the sloppy course in a time of 20:59, while teammates Sharon Greene (4th in 21:28), Mickie Griffith (7th in 21:35), Sue Dahme (12th in 21:48) and Liz Ludwigson (18th in 22:13) all followed for a fine Lion grouping.

On the Central side it was Cricket Batz running a fine race to take the Group 4 title in Central Jersey, and lead her Red Devil team to an easy win.

Leise Schaff was fourth in 19:48 to trail Batz's time of 19:29. Stephanie Guidotti was fifth in 19:49, Lorrie Butterfield was 6th in 19:55 and Patty Volwinkel was 14th in 21:11.

The course was a mess, especially in the Group 3 race, the last of the day.

"We were devastating in the mud," Lion coach Bob McGivney joked after the race. "Despite the conditions we had a good grouping, and it was a nice win for the girls."

"We did everything we could think of to stay warm on the cold morning. We put vaseline on the girls' legs to try and keep the heat from escaping and keeping them dry...we stayed on the bus until the last possible moment when we had to take the starting line. I think it all helped us stay warm, and loose," the coach said.

DeMarrais ran a good race as she and Kemper Knight from Manalapan were shoulder-to-shoulder for the second mile, but the Lion soph put a move on and opened up a 20-yard lead and held it in the final mile to win going away.

"It's nice to have Marge back with us at full tilt," McGivney noted. "That's the way she can run. She really loves running and we like her to enjoy herself."

There were 15 teams in the North race, with Manalapan second with a total of 65 points, while the Lions totaled 35.

"I'm convinced, the kids are convinced, and now we just have to see if we are the number one team in the state," coach Ludwick Lubaska said after his Devils had run away with the Central Jersey group 4 title with 30 points, to Raritan's 62.

The next step for both teams is the Group championships to be held this Saturday at Holmdel Park, then the all groups and the Central test against Bernards once again.

"It was a nice job on our kids' part," Lubaska noted. "We felt that we could have done better, but Lorrie Butterfield took a little swim in a mud puddle in the beginning of the race, and just never could get going after that."

Butterfield still took sixth on the day, while Batz got a little incentive with her first place finish. Lubaska also praised the running of Guidotti and Jeni Stover (22nd) for the Devils.

The area boys were not as fortunate as the Central guys placed 6th in Group 4 led by Chet Sarnowski's fourth place overall finish in 16:56.

"I'm a little disappointed in the guys," Lubaska noted. "But they're all young kids and they'll be back."

Senior Pete Rosen ran, despite being ill all week, in a gutsy performance.

The North guys also took sixth with John Ennis finishing in the top 10 at seventh in 17:28 to qualify for the group's this weekend.

Voorhees had a problem with keeping their shoes on, as the top three Viking runners had to run in their practice shoes, because they left their shoes in a father's car and the father left with them.

Jeff Dishner was the first in for the Vikes in 17th, while their top runner Rich Woods had a bad spill at the start and spent the entire race passing over 130 kids to place 23rd after starting dead-last.

"It was just one of those days that I shouldn't be reminded of," Viking coach Ed Lavan said.

The Voorhees girls placed ninth in their group 2 race after winning their final meet of the season to finish at 7-6 in dual meets.

The future looks bright for the young Vikes with their best two runners being frosh Tammv Beam and Cindy Hup.

CENTRAL JERSEY

Hunterdon Central and Bernards had no trouble winning their sectional races at Buccleuch Park, New Brunswick, as they headed for a final confrontation in

GROUP 4

TEAM SCORES: 1-Hunterdon Central 30, 2-Raritan 62, 3-East Brunswick 100, 4-Piscataway 129, 5-Hamilton West 165, 6-Hamilton East 173, 7-Matawan 183, 8-Woodbridge 227, 10-Sayreville 237, 11-Madison Central 283, 12-Trenton 286, 13-Middletown South 302, 14-North Edison 307, 15-Cedar Ridge 310.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Cricket Batz, Hunterdon Central, 19:29, 2-Beverly Rockhill, Hamilton West, 19:36, 3-Tracey Deely, Raritan, 19:38, 4-Liese Schaff, Hunterdon Central, 19:48, 5-Stephanie Guidotti, Hunterdon Central, 19:49, 6-Lori Butterfield, Hunterdon Central, 19:55, 7-Alyson Hendricks, Matawan, 20:03, 8-Patti Gillen, Middletown South, 20:12, 9-Amy Hansen, Woodbridge, 20:28, 10-Debbie Russell-Brown, Franklin Township, 20:32.

GROUP 3

TEAM SCORES: 1-North Hunterdon 35, 2-Manalapan 65, 3-Freehold Township 105, 4-Red Bank Catholic 135, 5-Somerville 177, 6-Hightstown 200, 7-Marlboro 210, 8-Howell 211, 9-Manasquan 222, 10-Iselin 249, 11-Bridgewater West 256, 12-Carteret 268, 13-South Plainfield 297, 14-Bridgewater East 375, 15-Ewing 490.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Marge DeMarrais, North Hunterdon, 20:59, 2-Kemper Knight, Manalapan, 21:08, 3-Kim Wamoler, Long Branch, 21:21, 4-Sharon Greene, North Hunterdon, 21:28, 5-Laura Fyfe, Ocean Township, 21:32, 6-Sharon Bennett, Hightstown, 21:34, 7-Mickie Griffith, North Hunterdon, 21:35, 8-Sandy Cook, Howell, 21:35, 9-Sue Jamison, Hightstown, 21:43, 10-Erna DeWaart, Bridgewater West.

GROUP 2

TEAM SCORES: 1-Holmdel 42, 2-St. John Vianney 46, 3-Metuchen 60, 4-Delaware Valley 152, 5-North Brunswick 157, 6-Rumson 159, 7-Princeton 169, 8-Hopewell Valley 172, 9-Voorhees 220, 10-St. Rose 274, 11-South Brunswick 311.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Ann Marie Martinek, St. John Vianney, 19:52, 2-Kathy McEwan, Holmdel, 20:50, 3-Patty Fredricks, Holmdel, 20:50, 4-Barbara Stone, Holmdel, 20:58, 5-Shelagh Reilly, Metuchen, 21:07, 6-Fran Coughlin, Princeton, 21:24, 7-Ann Lamura, St. John Vianney, 21:31, 8-Sue Gill, Metuchen, 21:33, 9-Cammy Kelly, St. John Vianney, 21:39, 10-Lauri Colapinto, St. John Vianney.

GROUP 1

TEAM SCORES: 1-Bernards 20, 2-Mater Dei 51, 3-Bound Brook 93, 4-Highland Park 102, 5-Immaculata 124, 6-Keansburg 156.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Meg Waldron, Bernards, 19:42, 2-Judy Ruff, Highland Park, 19:40, 3-Amy Meyer, Bernards, 19:42, 4-Julie Blanchet, Bernards, 20:09, 5-Jane Armstrong, Bernards, 20:26, 6-Sue Minogue, Mater Dei, 20:29, 7-Lori Gentile, Bernards, 20:43, 8-Maria Miele, Mater Dei, 21:01, 9-Barbara Lagarene, Bernards, 21:14, 10-Lisa Stewart, Bound Brook, 21:24.

Sectional Cross Country

Ennis, Sarnowski Qualify But Teams Sink In Mud

The Delaware River Conference boys' cross-country teams found that mud and success don't mix very well when they took part in the State Sectional Championships at Buccleuch Park in New Brunswick on Saturday.

An all-day rain on Friday that lasted into Saturday morning turned the 2.9-mile course into a treacherous quagmire, better suited to swimming than running. And the results for the four local squads were three sixths and a seventh.

The sixth-place teams were Hunterdon Central, the DRC champion, with 143 points in Central Jersey Group 4 (winning Edison had 74 markers); North Hunterdon, which piled up 187 points in Central Group 3 (Manalapan won with 53); and Delaware Valley, which had 161 markers in Central Group 2 (Holmdel was first with 42). Voorhees was right behind Del Val in Central Group 2 with 187 points.

Since only the top five teams in each race qualify for the Group Championships at Holmdel Park on Saturday, none of the local squads advanced.

Two Bright Spots

The lone bright spots on an otherwise gloomy day for the county representatives were the individual performances of two DRC harriers.

Central's Chet Sarnowski, the runnerup in the recent DRC Meet, skidded to a fourth-place finish in Central Group 4 in 16 minutes, 56 seconds. Bob Robinson of Piscataway won in 16:27.

And senior John Ennis of North picked himself up out of the mud several times on the way to a seventh in 17:28 in Central Group 3. The week before, Ennis had dropped out of the DRC Meet due to ankle problems. Group 3 winner Kevin Lundy of Long Branch ran a 16:45.

With their fine showings, Sarnowski and Ennis qualified as individuals for the Groups. The top 10 runners in each race get a pass into the Groups.

A major disappointment in the race was Del Val's Paul "Snake" Lillie. The DRC Meet winner couldn't handle the slick course conditions and finished 39th in 19:02 in Group 2.

The showing of the Central boys was a letdown to coach Ludwik Lubaszka, who stated, "They were never in it. But instead of finishing strong and showing some class, they turned in the other direction."

After Sarnowski, a junior, whom Lubaszka said "was very nervous in the race," came Central's Rich Cherry (25th), Raymond Powell (27th), Allen Acken (42nd) and Dennis Sullivan (45th).

North coach Bob O'Rourke was also disappointed in his team's overall showing. "We should've gotten second," he declared. "It just hasn't been there for us the past couple of weeks."

(However, O'Rourke liked the way Ennis performed, declaring, "John ran a good race. He had a tough week (in the DRC Meet and the Lions' final dual meet, when he had to stop because of his ankle). But now he's back in good shape, physically and mentally.

"John fell a couple of times during the race (on Saturday)," the North boss added. "But so did everybody else. I'd like to see John get in the top ten in the Groups. It's not out of the question."

Others finishing for the Lions were Matt Isham (24th), Greg Tkac (43rd), Gary Deemer (51st) and Al Brown (62nd).

Petty Satisfied

Overall, Del Val mentor Bill Petty expressed satisfaction over the Terriers' team effort.

"I think it was pretty good," Petty commented. "To come back and beat Voorhees with what we had (following five suspensions) was satisfying."

Of Lillie, a junior, who finished fourth for Del Val behind teammates Steve Traxinger (16th, 18:17), Paul St. Clair (27th, 18:43) and Jack Shoemaker (34th, 18:52), Petty said, "He fell five times, and mentally, he just lost it. He couldn't get back in the race.

"He should've been in the top five (under better conditions)," the Terrier coach added. "But I was happy to see him finish. He could've said, 'The heck with it.' It was important that he stayed in there."

Voorhees not only had to contend with bad footing on Saturday. The Viking runners didn't even have their racing shoes for the important event.

"There was a mixup with the bags, and the kids were standing there at 11 o'clock without their shoes," recalled Voorhees coach Ed Lavan. "It was a zoo." Voorhees had to run in their warmup footwear.

The Vikings' top runner, Rich Woods (third in the DRC Meet), "fell flat on his face at the starting line," and had trouble all the way on the course. He was 23rd, behind teammate Jeff Dishner (17th). Also finishing for Voorhees were Dave Pettegrove (41st), Alex Buzzah (52nd) and Steve Parker (53rd).

"The conditions were unbelievable," added Lavan, in making mention of the ankle-deep mud in some spots on the layout. "But I can't complain. Everybody else had to put up with it, too."

BILL T.

Making A Run

This Saturday morning both the Hunterdon Central and North Hunterdon girls will be competing in the state cross country championships.

It has to be the highlight of cross country in the history of the conference. Last week Central, ranked first in the state, won the Group IV state championship, while North finished second in Group III. Both accomplishments are noteworthy.

Now Central has a chance to win it all—The State Title. A victory would enable the Devils to be the only team able to claim the crown. Meanwhile, North has a good shot at placing high in the championships as well.

In the past, especially last year, Central had a tendency around sectional time. Last year the Devils did not even qualify to make the trip to Holmdel.

On Saturday things should be different, however. Lorrie Butterfield, Cricket Batz, Leise Schaff, Stephanie Guidotti and teammates will be attempting to bring the title home. Lions Sharon Greene, Mickie Griffith and Marge DeMarrais can also make a good showing.

We wish them all luck in their meet.



(Photo by Stan Berger)

IN FRONT AT THE START — Hunterdon Central's Leise Schaff (right) and teammate Lorrie Butterfield (left center) battle with Joetta Clark of Columbia for the lead in the beginning of the Group 4 girls' cross country championships on Saturday in Holmdel. But-

terfield went to finish second in the race, 15 seconds ahead of Clark. Schaff dropped out, but the Devils won the team title. They'll run next week to prove their number-one state ranking.



Junior Allen Acken shows his running abilities during last weeks DRC cross-country meet.

photo by Joe Epstein



Jeni Stover and Patty Vowinkel display the type of determination that raised the girl's X-Country team to number one.



IN THE LEAD — Hunterdon Central's Chet Sarnowski, shown here ahead of the pack during an earlier race, is one of the runners expected to well today in the New Jersey group cross country championships for boys in Holmdel.



Photo by Cary Herz

Competitors in the Group 4 Central Jersey championships splash their way through Buccleuch Park in New Brunswick yesterday

Lions Second In Cross Country

Devil Girls Claim Group Championship

By Bill Tooker

What a difference a year has made for the Hunterdon Central girls' cross-country team.

In '78, the Red Devil harriers went into the New Jersey Group Championships as the No. 1-ranked squad in the state, but collapsed under the pressure and finished a disappointing fifth in Group 4 competition. A team that might've been the best in the state didn't even qualify for the state meet.

But this year, Central's girls were a year older and wiser going into the Group Meet last Saturday at Holmdel Park. And the experience showed, as the Devils upheld their top state ranking of '79 by running away with the Group 4 race, and thus establishing themselves as a solid favorite to win the state title in the NJSIAA Meet of Champions on Saturday (12:30 p.m.) at Holmdel Park.

Meanwhile, Hunterdon County's "other team" in girls' cross-country, North Hunterdon, also had an outstanding day in the Groups. The Lions, who have had to take a back seat to the Devils the last couple of years, again proved they are exceptional runners in their own right by taking second place in the Group 3 run, thus bettering their third-place showing of last fall. With the result, North also earned a spot in the 12-team Meet of Champions field.

In other results, Delaware Valley's girls' team came in eighth in the Group 2 run, while in boys' action, Chet Sarnowski of Central finished 34th in 17 minutes, 34 seconds in Group 4, and North's John Ennis was forced to drop out of the Group 3 run at about the mile mark of the three-mile event because of a recurring ankle injury.

Butterfield Back

The Central girls' win in Group 4 was paced by the front-running pack of Lorrie Butterfield (second, 19:34), Cricket Batz (third, 19:44) and Stephanie Guidotti (sixth, 19:51). The fourth Devil usually among the leaders, Liese Schaff, had to stop running just short of the two-mile point because of heat exhaustion on the unusually humid, 65-degree day.

But Central was still able to win rather easily (83 points to 109 for runnerup Toms River North) because of the strong finishes of Pat Vowinkel (30th, 21:32) and Jenny Stover (43rd, 21:48). Completing the field for the Delaware River Conference and Central Jersey Group 4 champs was Molly Ragette (50th, 22:00).

The big difference for the Devils in the Groups this season, according to coach Ludwik Lubaszka, was their ability to pace themselves on the early part of the hilly course.

"Our downfall last year was that we couldn't pace ourselves," Lubaszka noted. "We went out much too strong. This year, all my girls started fast again, but they were a little more cautious in the earlier part.

"At the half-mile mark, we were 1-3-5-16," the Central mentor continued. "At one-and-three-quarter miles, we had four in the top six. But I could see Liese struggling. She has trouble in warm, humid weather. Rather than pass out, she stopped. But Pat (Vowinkel) looked extremely well for us, so the fact that Liese couldn't finish didn't hurt us."

Another key to the race, in Lubaszka's opinion, was that "nobody bunched the way we did: We controlled the race from start to

finish. We ran in a tight pack, and the back kids gave us insurance.

The Devil pilot added that Butterfield, the three-time DRC titlist who tailed off to 58th in last year's Group event, could've beaten individual winner Bev Rockhill of Hamilton West (19:27), but, "We target against other teams, and we've had good results. If you want to go out and get individuals, forget it. Our success week in and week out has been running as a team.

"And it's not to our disadvantage that Lorrie and Cricket came in where they did," Lubaszka insisted. "They conserved something for this week."

The Central coach singled out Old Tappan (Group 3 winner) and Bernards (Group 1 champs) as his team's top challengers on Saturday.

Regarding his squad's strategy in the Meet of Champions, Lubaszka declared, "We'll go out cautious, and make our move at the mile mark. Anybody who goes out hard on that (Holmdel) course will lose.

"Right now, the kids feel super. They know they're the best, and they know what they have to do to win."

Greene Is Second

Another happy coach after Saturday's race was North's Bob McGivney. His Lion harriers, behind Sharon Greene (fourth, 19:52), Mickie Griffith (sixth, 19:56) and Marge DeMarrais (12th, 20:17), accumulated 88 team points in Group 3, to

finish a strong second behind Old Tappan (54 points) and ahead of tough Pequannock (100 markers).

"I figured Pequannock was the team to beat," McGivney admitted. "But Old Tappan ran a great race. It was the kind of race where no one of the other teams lost it; Old Tappan went out and won it."

Other North runners in the field included Liz Ludwigson (41st, 21:22), Sue Dahme (45th, 21:35), Kersten Busch (68th, 22:25) and Kim Boren (77th, 22:42).

McGivney said his DRC runnersup "had an excellent race. Greene and Griffith had the best races of their careers.

"We did what we thought we had to do, but somebody (Old Tappan) went around left end and cut us off," observed the Lion boss, who is also an avid football fan.

As for Saturday's Meet of Champions, McGivney stated, "I hope we can have our best race of the year. This is the time

The second-year coach sees Central, Bernards and Old Tappan as the squads to beat, but added, "If we finish in the top six (as a team), I'll consider it a successful season."

Del Val's eighth-place showing (201 points to 100 for winning St. John's Vianney) was paced by Nancy Lauck (16th, 21:15), who was followed by Terrier teammates Carolyn Roskowski (22:11), Alissa Andrejack (22:12), Diane Cranmer (22:33), Lynette Geddes (22:46), Donna Wilson (24:13) and Joyce Heininger (25:27).

"We did all right," said Del Val coach Nancy Icenhower. "Considering the season we had, I was pleased with eighth." The Terriers were sixth in the Groups last season.

Central Girls Cop 4 Title, While Lions Finish Close Second

HOLMDEL — It was the same old story, but a fine old story as the Hunterdon Central girls cross country team copped the Group 4 championship at Holmdel Park on Saturday. They had the girls up front just where they belong as they ran past Toms River North, 83-109.

