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Orange Coast College harriers made their season debut a successful one Friday (Sept. 27) by copping a four-way meet in hot and smoggy Riverside.

The Bucs will host Cypress and pre-conference favorite Santa Ana Friday (Oct. 4) at 4 p.m.

OCC, with 41 points, downed Riverside with 43, Cerritos with 49 and Rio Hondo with 85.

Terry Schmitz, despite suffering bad cramps over the last two miles of the four-mile race, took third place overall to pace the Bucs in 22:19. Schmitz is one of two lettermen on the squad.

Fred Skirde finished a strong fifth in 22:25, followed by Dan Mooney in sixth at 22:50; Mike Flamm, seventh, 23:49; Ed Bell, 14th, 23:58; John Thomas, 19th, 24:43; Larry Hemming, 22nd, 25:22; and Bob Skinner, 24th, 26:56.

Bell, also suffering from side cramps, put on a strong finish with 440 yards to go to catch the Riverside man in front of him and clinch the OCC win.