

# Cadet harriers aim for possible state berth

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The 1993 season promises to be an interesting one for cross country teams in the Metro Catholic Conference.

CBC coach Gaylord Quigley feels that his team has the best chance in several years of going to the state tournament.

"We were last at state in 1987," Quigley said. "I think we can make it again this season."

## CROSS COUNTRY

The Cadets lost an all-state runner from last year, Tim Scott, but they return three top-notch performers.

Junior Owen Donahue qualified individually for the state meet last year. Sophomore Paul Fitzpatrick was a state qualifier in the mile in the track season (as was Donahue).

Ron Hefley is the lone senior on this year's squad.

"I feel we have three really good runners," Quigley said. "I would rank them among the top three in the area. I have two others with varsity experience (juniors Marty Buckley and Mark O'Donnell) but after that we have little experience."

The lack of depth hurt the Cadets last season after some late-season injuries.

"We need to stay healthy this year," Quigley said. "If we do I will match my five with almost any team."

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CHAMINADE had the top two individual finishers in the conference meet in 1992, yet finished only fourth out of the five teams.

Seniors Seth Goldkamp and Chris Kell both return this season. Goldkamp finished fourth in the state in the Class 3A meet in 1992.

"Two of the guys who finished ahead of him have graduated and there is one back from Buffalo," Chaminade coach Mike Lampe said. "Seth is looking good and seems determined to have a great senior season. He is picking up where he left off last season."

Lampe hopes that there will not be the separation between Goldkamp and Kell and the rest of the team this season.

Seniors Bill Vatterott and Dave Durand and junior Jake Goldkamp all return with varsity experience. They will be joined this year by a talented freshman, Doug Durand.

"We seem to be running as a group better this year," Lampe said. "The school has never had a cross country team go to state before. This could be the year."

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ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY HIGH season in 1992 was an antithesis of Chaminade's. The Junior Bills had several solid runners — but not a front-runner.

The Junior Bills were able to qualify for the sectional tournament, but did not make it to state. The numbers are once again very high as over 70 runners came out for SLUH's squad this season.

"I think we are improved this season," SLUH coach Jim Linhares said. "We are very deep in talent. The question again will be if someone can step up and be a lead runner."

Junior Pat Hamel appears to have the best chance of doing that this season. He is one of a handful of returnees from last year's varsity squad. Seniors Ray Griner and Jack Kennebeck and juniors Kevin Meyers and Matt Schuckmann also return.

Sophomore Tim Chik could be the top newcomer.

"We were conference champs

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last year and we aspire to do that again this season," Linhares said. "We would also like to be ranked in the area and get to the state meet."

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The 1992 season was a disappointing one for DESMET. The Spartans failed to qualify a team for the state meet after going six years in a row.

The Spartans qualified one individual runner (Jeremy Pomeroy) to the state meet last year. Pomeroy has graduated and is running at Baker University but DeSmet does have two runners, senior Matt Jones and junior Andrew Coppedge, who are legitimate No.

1 candidates.

Ian Smith and Steve Lauc are the only seniors on the team besides Jones, could be in the top five — although Lauc is currently injured.

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VIANNEY lost its top runners from a team which finished fifth in the conference last season.

The Griffins do have some experience coming back with senior Joe Stevison and junior Greg Campanella. Stevison and Campanella ran No. 3 and 4 most of last season.

Sophomores Matt Rater and Tim Reeves should be contributors this season.