The North Hunterdon team ran a super race, but was edged out by another super effort by Old Tappan to finish second in the group 3 race.

Central coach Ludwick Lubaska and Lion coach Bob McGivney couldn't have been happier.

Lorrie Butterfield and Cricket Batz finished 2-3 to spark the Central win, but as usual the Devils had others up front to score some points with Stephanie Guidotti sixth, Patty Volwinkel 30th and Jeni Stover 43rd in the win.

Central's usual third place finisher, and sometimes first place finisher, Leise Schaff had to drop

from the race after two miles. Yet the Devils had enough depth to win it easily.

"It's the case of going out a bit too hard," Lubaska noted. "A lot of the kids went out hard on the course, and at the two mile mark up a steep hill, it really took it's toll. Leise just lost her form, and couldn't get it back together. It bothered Lorrie for a bit too, but she just shook her arms and kept on going."

Guidotti ran a super race, as she trailed the leaders in the pack; but made up ground in the final mile to finish in sixth. Butterfield came in at 19:34, seven seconds behind Hamilton West's Bev Rockhill on the 5000-meter course.

Batz was right behind in 19:44, while Guidotti had a time of 19:51. Both Volwinkel and Stover came on fast when they saw Schaff fall out of the race.

"That was the key when they saw

Leise in trouble," Lubaska noted, "The performance of Vowinkel and Stover was very good. They came on strong when they knew it meant us winning."

"I think it all boils down to a matter of consistency really," he added. "The kids were very confident in this race, and are about this coming week's all groups race as well. We know that it will be tough. They realize that they don't just have to show up to win, They're tough kids and they know what they have to do to win."

"I really think that the best team on the course Saturday was Old Tappan," North coach Bob McGivney noted. "I think that the girls from North Hunterdon don't feel so bad. We beat the team we thought we had to beat to win it all, Pequannock, but Old Tappan's kids ran absolutely super."



DELIGHTED DEVILS — From left, Liese Schaff, Stephanie Guidotti, Lorrie Butterfield and Cricket Batz showed yesterday when it comes to running, there's none better in New Jersey. Butterfield finished second and Batz third.

— Express Photo by Tim Kozikowski

Central Girls Best In State

HOLMDEL, N.J. — It's official. Hunterdon Central's girls cross country team is the best in New Jersey!

The Red Devils, who won the NJSIAA Group 4 title a week ago, added the girls overall state championship yesterday when they scored 52 points to outdistance a 12-team field in the annual New Jersey Meet of Champions at Holmdel Park.

Old Tappan, the Group 3 champion, was second with 63 points. North Hunterdon, the runnerup in Group 3, took third place with 111 points. Bernards was fourth with 114 and Mater Dei fifth with 132.

The field included girls who were competing with teams and girls who were competing only as individuals. For team scoring purposes, the individual competitors were not counted.

Ann Gladue of Bayley-Ellard, competing as an individual, was the overall winner. Her time of 18:17 for the 5,000-meter course was more than one minute faster than the 19:19 of Summit's The-

resa Gskwind, another individual competitor.

Central's Lorrie Butterfield finished 10th overall in 19:48 but was the No. 1 finisher among girls competing with teams. The Devils favored got their 52 points on a 1-5-6-13-27 finish.

Overall, Central's other finishers included Cricket Batz, 16th in 20:08; Liese Schaff, 17th in 20:09; Stephanie Guidotti, 26th in 20:24, and Pat Vowinkel, 49th in 21:10.

"I thought we'd win," said Central coach Ludwig Labaska. "The times weren't as good as last week, but our purpose was to do one thing and one thing only: win the team championship.

"The pace was slow. Everybody was cautious. That made it easy for us. We just played for position. We were in command from the half-mile mark on."

Marge DeMarrais and Sharon Greene led an 8-9-23-30-41 team scoring effort for North Hunterdon.

The Lions and their overall finishes included: DeMarrais, 19th

in 20:11; Greene, 20th in 20:12; Mickie Griffith, 41st in 20:50; Liz Ludwigson, 53rd in 21:16, and Sue Dahme, 64th in 21:38.

"Our girls ran an excellent race," said North coach Bob McGivney. "This team has really come a long way. This was the second week in a row that we did better than Bernards. In our first dual meet they shut us out."

In the boys competition, an unusual occurrence saw Haddonfield's Jim Smith and Long Branch's Kevin Lundy tie for first place in 16:09. Christian Brothers won the team title with 54 points to 111 for runnerup Long Branch.

Smith by nose; Gladue perfect

By GRANT EDWARDS

In a diving finish, Jim Smith of Haddonfield edged Kevin Lundy of Long Branch to win the eighth annual NJSIAA all-group cross-country championship yesterday on a clear, windy afternoon at Holmdel County Park in Holmdel.

The girls' race had no such heroics as Ann Gladue of Bayley-Ellard completed her second perfect season against state competition when she won the race by 300 yards from Theresa Gschwind of Summit in 18:17.6.

Christian Brothers Academy of Lincroft and Hunterdon Central, which had led the state rankings since the first week of the season, confirmed their positions by taking the two team titles. CBA was an easy winner in the boys' race, 57-116, over a young Bernards team but Hunterdon Central survived a strong challenge by Old Tappan to win the girls' title, 52-63.

Not since the first all-group meet at Ocean County Park in 1972, when Harry Kronick of Franklin Township edged Greg Miller of Northern Highlands, had there been a really close finish in this meet. But Smith and Lundy made up for it yesterday as they hit the finish line in an identical 16:09.5.

Smith, as expected, set the pace most of the way and had 35 yards on Lundy as they headed down the slope for the final half mile of the race. Lundy closed the gap and actually took the lead at one point. But Smith fought back to win by inches.

Ian Leavesley of Mahwah, who runs a limited schedule because of a low blood sugar condition, took third place in 16:21, four seconds ahead of Bob Robinson of Piscataway. Then came Marc Librizzi, leading the CBA team in fifth place.

CBA, which lost only one meet all season, had its five scoring runners among the first 40 finishers. John McCabe was 19th, Kevin Brandon 26th, Greg Karpick 31st and Steve Apostolacus 40th. No other team had its third man across when Apostolacus finished.

Bernards, which runs with three sophomores and two freshmen in its first seven, edged Manalapan by two points for second place. It was a bad day for Group 4 teams. Toms River South was the first finisher from that division in fifth place.

Gladue proved again that she is simply in a class by herself among New Jersey runners. In the last two years, Ann has never been seriously tested in any of her races within the state. Her only loss in that time was to New York champion Laura Whitney in the Manhattan Invitation, a defeat she avenged the next week in the St. John's meet.

Gschwind, who had missed last week's Group 3 meet, had a 50-yard margin on Cathy Stone of Vernon, whose third-place finish was the major individual surprise of the day. One of the state's best runners last year, Cathy had missed the first half of the current season with injuries and was only fifth in last week's Group 2 race.

Completing the top five in the race were Beverly Rockhill of Hamilton West, who came out of nowhere last week to take the Group 4 title, and Judy Ruff of Highland Park. Mary Ellen McGowan of Pascack Valley, the Group 3 champion, was back in ninth place and Lisa Pakutka of Hopatcong, the Group 2 champion, had an off day and finished 44th.

Hunterdon Central, which will bring its entire team back next year, won on the strength of its first four runners. Lori Butterfield led the way in 10th place, Cricket Batz was 16th, Liese Schaff 17th

and Stephanie Guidotti 26th.

The race ended the scholastic season for all entries except Smith and Gladue, who will be going to San Diego, Calif., for the first national scholastic meet in three weeks. Also making that trip will be Jerry Andrews of Highland, who had to drop out of both yesterday's race and the Group 4 meet the week before because of injuries.

BOYS

TEAM SCORES: 1-Christian Brothers 57, 2-Bernards 116, 3-Manalapan 118, 4-Long Branch 142, 5-Toms River South 171, 6-Delsea 176, 7-Westfield 197, 8-Sefon Hall 207, 9-Memorial (W.N.Y.) 213, 10-Queen of Peace 214, 11-Mountain Lakes 272, 12-Sparta 272, 13-Haddonfield 282, 14-Bayley-Ellard 298, 15-Madison Borough 320, 16-Leonia 341.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-James Smith, Haddonfield, 16:09.5, 2-Kevin Lundy, Long Branch, 16:09.5, 3-Ian Leavesley, Mahwah, 16:21, 4-Bob Robinson, Piscataway, 16:25, 5-Marc Librizzi, Christian Brothers, 16:26, 6-Joe Buda, Toms River North, 16:28, 7-Tom Fischer, Manalapan, 16:29, 8-Cliff Sheehan, Westfield, 16:35, 9-Greg Noll, Morris Catholic, 16:37, 10-Tom Milligan, Delsea, 16:39, 11-Greg Oley, Long Branch, 16:40, 12-Brian Harshman, Montgomery, 16:40, 13-Don Decker, Oakcrest, 16:40, 14-Sean Gormley, Bergen Catholic, 16:41, 15-Steve Gruba, Vernon, 16:42, 16-George DelaVega, Emerson (U.C.), 16:43, 17-Bill Denver, Rumson, 16:44, 18-Dave Salerno, Morristown, 16:47, 19-John McCabe, Christian Brothers, 16:49, 20-Mike Benson, Toms River South, 16:53, 21-Tom Hoyrd, Snyder, 16:54, 22-Pat Fogarty, Queen of Peace, 16:55, 23-John Leary, Bayley-Ellard, 16:57, 24-Jorge Caycedo, Memorial (W.N.Y.), 16:58, 25-John Nelson, Old Tappan, 17:01.

GIRLS

TEAM SCORES: 1-Hunterdon Central 52, 2-Old Tappan 63, 3-North Hunterdon 111, 4-Bernards 114, 5-Mater Dei 132, 6-Toms River North 134, 7-Pequanock 144, 8-Ridgewood 194, 9-St. John Vianney 210, 10-Holmdel 274.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Ann Gladue, Bayley-Ellard, 18:17.6, 2-Theresa Gschwind, Summit, 19:19.8, 3-Cathy Stone, Vernon, 19:29, 4-Beverly Rockhill, Hamilton West, 19:35, 5-Judy Ruff, Highland Park, 19:37, 6-Violetta Josevska, Garfield, 19:38, 7-Renee DeFeo, Clayton, 19:40, 8-Joan Luckhowec, East Brunswick, 19:43, 9-Mary Ellen McGowan, Pascack Valley, 19:44, 10-Lori Butterfield, Hunterdon Central, 19:48, 11-Debbie Meberg, Old Tappan, 19:54, 12-Lisa Szymanski, Toms River East, 19:54, 13-Janet Flood, Toms River North, 19:56, 14-Sue Minogue, Mater Dei, 20:00, 15-Alyson Hendricks, Matawan, 20:01, 16-Cricket Batz, Hunterdon Central, 20:08, 17-Liese Schaff, Hunterdon Central, 20:09, 18-Carol Dickstein, Ridgewood, 20:10, 19-Marge DeMarrais, North Hunterdon, 20:11, 20-Sharon Greene, North Hunterdon, 20:12, 21-Megan Murtaugh, Old Tappan, 20:13, 22-Sue McSweeney, Old Tappan, 20:14, 23-Ann Marie Martinek, St. John Vianney, 20:15, 24-Karen Flanagan, Jefferson Township, 20:15, 25-Doreen Startare, Paul VI (Haddonfield), 20:21.

Central Girls First in State Run

HOLMDEL, N.J. — Hunterdon Central won a team championship and North Hunterdon was a second place finisher yesterday in the girls competition at the annual New Jersey state cross country championships at Holmdel Park.

Lorrie Butterfield and Cricket Batz finished 2-3 to spark the Central Red Devils to the girls Group 4 title. North wound up second among Group 3 girls with the help of a fourth place by Sharon Greene and a sixth by Mickie Griffith.

In the Group 4 girls race, Central won with 83 points to 109 for runnerup Toms River North. Ridgewood was third in the 20-team field with 112.

Bev Rockhill of Hamilton West was the individual winner in 19:27 on a muddy 5,000-meter course. Butterfield finished second in 19:34 with Batz third in 19:44. Central's Stephanie Guidotti added a sixth in 19:51.

"Lori looked very good and Cricket ran her usual good race," said Central coach Ludwig Labaska. "Guidotti gave one of her best performances. This is her first year of running."

Everything wasn't perfect for Central, though. The team's usual No. 3 runner, Liese Schaff, encountered problems and had to drop out about two-thirds of the way through the race. But the Devils' depth showed as Pat Vowinkel finished 30th in 21:32 and Jenni Stover came in 43rd in 21:48. "Liese has trouble with the heat and the temperature was about 62 degrees. She went out a little too fast," said Labaska. "The performance of Vowinkel and Stover was very good. They both came on strong when they knew Liese was out of the race."

Chet Sarnowski, Central's only entrant in the Group 4 boys race, came in 34th in 17:24. Cliff Sheehan of Westfield was the individual winner in 16:16, helping his team win a close contest with 125 points. Memorial of West New York was second with 132 and Toms River South third with 134.

Old Tappan won the Group 3 girls race with 54 points. North Hunterdon scored 88 points for its second place

and Pequannock took third with 100.

"We ran a nice race," said North coach Bob McGivney. "I thought Pequannock was the team to beat, but Old Tappan had a super race. It wasn't a case of one team losing, it was a case of one team going out and winning it. I don't think we could have done much better."

Mary Ellen McGowan of Pascack Valley won the race in 19:37. For North, Greene was fourth in 19:52 and Griffith sixth in 19:56. The Lions' other finishes included a 12th by Marge DeMarras, a 41st by Liz Ludwigson and a 45th by Sue Dahme.

Manalapan won the Group 3 boys race 105-112 over Long Branch. Long Branch was helped by individual winner Kevin Lundy (16:07). Phillipsburg's Scott Kennedy placed 18th, while North Hunterdon's John Ennis dropped out early after reinjuring an ankle.

Warren Hills finished eighth in the Group 2 boys race with 120 points. The

top three finishers were Sparta with 120, Haddonfield with 137 and Madison Boro with 153.

Haddonfield's Jim Smith was the individual winner in 16:04, the best time of the day. Derrick Simpkins and Andre Banks, both timed in 17:18, finished 18-19 for Warren Hills. The Blue Streaks also got a 47th from Steve Noctor, a 59th from Pat Dippel and a 65th from Shawn Finley.

The top three teams and first 10 individuals in each group race qualify for the meet of championships to be held on the same course on Saturday.

GROUP 4

TEAM SCORES: 1—Hunterdon Central 83, 2-Toms River North 109, 3-Ridgewood 125, 4-Raritan 136, 5-Columbia 188, 6-Brick 207, 7-Morristown 210, 8-Plainfield 218, 9-East Brunswick 218, 10-Paterson Kennedy 262, 11-Kearny 271, 12-Bergenfield 285, 13-Hamilton West 349, 14-Cranford 359, 15-Toms River South 364, 16-Piscataway 369, 17-Memorial (W.N.Y.) 373, 18-Jackson Township 433, 19-Vineland 471, 20-Morris Knolls 478.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Beverly Rockhill, Hamilton West, 19:27, 2-Lori Butterfield, Hunterdon Central, 19:34, 3-Cricket Batz, Hunterdon Central, 19:44, 4-Carol Dickstein, Ridgewood, 19:47, 5-Joetta Clark, Columbia, 19:49, 6-Stephanie Guidotti, Hunterdon Central 19:51, 7-Joan Luckhowec, East Brunswick, 19:53, 8-Alyson Hendricks, Manalapan, 19:57, 9-Linda King, Roxbury, 20:01, 10-Mary Ellen Mileski, Ridgewood, 20:06, 11-Tracey Deely, Raritan, 20:07, 12-Mary Beth Hogan, Cranford, 20:09, 13-Janet Flood, Toms River North, 20:13, 14-Lisa Schadier, Bergenfield, 20:15, 15-Lisa Mitchell, Toms River South, 20:21, 16-Lisa Green, Bloomfield, 20:29, 17-Amy Hansen, Woodbridge, 20:30, 18-Kathy Duffy, Ridgewood, 20:31, 19-Riva Gensib, Cherry Hill West, 20:34, 20-Karen Mulford, Toms River North, 20:36.

GROUP 3

TEAM SCORES: 1-Old Tappan 54, 2-North Hunterdon 88, 3-Pequannock 100, 4-Red Bank Catholic 139, 5-Pascack Valley 211, 6-Toms River East 217, 7-Paul VI (Haddonfield) 219, 8-Manalapan 241, 9-Dumont 277, 10-Freehold Township 296, 11-Holy Cross 285, 12-Randolph 305, 13-Point Pleasant Borough 330, 14-Morris Hills 340, 15-Lakewood 345, 16-Somerville 371, 17-Hoboken 376, 18-Vailsburg 394.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Mary Ellen McGowan, Pascack Valley, 19:37, 2-Doreen Startare, Paul VI (Had.), 19:48, 3-Debbie Meberg, Old Tappan, 19:51, 4-Sharon Greene, North Hunterdon, 19:52, 5-Colleen Dunn, Old Tappan, 19:54, 6-Micki Griffith, North Hunterdon, 19:56, 7-Nancy Staudt, Lakewood, 20:01, 8-Lisa Szymanski, Toms River East, 20:03, 9-Sandy Cook, Howell, 20:05, 10-Meg Murtaugh, Old Tappan, 20:06, 11-Gwen White, Hoboken, 20:14, 12-Marge DeMarras, North Hunterdon, 20:17, 13-Laura Forsyth, Pequannock, 20:20, 14-Sue McSweeney, Old Tappan, 20:25, 15-Cheryl Wagner, Pascack Valley, 20:26, 16-Patty Leisher, Summit, 20:27, 17-Barbara Forsyth, Pequannock, 20:31, 18-Tracey VanDyke, Red Bank Catholic, 20:32, 19-Pam Okolita, Cliffside Park, 20:33, 20-Laura McGoff, Point Pleasant Borough, 20:34.

GROUP 2

TEAM SCORES: 1-St. John Vianney 100, 2-Holmdel 139, 3-Haddonfield 142, 4-Hopatcong 150, 5-Mount Olive 171, 6-St. Joseph's (Toms River) 180, 7-Vernon 188, 8-Delaware Valley 210, 9-Jefferson Township 217, 10-Metuchen 240, 11-Dover 279, 12-North Brunswick 290, 13-Saddle Brook 299, 14-Haddon Township 314, 15-Butler 336, 16-DePaul 360, 17-Deiran 376, 18-Rutherford 377.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Lisa Pakutka, Hopatcong, 19:22, 2-Eva Marie Berardi, Williamstown, 19:41, 3-Violetta Josevska, Garfield, 19:58, 4-Ann Marie Martinek, St. John Vianney, 20:07, 5-Cathy Stone, Vernon, 20:15, 6-Cathy McEowan, Holmdel, 20:15, 7-Patty Fredericks, Holmdel, 20:18, 8-Karen Flanagan, Jefferson Township, 20:23, 9-Sue Hollister, Jefferson Township, 20:30, 10-Laura Falci, Saddle Brook, 20:31, 11-Lisa Moran, Haddonfield, 20:36, 12-Barbara Spang, Holmdel, 20:58, 13-Fran Coughlin, Princeton, 21:05, 14-Cindy Ciliwik, Garfield, 21:04, 15-Angie Pupo, Deiran, 21:11, 16-Nancy Lauck, Delaware Valley, 21:14, 17-Colleen Egan, Haddonfield, 21:14, 18-Margie Chaparro, Dover, 21:15, 19-Cammy Kelly, St. John Vianney, 21:16, 20-Colleen Murphy, DePaul, 21:17.

GROUP 1

TEAM SCORES: 1-Bernards 33, 2-Mater Dei 43, 3-Kinnelon 170, 4-Woodbury 191, 5-Bound Brook 197, 6-Cresskill 201, 7-Highland Park 206, 8-Morris Catholic 219, 9-Glen Ridge 239, 10-Immaculata 251, 11-Manchester Township 296, 12-Paul VI (Clifton) 317, 13-Pinelands 319, 14-Midland Park 325, 15-Eastern Christian 365, 16-Secaucus 387.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Ann Gladue, Bayley-Ellard, 18:19, 2-Meg Waldron, Bernards, 19:14, 3-Judy Ruff, Highland Park, 19:30, 4-Renee DeFeo, Clayton, 19:36, 5-Sue Minogue, Mater Dei, 20:15, 6-Erin McKenna, Mater Dei, 20:25, 7-Jane Armstrong, Bernards, 20:27, 8-Julie Blancher, Bernards, 20:30, 9-Nancy Schmidt, Kinnelon, 20:34, 10-Simone Mele, Cresskill, 20:44, 11-Lori Gentile, Bernards, 20:47, 12-Maria Miele, Mater Dei, 20:49, 13-Megan Kappel, Mater Dei, 20:51, 14-Kathy Persichetti, Bayley-Ellard, 20:54, 15-Barbara Lagarenne, Bernards, 20:59, 16-Amy Meyer, Bernards, 20:59, 17-Pam Farinella, Paul VI (Clifton), 21:00, 18-Debbie Grover, Mater Dei, 21:01, 19-Michelle Rago, Bayley-Ellard, 21:11, 20-Carolyn Fallon, Mater Dei, 21:26.

Final poll: Few surprises

It is seldom that a photo finish is needed in a cross-country race. It happened at Holmdel County Park Saturday when Jim Smith of Haddonfield and Kevin Lundy of Long Branch hit the finish line together in the NJSIAA all-group race.

Smith got the decision but, with no camera to record the event, the finish was as good as a tie and both boys were brought up to platform when the trophy was presented to Smith. It was the first, but not the last, time they will run against each other during the 1979-80 school year.

The girls' race had no such problems; when Ann Gladue of Bayley-Ellard wins a cross-country race, she wins it with yards to spare. Her margin Saturday over Theresa Gschwind of Summit was more than a minute.

The all-group meet simply confirmed what The Star-Ledger rankings have been saying all year as far as team supremacy is concerned. Christian Brothers

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ers romped to the boys' crown and Hunterdon Central held off a strong challenge by Old Tappan to take the girls' prize.

The surprise was the second-place finish by a Bernards boys' team that has been in and out of the Top Ten all fall. Ed Mather sent one senior, three sophomores and three freshmen into the race and they edged Manalapan for second by two points. The next day, two members of the squad, sophomore John Grozier and frosh Paul Stogryn, won AAU Junior Olympic honors at Warinanco Park, Elizabeth.

Both races Saturday shook up the Top Ten standings a bit, with Bernards making the biggest advance from 10th to fifth place among the boys. These final rankings are based on total season per-

formance, not just the all-group finish.

With the state scholastic season over, individual attention will shift to the two national meets set for Dec. 8, one in California and the other here at Peddie School in Hightstown.

Smith, Gladue and Jerry Andrews of Highland are the New Jersey entries in the first national scholastic meet in San Diego that day. Lundy, who almost certainly would have qualified, was unable to run in the St. John's meet Oct. 20 because of a conflicting Shore Conference championship.

But Kevin and other high school stars will be able to try out for the Dec. 8 Junior Olympic nationals at Peddie when the New Jersey AAU holds its senior (16-17 years old) meet Saturday at Warinanco Park, starting at noon. This race was delayed one week after the other Junior Olympic races to give the scholastic stars some extra rest and also to allow eligible collegiate freshmen to compete while home for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Three of the girls who chased Gladue home at a distance in the all-group race have already qualified for the Junior Olympic nationals. Gschwind won the intermediate (14-15) division last Sunday at Warinanco Park.

As host for the Dec. 8 national meet, the New Jersey AAU naturally wants to make a good showing and seems to have the runners to do it. In addition to the high school stars already mentioned, such juniors runners as Stacey Aromando of Whippany, Tracey Hinman of Bernards, Gavin Sloane of Clifton and Jeff Friedman of Caldwell were impressive winning their races.

TOP TEN BOYS: 1-Christian Brothers. 2-Delbarton. 3-Manalapan. 4-Toms River South. 5-Bernards. 6-Westfield. 7-Long Branch. 8-Seton Hall. 9-Memorial. 10-Morristown.

TOP TEN GIRLS: 1-Hunterdon Central. 2-Old Tappan. 3-Bernards. 4-North Hunterdon. 5-Toms River North. 6-Mater Dei. 7-Pequannock. 8-Ridgewood. 9-Raritan. 10-St. John Vianney.

Central wears harrier crown

For the first time, Hunterdon Central High has a state champion girls team. The Red Devils' distaff cross-country squad, paced by Lori Butterfield, Cricket Batz and Liese Schaff, Saturday captured the NJSIAA All-Groups championship at Holmdel County Park in Monmouth County.

The Central girls, who won every dual meet and every weekend competition they entered this fall, finished with 52 points, 11 better than runnerup Old Tappan. North Hunterdon was third with 111 and Bernards next with 114.

Leading the way for coach Ludwik Lubaszka's Central team was Butterfield, who was 10th, touring the course in 19:48. Batz was 16th in 20:08 and Schaff 17th, just a second behind.

As expected, Ann Gladue of Bayley-Ellard cruised to a 18:17.6 triumph, more than a minute in front of second-place Theresa Gschwind of Summit. North Hunterdon's Marge DeMarras was 19th and teammate Sharon Greene 20th.

Christian Brothers Academy of Lincroft won the boys crown with 57 points while Bernards, with three sophomores and two freshman among its top seven runners, was second with 116 points. Westfield was seventh with 197.

James Smith of Haddonfield won the individual title in 16:09.5. Piscataway's Bob Robinson was fourth in 16:25, Cliff Sheehan of Westfield was eighth and Montgomery's Brian Harshman 12th.

Gladue runs away with the Meet of Champions

By JOHN CAHILL
Special Writer

HOLMDEL — Hamilton High junior sensation Beverly Rockhill looked forward to yesterday's NJSIAA Meet of Champions to see how she would fair against Bayley-El-lard's Ann Gladue.

Well, once the 5,000-meter run began, everyone had to look forward to Gladue. The event's defending champion took off on the tough and hilly Holmdel Park course and never glanced back as she won her second straight All-Groups title with a time of 18 minutes and 17.6 seconds.

Her time beat second-place finisher Theresa Gsawind of Mahwah by more than a minute (19:19.8). It also bettered the 18:19 that brought her the Group 1 championship in last Saturday's State Groups Meet at Holmdel and the 18:43.2 winning time of last year.

As for Rockhill, the petite blonde took only her second non-win of the 1979 cross-country season as she finished fourth in 19:35. The time wasn't nearly as good as the 19:27.3 she ran to become the first Mercer County runner to win a Group 4 title last Saturday.

IT PROVED, however, that in her first year of cross-country running Rockhill was one of the best female runners in the state.

"I didn't even see her (Gladue) after the start," noted Rockhill immediately following the run. "She just took off and never stopped.

"I started in the back and started picking off people. I just tried to pass a lot of people but at one point I got a little worried because there were so many in front of me. I thought I wouldn't be able to pass them but I did."

Rockhill's strength and stamina usually enables her to pick off runners with ease after a slow start. However, she was hampered yesterday by a hip injury she suffered during practice Thursday. She suffered another setback during the run.

"Look, one of the runners put her spikes through my new shoes," exclaimed Rockhill as she glanced at her feet while warming down. "I think one of my toes is bleeding."

"**WELCOME TO** big-time competition," said Hamilton head coach Mike Brady. "Bev didn't look as aggressive at the start so I guess the hip and spiking didn't help.

She was in 70th place at the quarter mile but she kept on going like she always does.

"Bev is the best cross-country runner ever produced from Hamilton West. Her performance today should earn her a spot on the All-State team. Just fantastic."

"After her performance I'll buy her a new pair of shoes," said C. Joseph Rockhill, Beverly's father. "I'm very happy for her. For a 15-year-old, it's very remarkable. We'll be back next year."

Hunterdon Central won the girls team championship with 52 points to Old Tappan's 63. Junior Lorrie Butterfield (10th, 19:48) led four other underclassmen in bringing the school its first Meet of Champions win.

"I tried to hang back a bit so that the other girls would stay close," noted Butterfield, who had sprained her ankle in practice Monday. "I didn't see any of them so I just ran my race. I didn't go out too fast because I did that before and it cost me.

"Everything worked out well. We knew we had to stay calm and run as we always do. We really put it together."

FOLLOWING BUTTERFIELD in the Red Devils' top

five were Crickett Batz (16th, 20:08), Liese Schaff (17th, 20:09), Stephanie Guidotti (26th, 20:24) and Pat Vowinkel (49th, 21:14).

"We won everything," exclaimed 11-year Hunterdon Central head coach Ludwik Lubaszka. "We won every dual meet, the Group 4 sectionals, states and now this. We had a little luck along the way but it was mostly the girls. They rotated the leadership in every meet and really wanted this one.

"They went out there today and knew what they had to do. Everyone did their job. And Patty ran just a super race. It was her best performance of the season.

North Hunterdon, which finished second in Group 3 last Saturday, placed third with 111 points. Pacing the team were Marge DeMarrais (19th, 20:11), Sharon Greene (20th, 20:12) and Mickey Griffith.

The boy's 5,000-meter competition came down to a neck-and-neck struggle between Group 2 champion Jim Smith of Haddonfield and Group 3 king Kevin Londy of Long Branch. Smith, who had held the lead until the final 100 yards, dived across the finish line for the victory.

Lions Place Third

Devil Girls Complete Season With State X-Country Crown

By Bill Tooker

Hunterdon County is now home to two of the top three girls' cross-country teams in the state following Saturday's NJSIAA Meet of Champions at Holmdel Park.

Hunterdon Central lived up to its season-long No 1 state ranking in several polls by winning the 12-team event with a total of 52 points, 11 better than runnerup Old Tappan.

However, the Red Devil harriers' win was almost a foregone conclusion. The big surprise was the third place turned in by North Hunterdon. The Lions, who started slowly and came on very strong as the season progressed, compiled 111 points, just edging out fourth-place Bernards (114), one of the pre-race favorites to challenge Central.

Needless to say, Devil coach Ludwik Lubaszka was pleased with his team's showing, which capped a marvelous campaign during which Central went unbeaten in dual meets and weekend invitationals, and won the Delaware River Conference championship as well as sectional and group titles. The victory also made up for a disappointing 1978, when Central finished fifth in Group 4 and didn't qualify for the event.

"I'm very happy for the girls," Lubaszka remarked. "It was a total team effort. That's been our trademark all along."

Pacing Central, as she has for most of the season, was three-time DRC Meet champ Lorrie Butterfield, who came in 10th overall on the 3.1-mile Holmdel course in 19 minutes, 48 seconds. However, Butterfield was the first runner to count in the team scoring, since the nine harriers ahead of her



Lorrie Butterfield

were "independents," who had qualified as individuals even though their teams didn't make it to the meet. Bayley-Ellard's Anne Gladue ran away with first place overall in 18:17 to successfully defend her title of a year ago.

Also scoring for Central were sectional champ Cricket Batz (16th overall, 20:08), Liese Schaff (17th, 20:09), Stephanie Guidotti (26th, 20:24) and Pat Vowinkel (49th, 21:14). Rounding out the field for the Devils were Jenny Stover and Molly Ragette. Central's team scoring was 1-5-6-13-27.

An Anti-Climax

While he was satisfied with the Devils' state title, the squad's first in the seven-year history of girls' cross-country at Central, Lubaszka conceded that Saturday's race wasn't as intense as the previous week's Group Meet, also held at Holmdel.

"It (Meet of Champions) was anti-climactic," the Devil mentor stated. "The race was a lot easier than I anticipated. Getting there was tougher than winning."

Even though the weather was sunny and perfect for running, Lubaszka noted that "the times were not great. All the teams were very cautious. But we were in command of the race from the half-mile mark, and we won. That's the bottom line. The times are totally irrelevant."

All of Central's individual clockings were off the Devils' times in the Groups. Only Schaff, who dropped out of the Group Meet because of heat exhaustion, improved her performance.

The top three teams from each of the four state groups, plus the first 10 individuals in each group race, qualified for the meet.

The team race almost took on a completely different complexion earlier in the week, when Butterfield was injured on Tuesday.

"Lorrie sprained her foot in practice at Deer Path Park," Lubaszka revealed. "She didn't practice Wednesday, and she could hardly walk on Thursday. I didn't know if she could run. But she got better on Friday.

"She was third going into the last half-mile on Saturday, but because of the injury, she couldn't hold it. She could've gotten second (individually) if she was healthy."



Staff photo by Nancy Tistan

STAYING TOGETHER throughout Saturday's race were Hunterdon Central's Leise Schaff (left) and Crickett Batz. And that's just how they finished, only in reverse order, as Hunterdon Central won the state cross county championship.

But again, the Central boss returned to the team concept that carried his squad to the state title.

"We were concentrating on Old Tappan and Bernards, and making sure that North didn't sneak up on us. At the mile, we got stronger. At the hill (one-and-three-quarter miles), we were dynamite. Bernards was gone, but Old Tappan was still there. But we were running easy, with three people in the lead."

It was literally downhill from that point.

Central's chances of defending state title in 1980 look very good, since the entire team returns intact. "It's a great feeling to have everybody back," Lubaszka understated.

Asked what his runners can do for an encore next season, the Devil coach replied, "I don't know yet. Right now, we want to celebrate this one."

Lions Surprise

The celebration extended up Rte 31 to Annandale, where the North girls also had reason to be proud of their outstanding showing in the Meet of Champions.

After finishing second in Group 3, the Lions' third spot in the big event had to be something of a surprise. Only coach Bob McGivney had an idea of how well his harriers might do at Holmdel.

"I could feel it coming," said McGivney, who a week earlier had said he'd be satisfied if his squad came in sixth in the race. "We had an excellent week of

practice. I had to cut the practices short, because I didn't want the girls to leave their race on the practice course."

The Lions indeed saved their best for Saturday, as their third-place showing was paced by Marge DeMarrais (19th, 20:11) and Sharon Greene (20th, 20:12), followed by Mickie Griffith (41st, 20:53), Liz Ludwigson (53rd, 21:16), Sue Dahme (64th, 21:33), Kersten Busch (81st, 22:38) and Kim Boren (23:01) North's team scoring broke down to 8-9-23-30-41.

Like Lubaszka, McGivney felt that "no team had a super race. Our game plan was to leave the pack with the leaders, and make our move when it was time. Everything went right for us.

"Griffith and Greene were both sick (with the flu), and they had average races," the North coach added. "But they still did as well as they could. Staying healthy in body and mind is a big part of this game."

McGivney continued, "It's always nice to go out and do a little better than you think you can do. We were shut out by Central and Bernards in dual meets this year, so we came a long way. It was a very good season for us." The Lions, runners-up to Central in the DRC this year, placed eighth in the Meet of Champions in '78.

Only Griffith and Dahme will be lost through graduation for next season, so North should again join Central as a state girls' cross-country power in 1980.

Central Girls Should Be Even Better in '80



LORRIE BUTTERFIELD



CRICKET BATZ

The season is over, but you'll still have a chance to see Hunterdon Central's outstanding girls cross country team in action. The entire squad will be back next fall.

There was not a single senior on the Red Devil team that established itself as the best in New Jersey by winning the annual NJSIAA Meet of Champions last Saturday in Holmdel. Earlier Central won a sectional title and the state Group 4 championship.

This season the Devils competed in seven dual meets and, including NJSIAA competition, 10 other meets where the field included five schools or more. They won them all. Two of the more significant victories came in the annual invitational meets at Bernards High School in New Jersey and St. John's University in New York City.

It isn't difficult to account for the team's success. As Devil coach Ludwig Labaska says, "We're loaded with talent and numbers."

Of course, the talent has to be translated into performance. "We've had a little luck but most of it is because the girls want it," says Labaska. "They know there's a price to be paid. They work hard."

The Devils' success has been sparked by their top four runners. In order, they include junior Lorrie Butterfield, sophomore Cricket Batz, junior Liese Schaff and sophomore Stephanie Guidotti.

Butterfield, who repeated as Delaware River Conference champion, was Central's highest finisher in most meets. She and Batz finished 2-3 in the state Group 4 meet, and she led the Devils with a 10th place in the Meet of Champions.

"Lorrie's tough, like a little machine," says Labaska. "You can never put her in practice without her being out in front. She's extremely competitive. Sometimes her competitiveness is a problem for her. She has a tendency to go out too fast."

"She's had some hip trouble because one of her legs is slightly longer than the other. We've changed her workouts this year and that seems to have helped. She's doing more stretching exercises, and with all the kids

we've reduced our distance mileage. We've toned down on that and increased our speed mileage. And we watch form closely."

Butterfield qualified as an alternate for a national championship meet to be held in San Diego by running a time of 18:54 for a 5,000-meter course. "Only a handful of girls run that low," says Labaska.



GENE
BECKNER

"Their biggest asset is that they're so friendly. It's an extremely close group. They watch each other and take care of each other. They're all excellent students too."

Ludwig Labaska

Batz was the individual champion in the Central Jersey sectional meet.

"Cricket's our most naturally talented runner. She's tall," says Labaska. "She has a lot of drive and is the person closest to Lorrie in workouts. I hope to see a lot of superb performances from her in the next couple years."

The usual No. 3 runner is Schaff. "Liese can't handle the kind of heavy workouts that Lorrie does, but she's an extremely fine runner. When we need her, she makes sure she does the job," says Labaska. "She's also taken over from Dale Orashen in terms of leadership."

Butterfield, Batz and Schaff also helped Central post a fine record last year. The only Devil lost from that squad was Orashen, the No. 4 runner and team captain. Guidotti, out for cross country for the first time, filled the vacancy well.

"I saw in track last spring that Stephanie had a lot of talent," says Labaska. "She's close to the girls on the team, and I was counting on her coming out. The been the big difference. She's given us a solid four up front."

Sophomore Pat Vowinkel has usually been the No. 5 runner ahead of junior Jeni Stover, freshman Molly Ragette, junior Katie Fitzgerald, freshman Chris Zdepski and junior Bonnie Reed.

The runners in that group should not be thought of as weak. They are good. They simply haven't, as yet, done as well as the top four. For example, when Schaff pushed herself too hard and had to drop out of the state Group 4 race, Vowinkel and Stover came through with clutch efforts to enable Central to win the team title anyway.

"There's a lot of potential there," says Labaska.

Central's triumph in the Group 4 state meet had to be one of the team's most satisfying. A year ago the Devils were favored to win but finished a disappointing fifth.

"Last year the girls went out too fast," says Labaska. "They were leading halfway through the race and then fell apart physically and mentally. I think one of the reasons they were so strong this year was because of the drubbing they took last year.



LIESA SCHAFF



STEPHANIE GUIDOTTI

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And with all of them returning next fall, the Devils' 1980 season could be as successful as the one just past.

RUFF, WALDRON, GSCHWIND NAMED

Gladue runs away with All-State

By GRANT EDWARDS

So tough was the competition for places on The Star-Ledger All-State Girls' Cross-Country squad this fall that only one of the four who made the first team last year was able to repeat.

That one, of course, is the untouchable Ann Gladue of Bayley-Ellard, who not only hasn't lost a race to New Jersey rivals the past two years, but hasn't even been pressed. Her average margin of victory this fall was about 300 yards.

Joining Ann on the first team are three second-team choices from 1978 and three newcomers to the high school scene. The holdovers are Lori Butterfield, lead runner on the state championship Hunterdon Central team, Judy Ruff of Highland Park and Lisa Pakutka of Hopatcong.

The new faces are freshman Meg Waldron of Bernards, sophomore Theresa Gschwind of Summit and junior Beverly Rockhill of Hamilton West, the convert from field hockey who took the Group 4 title. Gladue and Ruff are the only seniors on the first team.

For everyone but Gladue, the scholastic season is over. Ann still has the national meet Dec. 8 in San Diego, Calif. Ruff and Gschwind will also be busy that day, in the national Junior Olympic championships at Peddie School, Hightstown.

For Gladue, the 1979 season was a repeat of 1978, with one exception. Ann did lose a race this year, a two and one-half mile affair at the Manhattan Invitational to her New York counterpart, Laura Whitney of Stony Brook. But she avenged this setback in spades at the St. John's meet the following week that served as the qualifier for the nationals.

In her first high school campaign, Gschwind spent most of her time running with the Summit boys' team, since the board of education there declined to sponsor a separate girls' squad. Theresa ran just once on the invitation circuit, winning at Bernards, but swept her county and state section crowns and placed second to Gladue in the all-group race. Theresa missed the state Group 3 meet due to a family trip, but finished 25 seconds ahead of the group winner, Mary Ellen McGowan of Pascack Valley, at the all-group meet.

Ruff, who is one of the state's most versatile runners, is the Middlesex County champion and finished second in Central Jersey behind Waldron and third behind Gladue and Waldron, in the group meet. She finished off with a fifth in the all-group race and, the next day, won the Junior Olympic senior title.

Butterfield had a few mishaps during the year, notably a fall in the sectionals, and was among those surprised by Rockhill at the Group 4 meet. But Lori missed a berth in the national meet by only a second and guided Hunterdon Central through an unbeaten campaign.

Coming to high school with a national reputation as a junior runner, Waldron had a lot to live up to. She won her county title with plenty to spare and lost her conference crown only because Bernards swept the first five places without worrying about the order of finish. At the group meet, Meg had the second fastest time of the day while placing second to Gladue in the Group 1 race.

Pakutka was one of the state's most consistent runners, winning county, sectional and group honors and taking two invitational races. Her only losses until the all-group race were to Gladue.

Rockhill came out for cross country for the first time this fall. She did not compete on the invitation circuit but won big in the Mercer County meet and, after taking second in her sectional race, ran away with the Group 4 title and then placed fourth in the all-group event.

Hunterdon Central also placed runners on the second and third teams. Sophomore Cricket Batz was joined on the second team by three South Jersey seniors, Eva Marie Berardi of Williamstown, Renee DeFeo of Clayton and Doreen Startare of Paul VI of Haddonfield, and three Bergen County stars, Violetta

Josevska of Garfield, Mary Ellen McGowan of Pascack Valley and Debbie Meberg of Old Tappan. Berardi was first-team choice last year.

Liese Schaff was the Hunterdon Central representative on the third team, joined by two 1978 first-team selections, Joetta Clark of Columbia and Alyson Hendricks of Matawan, as well as Janet Flood of Toms River North, Ann Marie Martinek of St. John Vianney, Sue Minogue of Mater Dei and Lisa Szymanski of Toms River East.

Injuries hit heavily during the year, with three 1978 all-state selections among the victims: Cathy Stone of Vernon (who recovered in time to place third in the all-group race), Barbara Remmers of Ridgewood and Maura Taylor of Red Bank Catholic. Karen Floyd of Mount Olive, a third-team selection last year, started well but lost the last half of the season to illness.

Girls' All-State

FIRST TEAM

Lori Butterfield, Hunterdon Central
Ann Gladue, Bayley-Ellard
Theresa Gschwind, Summit
Lisa Pakutka, Hopatcong
Beverly Rockhill, Hamilton West
Judy Ruff, Highland Park
Meg Waldron, Bernards

SECOND TEAM

Cricket Batz, Hunterdon Central
Eva Marie Berardi, Williamstown
Renee DeFeo, Clayton
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Debbie Meberg, Old Tappan
Doreen Startare, Paul VI (Haddonfield)

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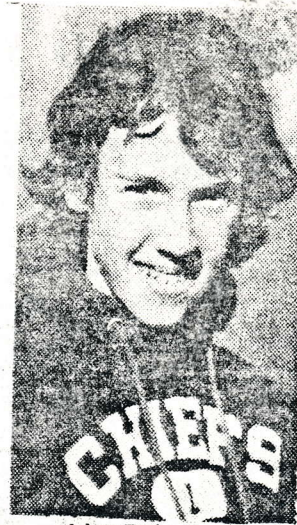
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Liza Szymanski, Toms River East



Ann Gladue
Bayley Ellard



Meg Waldron
Bernards



Lisa Pakutka
Hopatcong



Theresa Gschwind
Summit



Lori Butterfield
Hunterdon Central



Judy Ruff
Highland Park



Beverly Rockhill... Hamilton
West

LORRIE BUTTERFIELD — Hunterdon Central's outstanding runner finished tenth overall in the 12th Annual Meet of Champions held Saturday at Holmdel Park to pace her Red Devil team to the state championship. Lorrie had injured her ankle earlier in the week and as of Thursday was having difficulty walking on it. (Photo by Stan Berger)

Guess Who's Number One In

The State Cross Country With Lions Third?

HOLMDEL — It's nice to be number one in anything. But for the Hunterdon Central girls cross country team, being number one on paper as ranked by the state and doing it for the entire state to see were two different things. The Devils had been ranked as the number one team in the state all season and Saturday at Holmdel Park they proved it by coming in first in the New Jersey Meet of Champions.

While the Central girls were winning the race with 52 points as compared to second place Old Tappan's 63, North Hunterdon was sneaking into third spot in the race with 111 points, three better than fourth place Bernards.

Just how tough is it to stay number one in any sport? Just ask Central coach Ludwick Lubaska.

"When you're at the top you have to work to stay there in every race," the Central coach explained. "Sure, the kids felt the pressure out there in this big race, but the past experiences have helped them a great deal. What happened to us

last year made us grow up quite a bit."

Last year the Devils never even qualified for this Meet of Champions. They washed out in the sectionals. And, they remembered that day.

"The kids were made aware before the race of the color uniforms of all the kids that they had to stay ahead of," Lubaska said. "I gave them good instructions to take a long look, and to make sure where they were. It worked because no other team had a person between us that was in for the title race, aside from Old Tappan."

Central's Lorrie Butterfield was first across the line for the Devils in a disappointing 10th place finish in 19:48, but the stickout sophomore had been plagued all week by an ankle sprain.

"On Tuesday she sprained it," Lubaska said. "On Wednesday she couldn't walk on it because it swelled up so much, and on Thursday and Friday it started to go

down. I think that's why she dropped back so far in this race. She was third with about a half mile to go with a good 50-yard lead."

Butterfield toughed it out to take 10th, and teammates Cricket Batz (16th in 20:08), Liese Schaff (17th in 20:09), Stephanie Guidotti (26th in 20:24) and Pat Vowinkel (49th in 21:10).

The rest of the performances were just super for us," Lubaska noted. "Leise and Cricket looked golden, Stephanie ran well, but Patty ran the best race of her career. She had a better time than the fifth girl of any other team."

North Hunterdon coach Bob McGivney was very pleased with his team's surprise third place finish.

"I really think that no team ran a

really good race," he said. "The kids were very cautious out there. They were sitting it out and waiting to see what would happen. At the 500-yard mark, the race was 15 seconds slower than it was last week in the Group Championships. but, our kids ran a nice race, despite having both Sahrone (Greene) and Mickie (Griffith) both sick all week."

Sophomore Marge DeMarrias was first in for the Lions in 19th with a time of 20:11, while Greene was 20th in 20:12, and Griffith 41st in 20:50. Frosh Liz Ludwigson was 53rd in 21:16, and Sue Dahme was 64th in 21:38.

"It was a good race for us team-wise," the coach said. "We've been a five-runner team all season. We accomplished our season long plan

of starting at a reasonable level and then improving each week. We've come a long way in the past two years, and we hope to continue to improve."

The overall winner in the girls race was Bayley-Ellard's Ann Gladue, who came in with a time of 18:17.6, a full minute better than the next girl.

"I wonder if her feet ever hit the course," North's McGivney joked. "She's such a beautiful runner."

For Hunterdon Central they were unbeaten in everything, dual meets, invitational races, the sectionals, the all groups and now the Meet of Champions.

"It takes certain amounts of luck to do that," McGivney said. "But

the three top girls took turns leading us all season. But the most exciting thing about all of this is that we don't lose anyone. They're all underclassmen. They're all coming back!"

TEAM SCORES: 1-Hunterdon Central 52. 2-Old Tappan 63. 3-North Hunterdon 111. 4-Bernards 114. 5-Mater Dei 132. 6-Toms River North 134. 7-Pequanock 144. 8-Ridgewood 194. 9-St. John Vianney 210. 10-Holmdel 274.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Ann Gladue, Bayley-Ellard, 18:17.6. 2-Theresa Gschwind, Summit, 19:19.8. 3-Cathy Stone, Vernon, 19:29. 4-Beverly Rockhill, Hamilton West, 19:35. 5-Judy Ruff, Highland Park, 19:37. 6-Violetta Josevska, Garfield, 19:38. 7-Renee DeFoe, Clayton, 19:40. 8-Joan Luckowec, East Brunswick, 19:43. 9-Mary Ellen McGowan, Pascack Valley, 19:44. 10-Lori Butterfield, Hunterdon Central, 19:48. 11-Debbie Meberg, Old Tappan, 19:54. 12-Lisa Szymanski, Toms River East, 19:54. 13-Janet Flood, Toms River North, 19:56. 14-Sue Minogue, Mater Dei, 20:00. 15-Alyson Hendricks, Matawan, 20:01. 16-Cricket Batz, Hunterdon Central, 20:08. 17-Liese Schaff, Hunterdon Central, 20:09. 18-Carol Dickstein, Ridgewood, 20:10. 19-Marge DeMarrias, North Hunterdon, 20:11. 20-Sharon Greene, North Hunterdon, 20:12. 21-Megan Murtaugh, Old Tappan, 20:13. 22-Sue McSweeney, Old Tappan, 20:14. 23-Ann Marie Martinek, St. John Vianney, 20:15. 24-Karen Flanagan, Jefferson Township, 20:15. 25-Doreen Startare, Paul VI (Haddonfield), 20:21.

Four Team Battle In Cross Country

By Bill Tooker

This year's race for the boys' cross-country championship in the Delaware River Conference promises to be wide open. And four Hunterdon County squads should be right in the thick of it. The squads open their schedules next week.

Each of the contending county teams lost key performers from 1978. But by the same token, all return enough talent to make it a very close battle for the DRC crown.

Defending conference champ North Hunterdon, which went unbeaten (7-0) in DRC dual meets and 11-2 overall, is without three of the runners who helped the Lions to their title—DRC Meet winner Mike Anello, and steady Darryl Horvath and Dan Wiggins, all of whom have graduated.

However, North coach Bob O'Rourke does have a good nucleus back, led by last year's runnerup in the DRC Meet, John Ennis. O'Rourke confidently calls the senior, "The best runner in the conference."

Behind Ennis in the Lions' starting lineup will be junior Matt Isham, senior Gary Deemer, and juniors Jeff Adam and Greg Tkac.

Also vying for starting berths on O'Rourke's squad are junior Steve Brandt, sophomore Jim Haila, both back from last fall, and four runners out for cross-country for the first time in '79—senior Douglas Laselle, an outstanding hurdler with the track team last spring, and juniors Al Brown, Frank Stein and Dennis Wilson.

"I have six solid runners, but so do the other teams in the conference," analyzes O'Rourke in discussing what he sees as a tight scramble for DRC honors. "I don't think any team will dominate this year."

The North mentor also points out that the new format for deciding the conference winner will make the dogfight even more interesting.

"At the end of the dual meet season, the teams will be given points, one for first, two for second and so on. And the DRC Meet will be treated the same way, with the winner getting one, the runnerup two and so forth. The totals for dual meets and the DRC Meet will be added and the low team will win. If there's a tie, the team that won the dual meet will be the champion."

"This season, the DRC Meet won't just be

for individuals," O'Rourke continues. "It will be for the whole team. It will make it more important to avoid injuries. The team that can stay healthy the longest should be the winner."

Central To Challenge

At Hunterdon Central, coach Ludwik Lubaszka's chances of improving his team's second-place DRC finish of a year ago (11-4 overall in dual meets) will be determined by the work of four returning veterans. They are Chet Sarnowski, a junior who was the top point scorer in dual meets and third in the DRC Meet last season; senior co-captain Peter Rosen, third in dual meet points and sixth in the DRC Meet; junior Allen Acken, sixth in points; and senior co-captain Raymond Powell.

The fifth starting spot will filled from among senior George Dragon, junior Dennis Sullivan, and sophomores Carl Ramirez and Rich Cherry.

In assessing his squad's outlook for the coming season, Lubaszka is cautiously optimistic.

"I feel we have a little more maturity and physical strength than some of the teams. We're not overpowering," the Red Devil boss says. "But whether the quality is enough, I don't know right now."

To try and prevent the injuries he knows he must avoid, Lubaszka told his runners to lighten up on their summer workouts.

"All the boys ran this summer, but nobody put in 1,000 miles or anything like that," the Central coach remarks. "I'd say they each put in around 600 miles. Any more is too much. Five of the boys also went to (running) camp, and the coaches there were very impressed with them. And they've looked promising in practice so far."

As for the DRC race, Lubaszka, like O'Rourke, feels it's going to be a free-for-all.

"It should be wide open," he states. "Four teams could win it."

Another club that should be in it all the way is Voorhees. According to coach Ed Lavan, the Vikings are deep and talented.

"Ten kids can make the top seven," Lavan observes. The top four positions are set with senior Richard Woods in the No. 1 spot, followed by

three juniors—Jim Freise, Dave Petegrove and Ray Povalski.

The final starter will come from among seniors Ray Powell, Mark Konecky, Mike Balboa, Brian Reagan and Jeff Wack, and sophomores Jeff Disiner and Steve Parker.

Lavan thinks a good indication of how his team will do this fall came over the summer, when, he says, "The seniors and juniors ran more than they ever have. And I'm really surprised with the sophomores. They're coming along real well."

Last year, the Vikes were 7-5 in dual meets, and third in the DRC. Lavan definitely expects his experienced squad to improve on those marks.

Along with his own team, Lavan looks for North, Central and Warren Hills to be the cream of the crop in the conference.

Decade For Petty

At Delaware Valley, head man Bill Petty begins his 10th season at the Terrier helm by welcoming back four veteran harriers—

seniors Jack Shumaker, Don Weise and Bernie Boetcher and junior Paul Lillie.

In '78, Del Val had a fair year, ending up 8-5 in dual meets and fourth in the conference. The highlight of the campaign was Petty's 100th career win in the final dual meets and fourth in the conference.

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Of the prospects for this fall's squad, Petty offers, "We're about where we were last year at this time, but with a little more depth. How well we do this year depends on how the younger runners come along."

Heading up the underclassmen is an outstanding freshman prospect in Jim Lauck. Petty says Lauck "should make the top five for us."

Sophomores out to contribute to the Terrier cause include Tom Fuhrmann, Steve Traxinger, Todd Huber and Art Schrimpe, who played football last fall.

South Hunterdon isn't even thinking about championships this year. Coach Tom Faherty admits that his team's first objective is to be competitive and possibly improve on a 6-12 dual meet mark.

Faherty lost three seniors to graduation, the most talented of the group being Dave Sheppard, who finished 18th in the DRC Meet. Also gone are Tony Cavallo and John Musselman, a pair of solid performers.

Trying to fill the shoes of the departed trio will be three juniors—Todd Haney, Bob Coleman and Darrin Hesington. The remaining starters will come from among a group of about 12 underclassmen.

In summing up the squad's hopes for '79 Faherty is realistic.

"For the size of our school, we do well," the Eagle coach insists. "Most of the kids have been working out this summer, and they're ready to compete. We'll hold our own this year."

One key to South's success will be the emergence of a team leader to take the place of Sheppard, says Faherty.

"Dave was a very mature kid, an excellent leader," the mentor remarks. "It's hard to tell right now who can assume that role this year. The team could be immature, or they could do a lot on their own. We'll have to wait and see."

Girls Set In Cross Country

Chasing Those Red Devils!

Second place seems to be the goal of three of the Hunterdon County teams for the 1979 Delaware River Conference girls' cross-country season, which begins next week. The fourth county entry already appears to have a lock on the top spot.

Hunterdon Central, which ranked as the No. 3 squad in the state last fall, returns all but one of its runners from '78. Which means that Delaware Valley, North Hunterdon and Voorhees — also deep in returning talent, but with nowhere near the kind of ability the Red Devils have — will have to fight it out for the runnerup position.

At Central, coach Ludwik Lubaszka has a hard time concealing his enthusiasm for his 'super squad.'

"We're loaded," says Lubaszka of the team that captured the DRC, the sectional title and the No. 3 state ranking. "Injuries and things like that can always be a factor. But if nothing goes wrong, we have a good chance of being one of the best teams in the state again." In dual meets, Central's lone defeat in an 11-1 record came to Council Rock (Pa.), a perennial state power.

Leading the Devils in their quest for another great season will be Lorrie Butterfield, a junior who won the DRC Meet and was second in the sectionals. She will be closely followed throughout the campaign by Leise Schaff, another junior who was fourth in both the DRC Meet and the sectionals, and Cricket Batz, fifth in the DRC and 10th at the sectionals. Only last year's captain, Dale Orashen, was lost to graduation.

Juniors Bonnie Reed and Jenny Stover and sophomores Pat Volwinkel and Stephanie Guidotti are vying for the remaining starting berths.

New Del Val Coach

At Del Val, the Terriers have a new coach in Nancy Icenhower, but many of the same runners who helped the team to a second-place finish in the DRC Meet last fall.

"I'm inheriting a good team," Icenhower assesses. "Being a new coach, it's hard for me to say how we'll do against the competition. But there is a lot of experience returning, and, after a couple of practices, we've looked good."

Del Val's No. 1 runner this year should be sophomore Nancy Lauck, who was sixth in the DRC Meet during her freshman season. Other front-runners for the Terriers will be senior Jeanette Gambiosi, juniors Chris Silva, Debara Andrejack and Donna Wilson and sophomore Allisa Andrejack.

A pair of question marks for Icenhower in the early stages of practice are injuries to senior captain Carolyn Roskowski (eighth in the DRC Meet) and junior Diane Cranmer.

"Carolyn has a groin pull that hasn't been responding to treatment, and Diane is coming off a knee operation last spring," Icenhower indicates. "I don't know how soon they'll be ready."

North Hunterdon coach Bob McGivney has been putting his Lions through what he terms "unorganized practices" so far, and he hopes to begin formal workouts some time this week.

Letterwinners who hope to better North's third-place finish in the DRC in '78 include Marge DeMarras (second in the DRC Meet), senior tri-captains Micki Griffith (seventh in the DRC Meet), Lisa Toth and Sue Dahme, junior Kirsten Bush, and

sophomores Amy Slavin, Kim Borin and Sharon Green.

Vikings Improved

Last year at Voorhees, Marjorie Paul took over the girls' cross-country program. But she didn't have the wealth of talent and experience that Icenhower finds at Del Val this season.

"Most of the kids last year had never run competitively before," Paul admits.

Starting her second season with the Viking harriers, Paul faces a much improved situation. "I have 23 kids, and I know 18 of them are serious about running," she says.

Battling for the top spot for Voorhees this fall will be junior Lucinda Smarro, the Vikes' best dual meet performer in '78, and Rosey Thomas, a sophomore who was 16th

in the DRC Meet — Voorhees top place in the event — as a freshman.

Also in the race for No. 1 will be senior Sue Finkel, a starter on the team two years ago who didn't come out for cross-country last season.

Senior Cindy Heinrich, junior Vicky Thomas and sophomore Sue Donohoe round out Paul's returnees. The Viking coach also notes that a number of promising freshmen could play a part before the campaign is over.

"The kids have been running a lot more this summer, and they're much better prepared at this point than they were last year," Paul observes. "Last year was one of building. Now, we have some experience, and we should do much better."

BILL T.

Smith, Gladue post victories

By GRANT EDWARDS

Jim Smith of Haddonfield and Ann Gladue of Bayley-Ellard took an initial step toward their goal of being king and queen of New Jersey scholastic cross country runners this fall as they won their events handily at the 13th annual Edison invitation meet yesterday morning at Roosevelt Park, Edison.

Smith, a 9:08.9 two-miler last spring, had the fastest time of three boys' winners as he took the boys' C race by 150 yards from Steve Delahunty of Delbarton in 14:52. Miss Gladue took 46 seconds off her own course record as she won the girls' race by 300 yards from Lisa Pakutka of Hopatcong.

Delbarton of Morristown turned in the top team performance among the boys' squads as it repeated the boys' C with a 41-109 margin over Sparta. Delahunty led the victory by placing second to Smith in 15:14, sophomore Lou Ross was

fourth in 15:31 and junior Paul Cerwin fifth in 15:58.

Westfield took the boys' A race from host Edison, 106-147, despite losing captain Pete Abitante, who fell during the race. John Tegen was fourth for Westfield in 15:24 and Cliff Sheehan 15th in 15:57.

Manalapan scored a close victory over Eastern in the boys' B race, 75-84, led by Greg Rohrer and Tom Fischer in fifth and sixth places. Hunterdon Central was an easy winner in the girls' event with Liese Schaff and Lori Butterfield.

Bob Robinson of Piscataway was the individual winner in the boys' A race at 15:14, 30 yards ahead of Jack Fonso of Lawrenceville. Kevin Lundy and Greg Otey went 1-2 in the B race for Long Branch, but Lundy was disqualified for inadvertently cutting the course in the last 440 yards.

Varsity A

TEAM SCORE: 1-Westfield 106, 2-Edison 147, 3-Dickinson 152, 4-Sayreville 173, 5-Hunterdon Central 173, 6-Hamilton East 196, 7-Piscataway 196, 8-Columbia 206, 9-Trenton 251, 10-Toms River North 265, 11-Southern Reg. 274, 12-North Edison 276, 13-St. Joseph's (Met.) 303, 14-East Brunswick 333, 15-Hudson Catholic 351, 16-Madison Central 389, 17-Cherry Hill East 433, 18-Lawrenceville 434, 19-Hackensack 452, 20-Bridgewater East 543, 21-Union 552, 22-Cedar Ridge 563.

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS: 1-Bob Robinson, Piscataway 15:14, 2-Jack Fonso, Lawrenceville 15:20, 3-John Kiernan, Sayreville 15:22, 4-John Tegen, Westfield 15:24, 5-Jeff Hines, Bridgewater East 15:26, 6-Dan Belford, Piscataway 15:26, 7-Chet Sarnowski, Hunterdon Central 15:27, 8-J.J. Clark, Columbia 15:28, 9-Pete Nastasi, Edison 15:28, 10-Herb Leckie, Edison 15:32, 11-Joe Longo, Sayreville 15:40, 12-Dave Hirsch, Columbia 15:44, 13-Dom Buda, Toms River North 15:49, 14-Rick Ortiz, Dickinson 15:52, 15-Cliff Sheehan, Westfield 15:57.

Varsity B

TEAM SCORE: 1-Manalapan 75, 2-Eastern 84, 3-Bayley-Ellard 157, 4-Randolph 158, 5-Toms River East 193, 6-Hightstown 195, 7-St. John Vianney 211, 8-Asbury Park 248, 9-Triton 266, 10-Bridgewater West 270, 11-Clark 277, 12-Ocean 300, 13-North Brunswick 329, 14-St. Thomas Aquinas 339, 15-Cliffside Park 367, 16-Iselin 401, 17-Cinnaminson 480, 18-River Dell 505.

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS: 1-Greg Otey, Long Branch 15:19, 2-Brian Crown, Hightstown 15:22, 3-Mark Steliga, Eastern 15:23, 4-Bob Lewis, Iselin 15:24, 5-Greg Rohrer, Manalapan 15:29, 6-Tom Fischer, Manalapan 15:34, 7-John Leary, Bayley-Ellard 15:36, 8-Ray Long, Eastern 15:36, 9-Ken Riley, North Brunswick 15:38, 10-Mark Hastings, Manalapan 15:44, 11-Ralph Muldrow, Hightstown 15:56, 12-Steve White, Bayley-Ellard 16:05, 13-Bob Iannuci, Eastern 16:09, 14-Joe Talone, Triton 16:13, 15-Ned Sheehy, Randolph 16:15.

Varsity C

TEAM SCORE: 1-Delbarton 41, 2-Sparta 109, 3-Haddonfield 111, 4-Holmdel 142, 5-Delaware Valley 161, 6-Warren Hills 207, 7-Hopatcong 245, 8-Hopewell Valley 257, 9-Montgomery 269, 10-Saddle Brook 277, 11-Kittatinny 284, 12-Highland Park 359, 13-Hillside 313, 14-Bound Brook 327, 15-Middlesex 359, 16-Dover 385, 17-Vernon 400, 18-North Arrington 441, 19-Pinelands 533, 20-Glassboro 531, 21-South Hunterdon 530.

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS: 1-Jim Smith, Haddonfield 14:52, 2-Steve Delahunty, Delbarton 15:14, 3-Steve Grube, Vernon 15:28, 4-Lou Ross, Delbarton 15:31, 5-Bill Burger, Holmdel 15:36, 6-Brian Harshman, Montgomery 15:36, 7-Steve Mastowski, Haddonfield 15:39, 8-Bob Back, Sparta 15:48, 9-Dave Moughaljan, Highland Park 15:49, 10-Paul Cerwin, Delbarton 15:53, 11-Jim Rosenhaus, Delbarton 16:04, 12-Paul Little, Delaware Valley 16:13, 13-Scott DeRidder, Hopatcong 16:26, 14-Bob Bowyer, Delbarton 16:27, 15-Dan Homan, Hopatcong 16:28.

Girls

TEAM SCORE: 1-Hunterdon Central 57, 2-Bayley-Ellard 139, 3-East Brunswick 142, 4-Mater Dei 146, 5-Hamilton East 193, 6-Hopatcong 207, 7-St. John Vianney 219, 8-Toms River East 249, 9-Haddonfield 288, 10-Bound Brook 379, 11-Vernon 381, 12-Saddle Brook 421, 13-Christie Park 465, 14-Manchester Township 476, 15-Southern Reg. 490, 16-Hightstown 497, 17-Bridgewater West 500, 18-Williamstown 505, 19-Westfield 530, 20-Hopewell Valley 535, 21-Cherry Hill East 550, 22-Eastern 575, 23-Sparta 577, 24-Trenton 648, 25-Pinelands 648, 26-Madison Central 679, 27-River Dell 734, 28-Holmdel 739, 29-Triton 745, 30-Bridgewater East 770.

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS: 1-Ann Gladue, Bayley-Ellard 15:53, 2-Lisa Pakutka, Hopatcong 17:20, 3-Liese Schaff, Hunterdon Central 17:15, 4-Lori Butterfield, Hunterdon Central 17:48, 5-Eva Marie Berardi, Williamstown 17:59, 6-Claudia Bate, Hunterdon Central 17:57, 7-Eileen Florin, Bayley-Ellard 18:35, 8-Lisa Szymanski, Toms River East 18:25, 9-Sue Minogue, Mater Dei 18:46, 10-Joan Lucknowec, East Brunswick 18:51, 11-Ann Marie Martinek, St. John Vianney 18:53, 12-Pat Eletto, Manchester Township 19:02, 13-Katny Persicetty, Bayley-Ellard 19:03, 14-Laura Fyfe, Ocean Township 19:04, 15-Laura Falci, Saddle Brook 19:09.



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TWO OF THE VETERANS on the Hunterdon Central girls cross country team are sophomore Crickett Batz (left) and junior Leise Schaff. The Devils, third in the state last year, are loaded and could lead the conference for another season.

Hunterdon C's Schaff runs for 'kicks'

By MELINDA LEACH

Junior Lisa Schaff, getting an unexpected extra burst of energy at the end of the race, turned in the best time of her cross-country career to pace Hunterdon Central to an easy victory Saturday in the Edison Invitational Meet, Roosevelt Park.

Schaff ran the three-mile course in 17:43 to place third among the race's more than 200 girls behind Ann Gladue of Bayley-Ellard (16:53) and Lisa Pakutka of Hopatcong (17:30). Her teammates, Lorrie Butterfield and Cricket Batz, placed fourth and sixth, respectively, as Hunterdon Central took team honors over Bayley-Ellard, 54-139.

"That was the best time I ever ran," Schaff, co-captain of the team with Butterfield, said. "The course was flat and I was fifth most of the race. But then I got a sudden burst of energy and ended up placing third. I like to kick in a race."

Schaff and Butterfield both were second-team members of the 1978 Star-Ledger Cross-Country Girls' All-State

and Batz is a strong sophomore competitor, the three making up what coach Ludwig Lubaszka calls his "three top horsemen." They make Hunterdon Central one of the state's best teams this fall.

"We're a veteran squad, but still young. I'm looking forward to this season as possibly an outstanding one," Lubaszka said. "The girls are very eager and form a close-knit social group. We should have an exceptional year if everything stays status quo."

Hunterdon Central last year won four major invitational meets—the Roselle Catholic Turkey Trot and the Passaic Coaches', St. John's (N.Y.) and the Delaware River Conference Invitationals—and finished second in two, the Edison and Bernards Invitationals. It compiled an 11-1 dual meet record, losing to the Pennsylvania state champion Council Rock. After finishing fourth in the state sectionals, the West Jersey school turned in a disappointing performance in the state group final.

"I just psyched myself out for the

group meet, said the 5-3, 108-pound Schaff, who has run a 5:09 mile. "Everyone kept telling us we were No. 1 and the pressure was too much."

One runner was lost to graduation, but Lubaszka has some talented replacements. He convinced Stephanie Guidotti, a 2:14 half-miler and a 122-foot javelin thrower, to come out for the team to be the fourth runner. Lubaszka has three girls vying for the fifth position, juniors Jeni Stover and Bonnie Reed and sophomore Pat Vowinkel, and a promising freshman, Chris Zdepski.

Schaff enjoyed running when she was in eighth grade, when she competed in the mile. But, when she reached high school, she wanted to play field hockey. Friends, however, convinced her to go out for cross-country and now she is a year-round runner, competing in the half-mile and mile in winter and spring track.

"I love the cross-country race. There's more of a chance with three miles. You can make a mistake and still catch up," Schaff said. "I love being out-

doors and I like the endurance and the distance, but it gets too monotonous to compete at anything over a mile on a track."

Schaff also ran three 10,000-meter (6.2-mile) road races this summer and enjoys them. Her lone state record, however, is in the distance medley relay, in which she ran the mile.

The race is two and one-half miles long, with the first person running one-quarter mile, the second one-half mile, the third three-quarters of a mile and fourth the mile. At Rutgers last spring, Hunterdon Central set a state record with Jan Eichenbach running the quarter, Stephanie Guidotti the half, Cricket Batz the three-quarters and Schaff anchoring in the mile.

Schaff enjoys track and field and cross-country because, she said, the competition is not cutthroat.

"We're just one big family," she said. "Everybody really works together. We're not out there to kill each other, just to train together and do the best we can."

Group 1 run won by Highland Pk.

Laura Forsythe of Pequannock turned in the fastest time of four varsity races as she led her team to victory in the Group 3 event of the second annual Highland Park girls' invitation cross-country meet yesterday at Donaldson Park, Highland Park.

Laura covered the 3.2-mile course in 20:17.2 as Pequannock easily defeated Manalapan, 32-76. Lynn Blomberg was fourth for the winners and Debbie Herkstroter finished sixth.

Tracey Deely led Raritan to a repeat victory in Group 4 as she was clocked in 20:27, defeating Heather Gracie of Piscataway by 10 yards. Fran Cohen was seventh and Denise Barrett eighth as Raritan beat out Bergenfield, 33-60.

The Group 1 race went to the host school as Judy Ruff won by almost two minutes over Highland Park teammate Mitzie Howell. Nancy Lauck won the Group 2 race by another huge margin as her Delaware Valley team defeated Rutherford, 35-43.

GROUP 4

Team scores: 1-Raritan 33, 2-Bergenfield 60, 3-Piscataway 65, 4-Sayreville 77, 5-Raritan "B" 104.

Individual: 1-Tracey Deely, Raritan, 20:27, 2-Heather Gracie, Piscataway, 20:29, 3-Regina Castellano, Raritan, 20:43, 4-Eileen Healey, Bergenfield, 21:01, 5-Terry Malespina, Bergenfield, 21:23, 6-Donna Hassbeck, Sayreville, 22:16, 7-Fran Cohen, Raritan, 22:22, 8-Denise Barrett, Raritan, 22:38, 9-Ellen Brody, Sayreville, 22:40, 10-Marianne Campbell, Piscataway, 22:41.

GROUP 3

Team scores: 1-Pequannock 32, 2-Manalapan 76, 3-Carteret 102, 4-North Brunswick 104, 5-Randolph 106, 6-South Plainfield 139, 7-Ocean City 164, 8-Carteret "B" 198.

Individual: 1-Laura Forsythe, Pequannock, 20:17.2, 2-Debbie Holden, Ocean City, 20:36, 3-Laura Barg, South Plainfield, 20:38, 4-Lynn Blomberg, Pequannock, 20:40, 5-Kemper Knight, Manalapan, 20:56, 6-Debbie Herkstroter, Pequannock, 21:01, 7-Janet Hall, South Plainfield, 21:30, 8-Fran Markowski, Carteret, 22:13, 9-Cheryl Trusto, North Brunswick, 22:15, 10-Heide Schubert, Manalapan, 22:25.

GROUP 2

Team scores: 1-Delaware Valley 35, 2-Rutherford 43, 3-St. Thomas Aquinas 45, 4-Rutherford "B" 86, 5-New Brunswick 94.

Individual: 1-Nancy Lauck, Delaware Valley, 20:39.7, 2-Bianca O'Connell, Rutherford, 22:14, 3-Kathy Wolff, St. Thomas Aquinas, 22:37, 4-Chris Smarro, Delaware Valley, 22:58, 5-Colleen Holowka, St. Thomas Aquinas, 23:05, 6-Lisa Andrejack, Delaware Valley, 23:07, 7-Donna Wilson, Delaware Valley, 23:20, 8-Cathy Daly, Rutherford, 23:30, 9-Helen Quinn, Rutherford, 23:32, 10-Barbara Dougan, St. Thomas Aquinas, 23:27.

GROUP 1

Team scores: 1-Highland Park 22, 2-Midland Park 34.
Individual: 1-Judy Ruff, Highland Park, 20:28.4, 2-Mitzi Howell, Highland Park, 22:19, 3-Bethanna Newton, Midland Park, 22:33, 4-Courtney Huntzinger, Midland Park, 22:36, 5-Louise Stritt, Highland Park, 22:51, 6-Sue Hill, Highland Park, 22:59, 7-Tracey Huntzinger, Midland Park, 23:16, 8-Lisa Stritt, Highland Park, 24:31, 9-Karen Timcoe, Midland Park, 24:31, 10-Cassandra O'Neill, Highland Park, 24:52.

Devils' Lubaska Pleased

With Both Boys and Girls

In Edison Invitational

EDISON — Hunterdon Central cross country coach Ludwik Lubaska has the best of both worlds, acting as head coach for both the boys' and girls' cross country teams. His girls are among the best in the state, while the boys are improving each day. Both teams proved that on Saturday in the 13th Edison Invitational at Roosevelt Park in Edison.

The girls ran off with the girls' title, some 70 points ahead of their nearest competitor, Bayley-Ellard. The Central threesome of Leise Schaff, Lori Butterfield and Cricket Batz finished 2-3-6, while the youngsters of Stephanie Guidotti and Jenny Stover placed 19 and 22. That was among 30 schools and over 200 runners.

The boys' team placed fifth, after a tie for fourth was decided with Sayreville on a tiebreaker, going to the best sixth man. The Devils totaled 173 with Chet Sarnowski the number one Devils finisher in seventh place overall from over 160 runners.

"For the girls I'm ecstatic, and for the boys I'm pleased," the veteran Central coach said.

"The times were really amazing considering the time of year," he said. "The girls were really a bit too fast. But I really expect the top four to come in around 2-3-4-5, or 4-5-6-7 in every race like this. I think there are only about 10 or 15 girls in the state that can beat them. I was very pleased with our start, I only hope we finish the same way. I honestly think that this year's team is much stronger than last year's girls' team. Jenny Stover has really given us a lift."

Schaff finished number two with a time of 17:43, while Butterfield was behind in 17:46 for third.

Batz finished in 17:57 for sixth, but Guidotti picked up a stitch running after about two miles and had trouble finishing well.

"The same thing happened to Cricket last year in this race as I recall," the Central coach said. "It happens to all my runners at one time or another, especially early in the season."

Guidotti managed to fight it off and place 19th with a time of 19:16. Stover was 22, Bonnie Reed 68 and Cathy Costello 108.

"The times for both races were much faster this year," Lubaska said. "Last year's winning time was 17:30 and if you ran in the 19s last year you made the top 10."

Sarnowski ran a 15:27, which was faster than Central's fine runner of the past, Barney Costello, as he took seventh.

"The boys' race was really fast, too," Lubaska noted. "The overall times were the best I've seen here in seven years. The guys did well, and I expect much from them. It was a nice view of things yet to come. I think we have the horses to do well, if we can get it together."

Pete Rosen and Carl Ramirez came in together with Rosen at 16:11 for 25th and Ramirez in 16:14 good for 29th. Ray Powell placed 42nd in 16:26, while Rich Cherry (70), Dennis Sullivan (80) and Allen Acken (98) all placed in under the 100 mark.

"I'm pleased. It wasn't super, but it was good for this early," the coach said. "It's basically the same crowd I had last year, and they are performing a lot better already."

Delbarton, Hunterdon C win

By GRANT EDWARDS

The Delbarton and Westfield boys' teams and the Hunterdon Central girls all made it two victories in a row this season when they swept the three varsity events at the Stewart Memorial cross-country invitational meet yesterday at Warinanco Park, Elizabeth.

Delbarton again turned in the fastest team effort of the day as it won the varsity boys' B race from Essex Catholic, 52-114, led by senior Steve Delahunty and sophomore Lou Ross. Westfield took the boys' A race, 74-88, over Dickinson and Hunterdon Central captured the girls' event, 54-93, from Bayley-Ellard. All three schools had won their races a week earlier at the Edison invitational.

Ann Gladue of Bayley-Ellard was the only repeat individual winner; she ran away with the girls' race by more than a minute in 18:40.6 over a new 3.2-mile course at Warinanco. Breaking away from the pack at the mile mark, Ann led home Cricket Batz of Hunterdon Central by more than a minute.

Jack Marino of Ramsey won the boys' B race by 20 yards from Delahunty in 16:42. Ross was fourth for Delbarton in 16:57, a time that also bettered the 16:59.3 run by Sean Gormley of Bergen Catholic in taking the A race.

Delbarton had all five of its runners in the first 21 finishers to defeat Essex Catholic easily. Westfield put five in the first 25 for its close victory over Dickin-

son, junior Cliff Sheehan leading the team in third place at 17:08.

GIRLS'

TEAM SCORE: 1-Hunterdon Central 54, 2-Bayley-Ellard 93, 3-Raritan 155, 4-Edison 189, 5-Elizabeth 193, 6-Toms River South 271, 7-Butler 286, 8-Kinnelon 292, 9-Memorial (W.N.Y.) 293, 10-Somerville 331, 11-Glen Ridge 335, 12-Kearny 348, 13-Paterson Kennedy 379, 14-Columbia 387, 15-Saddle Brook 407, 16-Carteret 445, 17-Westfield 460, 18-Queen of Peace 476.

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS: 1-Anne Gladue, Bayley-Ellard 18:40.6; 2-Cricket Batz, Hunterdon Central 19:48; 3-Lisa Schaff, Hunterdon Central 19:55; 4-Mary Beth Hogan, Cranford 19:58; 5-Lisa Szymanski, Toms River East 20:02; 6-Lori Butterfield, Hunterdon Central 20:05; 7-Eileen Florin, Bayley-Ellard 20:11; 8-Kathy Persichetti, Bayley-Ellard 20:34; 9-Tracey Deely, Raritan 20:52; 10-Stephanie Guidotti, Hunterdon Central 20:54; 11-Laura Falci, Saddle Brook 20:58; 12-Karen Kron, Toms River East 21:02; 13-Karen Kirkland, Paterson Kennedy 21:07; 14-Lisa Mitchell, Toms River South 21:09; 15-Valerie Huhn, Brick 21:20.

BOYS' A

TEAM SCORE: 1-Westfield 74; 2-Dickinson 88; 3-Bergen Catholic 92; 4-Seton Hall 107; 5-Brick 189; 6-Hunterdon Central 203; 7-Nutley 206; 8-St. Joseph (Metuchen) 217; 9-Paterson Kennedy 259; 10-Don Bosco Prep 283; 11-Madison Catholic 288; 12-Columbia 296; 13-North Bergen 340; 14-Elizabeth 372; 15-Carteret

461; 16-Raritan 496; Marist 532; 18-Scotch Plains 538.

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS: 1-Sean Gormley, Bergen Catholic 16:59.3; 2-Chad Sarnowski, Hunterdon Central 17:06; 3-Cliff Sheehan, Westfield 17:08; 4-Rick Ortiz, Dickinson 17:15; 5-Paul Chludzinski, Seton Hall 17:19; 6-Rich Green, Seton Hall 17:19; 7-Vince Coelho, Elizabeth 17:22; 8-Gene Carle, Bergen Catholic 17:24; 9-Pete Singer, St. Joseph (Metuchen) 17:30; 10-Bob Bertell, Nutley 17:30; 11-Kevin Singleton, Dickinson 17:31; 12-Doug Massey, Westfield 17:32; 13-Steve Singer, St. Joseph (Metuchen) 17:33; 14-Tim Savage, Westfield 17:35; 15-Doug Ira, Brick 17:35.

BOYS' B

TEAM SCORE: 1-Delbarton 52; 2-Essex Catholic 114; 3-Ramsey 146; 4-Toms River East 148; 5-Madison 178; 6-Bayley-Ellard 184; 7-Roselle Catholic 193; 8-Emerson (U.C.) 194; 9-Kinnelon 213; 10-Monmouth 241; 11-Glen Ridge 249; 12-Somerville 253; 13-Iselin 297; 14-Oratory 313; 15-Union Catholic 457.

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS: 1-Jack Marino, Ramsey 16:42; 2-Steve Delahunty, Delbarton 16:45; 3-George DelaVega, Emerson (U.C.) 16:50; 4-Lou Ross, Delbarton 16:57; 5-Don Sullivan, Essex Catholic 17:02; 6-Bob Lewis, Iselin 17:05; 7-John Leary, Bayley-Ellard 17:05; 8-Jeff Cross, Somerville 17:23; 9-Robert DelRios, Essex Catholic 17:24; 10-Jim Rosenhaus, Delbarton 17:27; 11-Jose Agresto, Monmouth 17:29; 12-Sergio DelVega, Emerson (U.C.) 17:31; 13-Dave Katz, Ramsey 17:41; 14-Joe Bianco, Toms River East 17:44; 15-Paul Cerwin, Delbarton 17:55.



WORKING IT OUT — Hunterdon Central's fine junior runner, Lori Butterfield, finished third in the Edison Invitational on Saturday, one behind teammate Leise Schaff. Butterfield has been nursing tight muscles for the past week, and prepped for the race with only three day's practice.

GIRLS' A

Team scores: 1-Brick 163, 2-East Brunswick 182, 3-Raritan 210, 4-Ridgewood 210, 5-North Hunterdon 211, 6-Morristown 236, 7-Manalapan 237, 8-Holy Cross 243, 9-Toms River East 271, 10-Freehold Township 292, 11-Red Bank Catholic 294, 12-Howell 375, 13-Matawan 395, 14-Southern Reg. 430, 15-Marlboro 437, 16-Iselin 465, 17-Sayreville 482, 18-Plainfield 498, 19-Middletown South 508, 20-Franklin Township 515, 21-Ocean Township 580, 22-Paterson Eastside 642, 23-Westfield 659.

Individual: 1-Alyson Hendricks, Matawan, 20:22; 2-Mary Ellen Mileski, Ridgewood, 20:25; 3-Sandra Cook, Howell, 20:25; 4-Lisa Szymanski, Toms River East, 20:27; 5-Judy Stein, Morristown, 20:40; 6-Joan Lukhowec, East Brunswick, 20:41; 7-Sarah Soman, Howell, 20:46; 8-Mary Beth Hogan, Cranford, 20:49; 9-Lisa Mitchell, Toms River South, 20:53; 10-Mickie Griffith, North Hunterdon, 20:53.

GIRLS' B

Team scores: 1-Bernards 45, 2-Pequannock 115, 3-Mater Dei 117, 4-St. John Vianney 190, 5-Mount Olive 198, 6-Haddonfield 251, 7-St. Joseph's (Toms River) 298, 8-Bound Brook 300, 9-Point

Devil "Ringer" Leads Boys Past North's Lions, 27-29; Unbeaten Girls Roll Past North's Girls

By **LOWELL SNARE**
ANNANDALE — North Hunterdon's cross country coach Bob O'Rourke called it good "gamesmanship". But, no matter how you slice it, the use of "ringer" Eric Schwehm by coach Ludwick

Lubaska against North actually won the race for the Devils, 27-29, last Tuesday in a very key DRC run.

Schwehm, who's been practicing for the Devils on his own during gym calls since the beginning of the

year under the guidance of Lubaska, finished eighth in the race. But that eighth spot actually gave the Devils the race over the fast improving Lions.

Schwehm's finish didn't take anything away from the Red Devil's top runner, Chet Sarnowski. Sarnowski and North's John Ennis are considered by all who watch DRC cross country as the two premier runners in the league. And, both proved that in this race on North's tough course.

Ennis and Sarnowski were stride for stride for most of the race, but in the final one-half mile, Sarnowski poured it on to beat Ennis to the finish by eight seconds. Sarnowski came in with a 15:37, while Ennis was not far behind in 15:45.

"My goal was to beat Ennis," the Central runner said after it was over. "I respect him a great deal. He's a real good runner, but I knew that I had to beat him for the team. We want the DRC title, and a win here is a good place to start for it."

"You can see how badly our kids want the DRC," Lubaska said about the race. "They really want to win. North was ready for us. They went out 100 per cent at us. We just had a super race from Sarnowski, and from our entire team.

"I told you at the beginning of the season that this year the DRC was a wide open race, and I think today's meet proved it," the Central coach added. "And, it's not over yet by any means. Delval is tough and so is Voorhees, and we both have to run them yet."

After Ennis in the race the Lions had the next two places with Matt Isham coming in third in 16:20, followed by Allen Brown in 16:23. But Central had the next four places, and that was the key.

Carl Ramirez (16:30), Pete Rosen (16:38), Ray Powell (16:47) and Schwehm (16:58) got five through eight to win it for the Devils. Schwehm passed North's Jeff Adam in the last 100 yards for the win. If Adam beat him it would

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RUNNING 1-2? — North Hunterdon's John Ennis is a step ahead of Hunterdon Central's Chet Sarnowski at this stage of the North and Central boys cross country run on Tuesday. But, Sarnowski passed Ennis late in the race to win, and give his Central team a 27-29 win over the Lions. (Photo by Ray Helm)

have been a tie 28-28.

Central's Allen Acken was 10th in 17:04, North's Greg Tkac was 11th in 17:08 and Rich Cherry of Central was 12th in 17:15.

"It was a very good race," coach Bob O'Rourke noted after it was over. "But I think John (Ennis) should have beaten Sarnowski. I felt that we would win it today, but them having Schwehm was a factor that I hadn't counted on. It was a hell of a race. But I have to be very pleased with everybody on our team. I wish we could have won it,

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but we're not going to get anything but stronger from here out. Tkac is coming on, Adam is improving each race. I think we're way ahead of last year in terms of the team's development. I still feel that we're the team to beat in this conference based on this race."

The Schwehm factor was a big one for Central. Schwehm's parents have moved away and the senior is living with friends, and he must work to support himself. He works after school, and can only practice with the team two out of five times

a week. This was his first race this season.

"He runs every day during his gym class," Lusaska said. "Because of his job he can really only run on Saturdays, but he wanted to run today very badly...so we voted on it and decided to let him.

"Without him today we don't win," the coach said. It's as simple as that. He's a part of my team and a big part today."

CENTRAL GIRLS WIN EASILY, 17-42

Hunterdon Central's girls cross country team is perhaps the best team in the state of New Jersey. There are certainly pros and cons to that statement. But I'm sure that North Hunterdon's coach Bob McGivney thinks they are.

"We've run two of the top two teams in the state in the last week," the Lion coach said. "And believe me, it's been brutal."

The Central threesome of Lorrie Butterfield, Leise Schaff, and Cricket Batz crossed the North finish line in a photo finish for first as the Devils swept past the Lions, 17-42.

And the number four runner was Central sophomore Stephanie Guidotti. The three all had times of 18:31, while Guidotti had a 19:08 on the North course.

North did have the next two spots with Mickie Griffith in fifth in 19:28 and Sharon Green in sixth in 19:59. Central's Jeni Stover was seventh in 20:16, with Marge DeMarrais in eighth with a 20:58.

Central got number nine and ten with Bonnie Reed and frosh Molly Ragatte in those spots. North had 11 and 12 in Sue Dahme and Kirsten Busch.

North ran without Kim Borin, or Amy Slavin in the race, and Marge DeMarrais is still not 100 per cent from an illness, but McGivney still feels that Central is a little too strong for his Lions.

"The kids had another fine race," Lubaska said of his girls. "Bonnie had her best race ever, and Milly is getting better each week, and she's only been out for a couple of weeks too."

JOGGING JOTS — North evened it's dual record to 2-2 later in the week with a 19-44 win over Plainfield. Ennis was 15:45 followed by Isham and Brown in second and third. Gary Deemer was sixth, Tkac seventh, Adam eighth and soph Jim Hatala ninth.

The North girls lost to Plainfield, 27-28, as Griffith and DeMarrais finished one-two in 19:08 and 19:15 respectively.

Dahme was seventh, Busch eighth and Slavin was 10th for the Lions in the close race. Plainfield took 3-4-5-6 with the state Championship mile relay team.

The Central kids came up and worked on the North course on Sunday on their own before the North race.

Lubaska on senior captain Ray Powell, "He's got the confidence in himself this year and it shows."

Lubaska also notes that he's changed his coaching philosophy this year and is praising his team.

"They thought I was a tyrant, and this year I've been telling them how super they are," the coach said. "It's working too!"

About the Lubaska "gamesmanship", O'Rourke says, "I'd do it if I could too."

Both squads competed this past Saturday in different races. Central went to the Passaic Coaches Invitational at Garrett Mountain in West Paterson. The boys team finished fourth with 126 points with

Sarnowski taking a fourth overall in the "A" race. Rosen was 16th, Ramirez was 20th, Powell 37th and Cherry 49th.

Schwehm was in a car accident on the way to Central in the morning and missed the race. He was not injured however.

The Central girls took the "A" title with a mere 39 points as Butterfield was first in 17:44, Schaff was second and Batz was third. Guidotti was ninth and Stover 26 in the easy race for the Devils.

In the girls JV race and frosh race Central took second overall. Patty Voewinkel was sixth, and Lauren Black ninth in the JV race. Molly Ragatte was fourth and Chris Zedepski was 11th in the frosh race.

North entered the Shore Invitational meet at Holmdel, and both teams finished fifth in their respective races.

The Lion guys got a seventh place from Ennis in the Boys "B" race in 16:56, with Isham 27th, and soph Hatala in a surprising 39th, with Deemer 44 and Tkac in 46th place.

The girls placed fifth in their "A" race with Griffith in 10th in 20:53, Sharone Green in 14th and DeMarrais in 27th. Dahme was 78th, and Slaven 82nd for the Lions.

The Lion frosh were fifth in that race as Liz Ludwigson was 10th, Linda Rosado 43rd, Roseann Boretta in 44th, and Cyrilla Beverage in 54th. Kathy Gubitosi, Pam Hudson and Holly Gomula also ran well for the Lions.

HUNTERDON CENTRAL GIRLS 17 NORTH HUNTERDON GIRLS 42

1. Cricket Batz, HC, Lorrie Butterfield, HC, and Leise Schaff, HC (tie) 18:31, 4. Stephanie Guidotti, HC 19:08, 5. Mickie Griffith, NH 19:28, 6. Sharon Green, NH 19:59, 7. Jeni Stover, HC 20:16, 8. Marge DeMarrais, NH 20:58, 9. Bonnie Reed, HC 21:21, 10. Molly Ragatte, HC 21:26, 11. Sue Dahme, NH 21:28, 12. Kirsten Busch, NH 21:50

HUNTERDON CENTRAL BOYS 27 NORTH HUNTERDON BOYS 29

1. Chet Sarnowski, HC 15:37, 2. John Ennis, NH 15:45, 3. Matt Isham, NH 16:20, 4. Alan Brown, NH 16:23, 5. Carl Ramirez, HC 16:30, 6. Pete Rosen, HC 16:33, 7. Ray Powell, HC 16:47, 8. Eric Schwehm, HC 16:58, 9. Jeff Adam, NH 17:02, 10. Alan Acken, HC 17:04, 11. Greg Tkac, NH 17:08, 12. Rich Cherry, HC 17:17



THREE WAY PHOTO FINISH — Hunterdon Central's Cricket Batz, Leise Schaff, and Lorrie Butterfield finish in a dead-head during Tuesday's easy win over North Hunterdon. Starter Pete Catanese looks on and

just calls out the time of 18:31 for the threesome. The Red Devils are perhaps the best team in the state. (photo by Ray Helm)



SCHWEHM THE SHORT — Eric Schwehm being held up slightly by teammate Ray Powell, had in his hand stick number eight and it proved to be the winning margin in the Hunterdon Central boys cross country win over North Hunterdon on Tuesday.

Little harm from group changes

Each October, cross-country teams around the state wait anxiously to learn what the high school group changes may do to the championship picture. But in 1979, their concern has proved to be without cause.

The group changes announced last week were few and fewer still those that will affect the picture that has developed over the first six weeks of the season. Only one school with championship aspirations, Queen of Peace of North Arlington, has been affected, moving from Parochial B to A.

As things stand now, there are four clear favorites in the six boys' group races and three in the girls. Among the boys, Bernards figures to repeat in Group 1, Manalapan dominates Group 3, Morris Catholic is headed for another Parochial B title; particularly with Queen of Peace out of the way, and Christian Brothers appears a cinch in Parochial A.

The girls' choices at this point are Bernards in Group 1, Pequannock in Group 3 and top-ranked Hunterdon Central in Group 4.

CBA is still the standout leader among all boys' teams in the state but the

girls' picture became more complex last weekend when Bernards all but defeated Hunterdon Central at the St. John's meet. Bernards had four runners in the first 18 finishers but its fifth girl dropped out and it wound up with no team score.

Hunterdon Central also lost a key runner, Liese Schmitt, in that race, but had the depth to make up for it. The two teams do not figure to meet again until the all-group race.

New Jersey did just about as well as expected at the meet, qualifying three runners for the Dec. 8 national meet in San Diego, Calif. Jim Smith of Haddonfield and Jerry Andrews of Highland made it in the boys' competition, Ann Gladue of Bayley-Elland in the girls', with Lori Butterfield of Hunterdon Central first alternate.

That alternate spot could develop into a reality should one or more of the qualifiers run into problems with their state associations. Latest word in New Jersey is that no objection will be raised—as none should be—to the athletes making the trip. By Dec. 8, the school season is ended and the runners are on their own.

There were also indications that the state will claim as many or more positions next year. Sophomore Lou Ross of Delbarton and junior Greg Noll of Morris Catholic weren't far off the boys' qualifying time and Miss Butterfield will return next year. Among the absent girls—none seniors—who could have had a shot this time were Theresa Gschwind of Summit, Lisa Pakutka of Hopatcong and Mary Ellen McGowan of Pascack Valley.

THE SCHEDULE: Tomorrow Northern Bergen Interscholastic League, Demarest; Bergen County Scholastic League, National and Olympic, Garret Mountain, West Paterson.

Friday—Somerset County, Bridgewater West; Middlesex County, Buccleuch Park, New Brunswick; Suburban Conference, Warinanco Park, Elizabeth; Delaware River Conference, North Hunterdon, Clinton; Passaic County, Garret Mountain.

Saturday—Eastern Interscholastics, Van Cortlandt Park, New York; St. Benedict's Invitational, Branch Brook Park, Newark; Ocean County, Ocean County College, Toms River; Iron Hills Conference, Nabisco, East Hanover.

Tuesday—Monmouth County, Holmdel County Park; Morris County, Nabisco.

Next Wednesday—Essex County, Branch Brook Park; Watchung Conference, Warinanco Park, Elizabeth; Mountain Valley Conference, Buccleuch Park, New Brunswick.

TOP TEN

BOYS: 1-Christian Brothers. 2-Delbarton. 3-Highland. 4-Westfield. 5-Morristown. 6-Toms River South. 7-Manalapan. 8-Seton Hall. 9-Dickinson. 10-tie, Ridgewood and Bergen Catholic.

GIRLS: 1-Hunterdon Central. 2-Bernards. 3-Pequannock. 4-Toms River South. 5-Old Tappan. 6-Mater Dei. 7-Ridgewood. 8-North Hunterdon. 9-Mount Olive. 10-Raritan.

Results Vary On Saturday In Bernards Invitational

By Bill Tooker

The Bernards Invitational Meet last Saturday was a great success for one Hunterdon County girls' cross-country team, an encouraging sign of things to come for another, and a major disappointment for a third local squad.

Hunterdon Central's girl harriers, ranked No. 1 in the state, did nothing to hurt their lofty position when they won the Bernards event with a team total of 59 points — 10 ahead of runnerup Bernards, the host school. The Group 1 victory was the fourth of the season for the Red Devils in invitational competition without a loss.

Meanwhile, North Hunterdon's girls, rapidly getting back into shape after a rash of injuries and illness, took fourth in the Group 1 portion of the Bernards event with 145 points, while Delaware Valley, considered a strong contender in the Delaware River Conference, came in 12th overall (eighth in Group 2) with 242 points.

In other action last week, Central remained unbeaten in dual meets with a 19-44 romp at Ewing, while North toyed with visiting North Warren 18-48, both on Thursday, and the Lions and Voorhees finished third and seventh, respectively, in last Wednesday's Spotswood Invitational.

Butterfield Third

Lorrie Butterfield paced Central in the Bernards meet, as she took third place in 13:29 on the 3.1-mile course. Butterfield was followed by Devil teammates Cricket Batz (sixth, 18:38), Stephanie Guidotti (seventh, 18:40) and Liese Schaff (ninth, 18:45).

But it was Central's fifth runner, Pat Volwinkel, who was the difference in the race, according to Devil coach Ludwik Lubaszka.

"Patty was running in the 40's at about the two-mile mark," Lubaszka recounted. "She really came on strong at the end and won it for us."

Volwinkel ended up 34th in 20:14, as she took up the slack left by Central's usual No. 5 runner, Jenny Stover, who had an off-day and slumped to 69th. Also making a good showing for the Devils was Bonnie Reed (49th, 20:59).

Lubaszka felt his squad's triumph was well-earned, because it came in what was probably Central's toughest invitational so far this season.

"We went up against some very good teams," the Devil mentor declared. "And we were under a lot of pressure with the No. 1 ranking in the state. We had to show some pizzazz and really work for it."

"The times (at Bernards) were phenomenal," Lubaszka added. "They're so improved, I'm shocked. Last year, 18:45 (Schaff's ninth-place clocking) would've

been good for third. But we had our best pack of the season. I'm pleased."

Bob McGivney, coach of the North girls, also felt good about his team's performance at Bernards.

"The old coach can't be too displeased," McGivney admitted. "We were eighth last year. This time, we beat Council Rock, which was right up there last year. This was a pretty good indicator that we're coming back from the injuries and illness that have hurt us so far."

The Lions were topped by Micki Griffith (14th, 19:12), Sharon Greene (15th, 19:15), Marge DeMarras (32nd, 20:05), Sue Dahme (42nd, 20:47) and "super frosh" Liz Ludwigson (43rd, 20:52).

Also competing for North were Kim Borin (79th, 21:45) and Amy Slaven (82nd, 21:55), both of whom are coming back from the problems McGivney spoke of.

Del Val's poor showing at Bernards was the result of several factors, claimed coach Nancy Icenhower.

"We weren't in touch with what Bernards is like," Icenhower said of the quality field the meet attracts. "We might've been intimidated. Also, it's a tough course, and we didn't go out fast enough. I'm very unhappy."

Nancy Lauck placed 29th in 20:54 to lead the Terriers, while teammates Alissa Andrejack (38th, 21:01), Diane Cranmer (39th, 21:07), Carolyn Roskowski (65th, 22:05) and Donna Wilson (76th, 22:48) followed. Others in the event for Del Val were Lynette Geddes (22:52) and Debby Andrejack (23:42).

Against Ewing, Central (3-0 in dual meets) got a first place from Volwinkel (21:02) on the losers' three-mile layout. Ewing took second, but the Devils then grabbed third through eighth behind Molly Ragette, Reed, Chris Zdepski, Katey Fitzgerald, Sue Schnitzler and Beth McGivney. Obviously, Lubaszka rested his top runners.

Slaven and Ludwigson tied for first in North's rout of North Warren, while the Lions' third-place 97-point showing at Spotswood (behind Mater Dei with 67 and East Brunswick with 92) was led by Griffith, Greene and DeMarras.

Voorhees boss Marjorie Paul said her team's lackluster finish at Spotswood was caused by the Vikings' tough dual meet with Del Val the day before.

"We ran hard on Tuesday, and we were just tired at Spotswood," Paul remarked. First Voorhees runner to cross the line was Cindy Hupp (36th), with Tammy Beam (39th) not far behind.

Girls Ranked First In State

Devil Runners Set This Time

By Bill Tooker

The 1978 cross-country season was like something out of a storybook for the Hunterdon Central girls' cross-country team.

There was just one problem, however — the story had an unhappy ending.

During the campaign, the Red Devil girl harriers breezed to an 11-1 dual meet record, three firsts and two seconds on the tough weekend invitational circuit, wins in the Delaware River Conference Meet and the Central Jersey Group 4 Sectionals, and the No. 1 ranking in New Jersey as determined by The Newark Star-Ledger.

Then came the Group Meet, which qualified the top three teams from each group for the state finals. Central finished a shocking fifth, missed making it to the states, and lost its top position in The Star-Ledger poll (the Devils came in No. 3 for the year).

This fall, with all but one of the runners back from the '78 squad, Central was again rated first in the state as of last weekend. And the Devils seem to be on course to try and redeem themselves for last year's season-ending collapse.

Invitational Wins

If anything, Central's early record is even more impressive this year. The Devils have posted four invitational wins — at Roselle, Edison, Passaic and Bernardsville — by comfortable margins over some of the other top teams in the state. And Central has yet to be tested after four dual meet victories. Victims have been Warren Hills (15-49), North Hunterdon (17-42), Ewing (19-44) and Delaware Valley (15-50).

According to Central coach Ludwik Lubaszka, his team is indeed better than it was last season, for a variety of reasons. But the most important factor is

the continued improvement of the runners he calls. "The Three Horsemen" — junior co-captains Lorrie Butterfield and Liese Schaff and sophomore Cricket Batz.

"The strength of our team is that our first three can beat anybody," Lubaszka declares.

The veteran mentor's confidence is his talented trio is borne out by their performances in the Devils' invitational. In the four events, Butterfield, Schaff and Batz have finished in the top ten individually, and their "splits" (the time interval between the first and third finishers) have averaged a remarkable 16 seconds. No other squad in the state can boast of three runners with such outstanding ability.

While Butterfield, the two-time defending DRC champ and sectional runnerup last year, was clearly Central's front-runner in '78, Lubaszka feels that Schaff and Batz have both reached the point where they can challenge Butterfield for the lead. The result is that all three are becoming better.

"This year, Liese and Cricket have won some events on their own," Lubaszka points out. "They were always running behind Lorrie last year. Now, they have the confidence to run out front by themselves."

Schaff (fourth in the DRC Meet and the Sectionals in '78) was the top finisher for the Devils in the Edison Invitational, in third place, and Batz (fifth in the DRC Meet and 10th in the Sectionals) took second at Roselle to pace her team. Butterfield led Central with a first at Passaic and a third at Bernardsville.

Depth As Well

Lubaszka's "Three Horsemen" are tough to beat. But, as any follower of cross-country knows, a team needs at least five quality runners to win.

Which brings up another of Central's keys to success — depth.

Sophomore Stephanie Guidotti has emerged as a solid No. 4 harrier for Lubaszka. Guidotti, who seems

determined to follow in the spike marks of her sister Sandy, a former DRC champ for the Devils, has run in the top ten in three of the invitational, and taken a first (when the top three were being rested), second and fourth in dual meets.

Junior Jenny Stover and sophomore Pat Volwinkel have been taking turns grabbing fifth-place honors for the Devils. Stover was Central's fifth runner at Edison and Passaic, while Volwinkel gained that position at Roselle and Bernardsville. Lubaszka notes that Volwinkel's clutch showing at Bernardsville, when she put on a strong finishing burst to move from 45th to 34th place, was the margin of victory in a 59-69 win over runnerup host Bernards, Central's closest call so far this season.

Attitude Important

The Devil head man singles out several other team members who lend strength to the Central program: Junior Bonnie Reed ("She has to push herself harder to get into the top five") and Katie Fitzgerald ("A lot of gumption and guts"), sophomore Lauren Black ("Tremendous potential, built like a runner") and freshmen Molly Ragette ("Very confident, could be in the top seven") and Chris Zdepksi ("A natural talent, I've been waiting for her since she was in sixth grade").

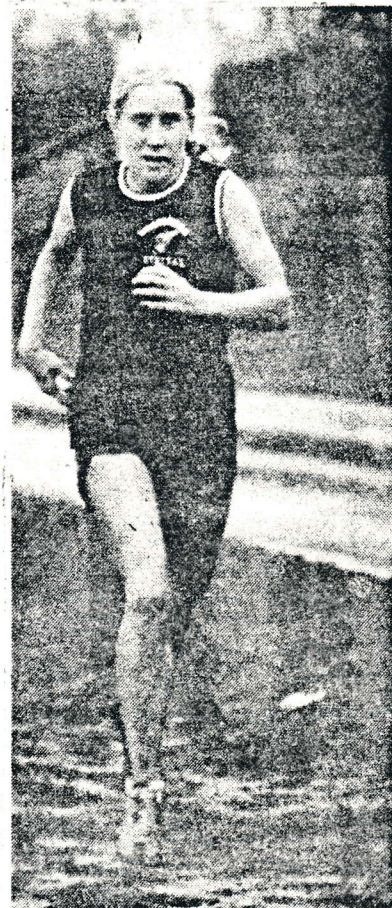
Talent is certainly responsible for much of the Devils' success. But Lubaszka is quick to note that his runners' attitude is just as vital.

"The girls are very serious about running," Lubaszka says. "When I say go, they go."

Long hours and miles of practice are made easier because all the teammates get along well Lubaszka insists.

"It's a very close-knit group," the coach remarks. "They practiced together all summer, and they even have parties together. That kind of closeness keeps them running close together, so

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Staff photo by Richard Rawlins

NUMBER ONE! Central ace Lorrie Butterfield on top again.



Staff photo by Richard Rawlins

TIGHTLY PACKED, Red Devils (l. to r.) Crickett Batz, Leise Schaff and Stephanie Guidotti finish last week in the rain against Delaware Valley. The Devils won, 15-50.



ONE-ONE-ONE — The threesome of Hunterdon Central's Molly Ragatte, Jeni Stover and Patty Vowinkel as they run together. All three came in first on Thurs-

day in the Devils' win over Voorhees. (photo by Ray Helm)

Lubaska's Kids, Boys And Girls,

Are Still Without A Running Loss

FLEMINGTON — With the DRC cross country championships slated for this Friday in Readington Township's Deepath Park, it sure looks like the team favorites in both the boys and girls races will show up. Hunterdon Central's teams, coached by Ludwick Lubaska, remained unbeaten in DRC dual meets with last Friday's wins over Voorhees. Then on Saturday in the St. John's Invitational, the girls got lucky.

"Yes, we were lucky on Saturday," coach Lubaska said. "We had a lot of luck, it was just one of those things."

Central won the team title over arch-foe Bernards in the girls' "A" division race, but it wasn't easy. The Devils, fine runner, Leise Schaff had some problems on the course. It's the same course that she had problems on two years ago and didn't finish. This time she crossed the finish line as she pushed herself to make the Devils a winner with 124 points. She was in 55th place, and then she collapsed.

"Two years ago as a freshman she just passed out on the course," Lubaska said. "She had about 100 yards to go, and I was afraid that history would repeat itself. But despite it all, she bounced across the line. Bernards would have won it, but their girl couldn't finish."

Lorrie Butterfield just missed qualifying for the Nationals by one second as she came in third in 18:55.8. She had taken a wrong turn in the woods in the race to hurt her time.

Cricket Batz placed second for

the Devils, and seventh overall. Stephanie Guidotti was 15th and Jeni Stover 44th for the Devils.

"I think it was a combination of a lot of things," Lubaska reasoned. "We got there at 10:00 a.m. and didn't run until almost 5:30 in the afternoon. That's tough. I think it might have been a lack of body fluids."

Running a "B" unit against the Viking girls on Friday the Devils won 20-41 with Molly Ragatte, Stover, and Patty Voewinkel coming in tied for first.

The Vikes' Lucinda Smarro was fourth overall, and Central's Chris Depski was fifth. Voorhees' frosh duo of Cindy Hupp and Tammy Beam were next followed by Sue Finkel.

"I thought our kids did well," coach Marge Paul of the Vikings noted. "After the first mile we were getting beaten badly. They had the first five, but the kids came back strong. It was one of our better races. Lucinda ran well in this one for us. She's beginning to come back."

In the boys' race it was Central's Chet Sarnowski once again as this time he broke his own course mark with a 16:45. He was pushed somewhat by the Vikes' Rich Woods who came in 10 seconds behind.

Central had number three, four and five with Pete Rosen, Ray Powell, and Carl Ramirez. Voorhees' Jeff Dishner was sixth. Then the Devils got the next four spots to close it out.

"We took over after the first mile," Lubaska noted. "Chet ran

hard against Woods, but I don't think Woods actually pushed him a whole lot."

At The St. Johns the Central boys didn't do all that well as Ray Powell was the first in at 43rd. Sarnowski was 44th, but was very tight before the race according to Lubaska.

The Vikings' Woods ran well at VanCortland Park as he finished 13th in his race in 16:49. Dishner was 51st.

On Tuesday the Vikings had beaten Warren Hills, 23-32, as Woods tied his personal mark of 15-48 on The Voorhees State Park course.

Dishner was third in 16:20, followed by Jim Freiss, Adam Ambielli, Dave Pettegrove and Steve Parker.

Looking to the DRC's this Friday Lubaska thinks the boys' race is still up for grabs.

"Voorhees could come back strong, North will be super tough, and Warren Hills will push people," he says. "I don't think the thing will be a sweep. It depends on who runs the best. It's as simple as that. I think it will be a very close race, and the number one spot is really up for grabs. Ennis, Sarnowski, Simpkins of Warren Hills and Lilly of Delval all have a shot."

HUNTERDON CENTRAL 19 VOORHEES 40

1. Chet Sarnowski, HC 16:45 (Course record) 2. Rich Woods, V. 3. Pete Rosen, HC. 4. Ray Powell, HC. 5. Carl Ramirez, HC. 6. Jeff Dishner, V. 7. Rich Cherry, HC. 8. Dennis Sullivan, HC. 9. Eric Schwelm, HC. 10. Allen Acken, HC. 11. Jim Freiss, V. 12. Dave Pettegrove, V.

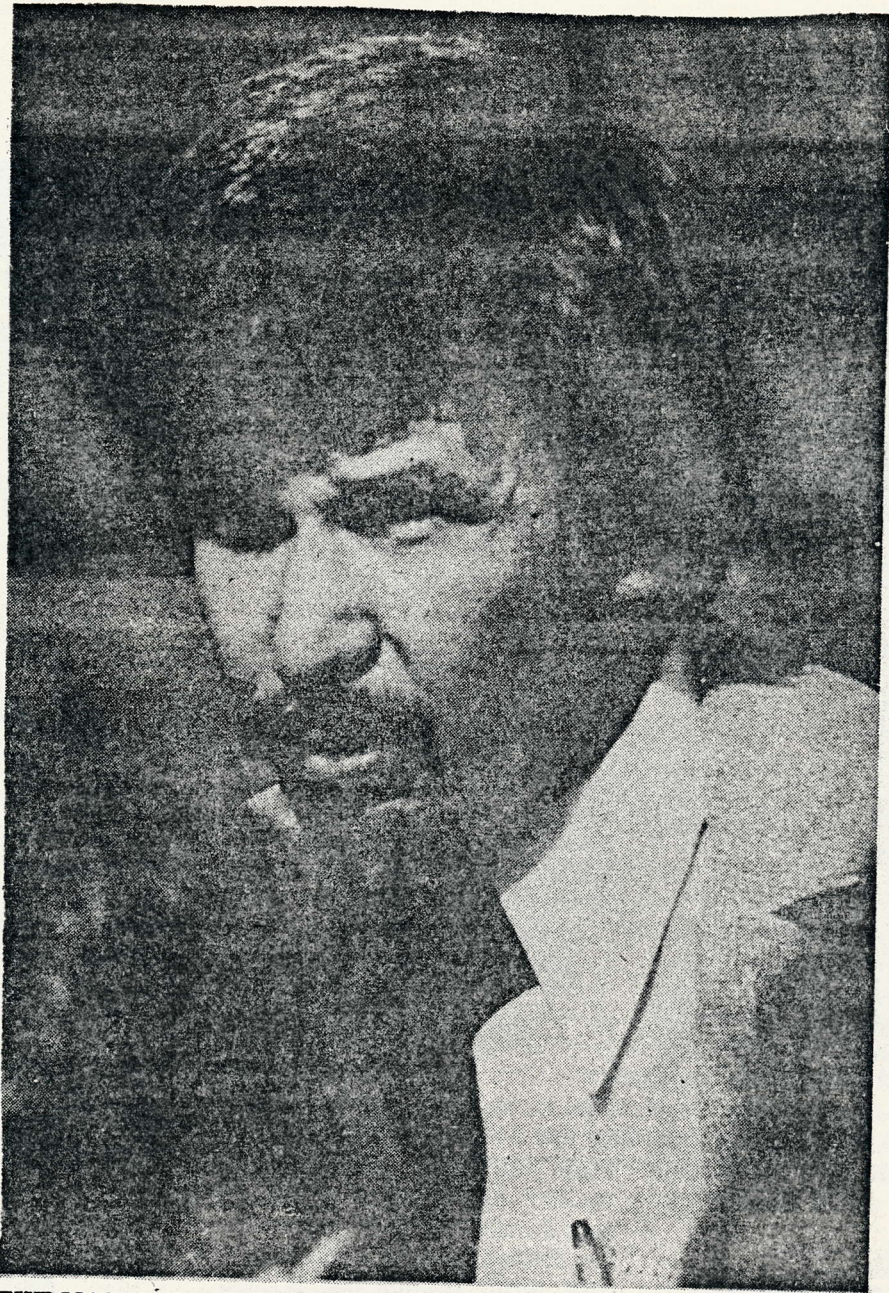
HUNTERDON CENTRAL Girls 20 VOORHEES Girls 41

1. Jeni Stover, Molly Ragatte, and Patty Voewinkel, HC. 4. Lucinda Smarro, V. 5. Chris Depski, HC. 6. Cindy Hupp, V. 7. Tammy Beam, V. 8. Sue Finkel, V. 9. Sue Schatzner, HC. 10. Rosie Thomas, V.



RECORD BREAKING TIME — Central's Chet Sarnowski closes in on the finish line as meet timer John Morgan calls out the numbers in the Red Devil win on

Thursday. The time was a record one for the Central course of 16:45. He led his team to another win, over DRC foe Voorhees. (photo by Ray Helm)



THE MAN — Hunterdon Central cross country coach Ludwick Lubaska is the man behind the number one girls team in the state. This week his kids upped their personal mark to 5-0 in dual meets and 10-0 in others as they are the top ranked team in New Jersey. (photo by Ray Helm)

Devils, Plus Snake, In 1979 DRC Run

By Bill Tooker

Red was definitely the color of the day at the Delaware River Conference Cross-Country Meet at Deer Path Park last Friday.

Hunterdon Central won both the boys' and girls' team titles with balanced performances, while the Red Devils' Lorrie Butterfield claimed her third straight individual championship with an easy win in the girls' event.

A touch of Blue and Gold was added to the proceedings when Delaware Valley's Paul "Snake" Lillie pulled an upset with a victory over favored Chet Sarnowski of Central and John Ennis of North Hunterdon in the boys' race.

The format of the event was different from past years, since the results of the race were combined with dual meet standings during the year to determine the conference championship teams. Prior to this fall, the DRC Meet was run strictly to crown individual boy and girl titlists. So that, a squad that didn't finish first in the dual meet standings could conceivably take the DRC championship with a strong performance in the conference meet.

But no underdog teams had a chance to surprise anyone in 1979, as both Central squads, unbeaten during the dual meet campaign, made a shambles of the rest of the field on the raw, 40-degree afternoon.

The team point total for the Central girls, ranked first in the state at presstime, was an amazing 19, far ahead of second-place North Hunterdon, which had 43. Delaware Valley (85) was third, with Voorhees (102) fourth and Warren Hills (148) fifth. North, which was also second during the dual meets, finished as the overall runnerup for the season.

The Devil boys' team total of 30 points easily outdistanced runnerup Warren Hills (80). Voorhees was third (86), followed by North (97), Del Val (101), Hackettstown (124) and South Hunterdon (164). Voorhees was the overall seasonal runnerup to Central.

Individually, Butterfield, a junior who recently qualified as an alternate for the high school nationals in California at season's end, took the lead from the start in the girls' race and just poured it on, winning in 19 minutes flat, a full 30 second ahead of teammate and runnerup Cricket Batz.

Central coach Ludwik Lubaszka felt that Butterfield's awesome performance is an indication that she is completely recovered from a series of injuries that hampered her early in the season.

VARSITY BOYS Team Standings

1. Hunterdon Central 30;
2. Warren Hills 80;
3. Voorhees 86;
4. North Hunterdon 97;
5. Delaware Valley 101;
6. Hackettstown 124;
7. South Hunterdon 208.

Individual Finish

1. Paul Lillie (DV), 16:34;
2. Chet Sarnowski (HC), 16:49;
3. Rich Woods (V), 17:07;
4. Peter Rosen (HC), 17:09;
5. Derek Simpkins (WH), 17:19;
6. Raymond Powell (HC), 17:21;
7. Matt Isham (NH), 17:28;
8. Carl Ramirez (HC), 17:29;
9. Jeff Dishner (V), 17:36;
10. Rich Cherry (HC), 17:43;
11. Al Brown (NH), 17:45;
12. Chris Fraleigh (H), 17:52;
13. Jim Gibson (WH), 17:55;
14. Allen Acken (HC), 17:56;
15. Dennis Sullivan (HC), 18:02.

VARSITY GIRLS Team Standings

1. Hunterdon Central 19;
2. North Hunterdon 43;
3. Delaware Valley 85;
4. Voorhees 102;
5. Warren Hills 148.

Individual Finish

1. Lorrie Butterfield (HC), 19:00;
2. Cricket Batz (HC), 19:30;
3. Liese Schaff (HC), 19:49;
4. Stephanie Guidotti (HC), 19:56;
5. Marge DeMarras (NH), 19:59;
6. Sharon Greene (NH), 20:08;
7. Mickie Griffith (NH), 20:33;
8. Nancy Lauck (DV), 21:06;
9. Pat Vowinkel (HC), 21:07;
10. Molly Ragette (HC), 21:11;
11. Sue Dahme (NH), 21:16;
12. Tammy Beam (V), 21:20;
13. Liz Ludwigson (NH), 21:23;
14. Diane Cranmer (DV), 21:33;
15. Alissa Andrejack (DV), 21:35.

"Lorrie's back," Lubaszka declared. "She's at her peak right now. She actually slowed up near the end, or she could've been in the 18's easily."

The Devil coach said he was almost shocked at how quickly Butterfield took control of the race. "When I asked her why she went out so fast, Lorrie said 'I was so cold, I didn't know what else to do,'" Lubaszka laughed.

Devil girls also took third, fourth, ninth and 10th on the hilly Deer Path course, in the persons of Liese Schaff (19:49), Stephanie Guidotti (19:56), Pat Vowinkel (21:07) and Molly Ragette (21:11).

Of his girls' romp in the meet, Lubaszka said, "I would've been disappointed if we hadn't gotten the first four places."

The boys' race was much more suspenseful — at least as far as the individual matchups went.

Going into the race, Ennis (runnerup last year) and Sarnowski (third a year ago), a senior and junior, respectively, were considered the co-favorites, with Lillie, a junior, given an outside shot at winning.

All three runners seemed to peak just in time for Friday's race. Sarnowski and Lillie set new course records in dual meets earlier in the week, and Ennis came within two seconds of a new home course mark a week before. However, Ennis dropped out of a dual meet with Voorhees because of an ankle problem two days before the DRC Meet, and his status going into the conference event was questionable.

On the first loop of the three-mile course, the favored trio ran out front, with Sarnowski holding the lead most of the way. After half a mile, however, Ennis' leg started bothering him and he dropped out of the race, leaving Sarnowski and Lillie to duel for the lead.

"John was completely tied up in knots," North coach Bob O'Rourke said of the injured Ennis. "He knelt down to get his senses back. Twice he went down; the third time, he didn't get up."

"It never occurred to him to just go for the top five," O'Rourke added in discussing his No. 1 runner's determination to win. "He went for first, but it was too tough."

With about a mile to go, Lillie, who earned his nickname because of his ability to "strike" from behind with a powerful kick, began to cut into Sarnowski's 30-yard advantage. And on the final downhill stretch half a mile from the finish line, the Snake slithered past the Devil ace and went on to win in 16:34. Sarnowski's second-place time was 16:49.

"At the top of the last hill, Paul said he saw Sarnowski let up," Del Val mentor Bill Petty recounted in talking about Lillie's victory. "Paul pushed off at the top of the hill and got momentum. When he made his move, Sarnowski didn't go with him."

Despite his team's fifth-place finish, Petty was elated over Lillie's individual win. It took some of the pain out of the suspension for the season of five of his runners, including three key seniors, for disciplinary reasons two weeks ago.

"It was satisfying, to say the least," said the hard-luck Terrier coach, who also lost several harriers from last year's DRC Meet because of a mixup involving scholastic tests. "I knew he (Lillie) could do it. Paul just love competition. His training's not great. But put him in a race, and he'll run. He's got potential. You can never count him out."

"I was pleased, but not surprised," Petty added.

Central's Lubaszka was genuinely surprised over the boys' team results.

"I expected the boys to win by maybe five or six points," the Devil head man admitted. "Experience means a lot in these races. Almost all my kids are rookies. So I'm very surprised."

"We dominated to the point where I was almost disappointed," Lubaszka continued. "I like a battle. It was like we came to run, and everybody else came to watch us."

That statement nicely sums up the kind of season it's been for the Central boys and girls.



Staff photo by Richard Rawlins
THE SNAKE came through on Friday, as Paul Lillie took the boys DRC run.



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MUTUAL ADMIRERS, and why not? Hunterdon Central's Leise Schaff (left) and Crickett Batz were obviously pleased with their top-three finish in Friday's DRC Run as the Devils took the DRC team championship again.

Devils Dominate DRC

Cross Country Race

By RON PANKO

READINGTON TWP. — A grey, overcast sky and a chill wind foreshadowed what was about to happen to the Delaware River Conference Friday afternoon when the Hunterdon Central crew of runners arrived at Deer Path Park for the DRC's Cross-Country Championships.

In a word, the rest of the conference got mugged.

Led by Lori Butterfield, Central's girls took the first four places while the boys took five of the first ten in recording the twin kill over the hilly

5,000 meter course.

Central's domination continued in the JV and freshman races held afterwards as the Devils tallied team wins in both the boys' and girls' events.

"They really did a job today," said Ludwik Lubaszka, the Central coach. "We were looking to peak for this race and for the sectionals next week, and they finally brought it all together, even above their expected talents. They culminated in a pack."

If the DRC could find any consolation amidst Central's domina-

tion, it would have to be in the performance of Delaware Valley's Paul Lillie, who overtook the Devils' Chet Sarnowski in the last half mile and won the boys' event by 15 seconds.

Lillie said afterwards he was not sure he could win the race until just before the finish line.

"Sarnowski was still ahead of me when we were going up the steep hill at about the 2 1/2 mile mark," he said, "and he was moving fast. But when he reached the top, he didn't sprint off like a runner is supposed to. He seemed tight, and I started to gain ground. With about a quarter mile left, I passed him."

The race was expected to be a three-man showdown between Sarnowski, undefeated in the dual meet season, John Ennis of North Hunterdon and Lillie. Ennis, nursing an ankle injury, eventually dropped out after falling far behind.

In the early going, however, the three-man battle was shaping up. Sarnowski took the early lead followed closely by Ennis, whom Lillie overtook about a mile into the race.

"When Ennis fell behind Rich Woods (of Voorhees, who finished third), I thought he might falter," noted Lillie. "I had an injury last year and didn't finish, and I know how frustrating it can be."

In the girls' event, Butterfield took the lead after about 400 yards and ran away from the field, topping second place finisher Cricket Batz by 30 seconds. It was Butterfield's third straight victory in the race, an unprecedented accomplishment, and she is only a junior.

"It felt pretty good to run the race with nobody close behind," she said. "But I was always afraid I was slowing down. I had to keep pushing myself."

Following Butterfield and Batz were Liese Schaff and Stephanie Guidotti, while North Hunterdon girls put together a respectable showing by taking the fifth, sixth and seventh spots.

"I thought we had six good races today from our girls," said North coach Bob McGivney, "and this was a demanding course. But those Central girls are just unbelievable."

For the first time, the DRC Championship races were held at a neutral site, and most coaches agreed the course was tough.

"It's comparable to Van Cortlandt Park at St. John's," noted Lubaszka. "We've got 10 tough hills here, and I warned Chet (Sar-

nowski) not to go out too fast. I think he'll listen to me next time."

Also hard on competitors was the weather as temperatures dropped unexpectedly into the low 40's and the wind whipped across the vast expanses of the county's newest park.

Although some runners came prepared with long-sleeved shirts, many ran only in light nylon t-shirts. Some were fortunate enough to have gloves, while others wore spare socks over their hands.

"I was so cold I couldn't even feel my arms," noted Lillie.

Despite the undefeated regular seasons by both the boys and girls teams at Central, the North Hunterdon girls and the North and Voorhees boys had a shot at claiming the DRC title on Friday. The North girls had lost only to Central in conference action and could have overtaken the Devils with a victory on Friday.

The Lion and Viking boys both could have copped the title if Central had finished third in the meet.

The title, according to revised DRC rules, is determined by a weighted system of points with half the value placed on season records and half on the outcome of the championship meet.

The Voorhees boys finished third in the race behind Warren Hills, while the North boys were fourth. Both North coach Bob O'Rourke and Viking coach Ed Lavan were somewhat disappointed in the outcome, although Lavan pointed out that his team had finished fifth last year and therefore showed improvement.

The boys' JV race was won by North's Frank Stein in 19:15, while Katie Fitzgerald of Hunterdon Central took first for the girls in 22:05.

Central's Dan Brewster and Rich Herdman tied for first in the freshman race with times of 19:15, while Central's Christine Zelepski took first for the girls in 22:17.

DRC CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS STATISTICS

Varsity Girls:	Top Ten Finishers:
HC — 1, 2, 3, 4, 9 — 19	1. Lorrie Butterfield, HC, 19:00
NH — 5, 6, 7, 11, 14 — 43	2. Cricket Batz, HC, 19:30
DV — 8, 15, 16, 22, 24 — 85	3. Liese Schaff, HC, 19:40
V — 13, 17, 21, 23, 28 — 102	4. Stephanie Guidotti, HC, 19:59
WH — 20, 27, 30, 35, 36 — 148	5. Marge DeManais, NH, 19:59
SH — 25, 34 — no final score	6. Sharon Greene, NH, 20:08
H — no final score	7. Mickie Griffith, NH, 20:33
	8. Nancy Lauck, DV, 21:06
	9. Patti Vowinkel, HC, 21:07
	10. Mally Ragetti, HC, 21:11

JV Results

Boys:	1. Frank Stein, NH, 19:15
	2. Tom Smith, HC
	3. Paul Hoffman, HC
	4. Barrett Powers, H
	5. Walt Conway, H
Winning team: Hunterdon Central	
Girls:	1. Katie Fitzgerald, HC, 22:05
	2. Bonnie Reed, HC
	3. Lori Black, HC
	4. Cindy Griffith, NH
	5. Kathy Costello, HC
Winning team: Hunterdon Central	
FRESHMAN RESULTS	
Boys: Hunterdon Central	
Girls: Hunterdon Central	

DRC CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS STATISTICS

Varsity Boys:	Top Ten Finishers:
HC — 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 — 39	1. Paul Lillie, DV, 16:34
HC — 5, 13, 19, 22, 21 — 80	2. Chet Sarnowski, HC, 16:40
V — 3, 9, 16, 26, 32 — 86	3. Rich Woods, V, 17:07
NH — 7, 11, 20, 25, 34 — 97	4. Pete Rosen, HC, 17:09
DV — 1, 17, 24, 28, 31 — 101	5. Derek Simpkins, WH, 17:19
H — 12, 18, 29, 30, 35 — 124	6. Ray Powell, HC, 17:21
SH — 30, 41, 42, 43, 44 — 208	7. Matt Isham, NH, 17:28
	8. Carl Ramirez, HC, 17:29
	9. Jeff Dishner, V, 17:36
	10. Rich Cherry, HC, 17:43



CENTRAL'S FEARSOME FOURSOME devastated the DRC field Friday by taking the first four places at the championship race. From left are Liese Schaff, Stephanie Guidotti, Lori Butterfield and Cricket Batz. Another Central runner, Patti Vowinkel, finished ninth. (Photo by Tim Kozikowski)



Staff photo by Richard Rawlins

THE STORY WAS UNFOLDING early in the girls DRC Run as Central's Lori Butterfield, Liese Schaff, Cricket Batz and Stephanie Guidotti lead the field. Runner-up North Hunterdon had six girls close to the leaders at that point.