

JV Harriers Shine In Opener, Varsity Loses

The '89 Cross-Country team came into its early workouts this year realizing that they have the potential for a stellar season. The two best runners from last year, seniors Mickey Luna and Jerry Koester, returned to the varsity squad. Also returning to the varsity team were seniors John Rotter, Greg Linhares, Curt Miles, and juniors Shawn Halley, Kurt Mollerling, Tim Vatterott, and Jim Spies. Such a high number of experienced varsity runners increases the team's confidence.

The Harriers arrived last Saturday for their intra-squad meet at Jefferson Barracks. Upon their arrival, the Harriers discovered that construction had torn up a half-mile of the course itself. Coach Linhares improvised on the spot, re-routing the course with an extra loop to make the course roughly the right length.

This quick course change, coupled with the devastating heat and humidity, provided for slow times but fierce competition. Luna and Halley finished in a virtual tie for first place on varsity, while sophomore sensation Chris Schmidt grabbed the third spot, and seniors Koester and Linhares took fourth and fifth,

B-Football Team Loses First Game To Maroons

The new season opened on a down note for the B-footbills with a loss to the Maroons of Belleville West. Costly mental errors and a wealth of penalties turned probable victory into a season-opening defeat. The 12-3 loss on Saturday, however, was highlighted by "good solid, defense" on the part of the B-Footbills, according to Coach Bill May. The offense, which showed signs of inconsistency in Saturday's contest, has talent and will improve with experience. The B-team was able to control the game throughout most of the first half. Belleville West could not sustain a scoring threat against SLUH's tenacious defense, which consistently placed the offense in good field position. After both teams were held scoreless in the first quarter, the B-Bills had an excellent chance for a touchdown with first down and goal inside the ten. When the offense sputtered, Tony Con-

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team a 3-0 advantage. In the second half the offense, which gained four first downs in the opening half, seemed to lose some of its intensity and consequently was unable to move the ball. After an uneventful third quarter, this inability on offense came back to haunt the Bees in the final quarter. Numerous penalties killed any drive down the field, as the offense was pinned inside its own 20 yard-line for much of the quarter.

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respectively. Sophomores John Miles and John Brooks gained the remaining two spots on varsity, while fellow sophomore Josh Wheeler came in first on the J.V. This past Wednesday, the Harriers traveled to the tough Manchester Park course, where the Harriers were unfortunately upended by a fast, hungry Parkway South team. On the varsity level, weather and a tough course once again made times slow, but Luna won the race with a time of 18:43. Unfortunately, he was followed by four South runners. The next four finishers were from SLUH, though, with Koester, Miles, Linhares, and Schmidt coming in sixth through ninth. SLUH then punished South on the JV level, scoring a perfect "15" by bringing in the first eight finishes. Spies led with a time of 19:54 and Vatterott followed with a 20:05.

South's C-teams defeated SLUH, but freshmen runners Tim Probst, Brian Jaszczewicz, and Mark The game Hochberg showed promise of better days to come.

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Polobills Look Forward To a Strong Season

The 1989 Varsity Water Polo team looks to dominate its competition this year to the same degree as last year, with two additional goals: an undefeated record and a state championship. While neither of those goals is impossible or in the bag, winning the state tournament is extremely important. Aside from senior Jeff Zimmerman who, as a sophomore, was a member of the SLUH team that won state in '87, the district title has eluded the members of this year's team, who have never finished lower than third.

While the Polobills seem to be a slightly weaker all-around team than that of '88, other area teams have lost numerous quality players to college. Although the Aquajocks have lost their second-



leading scorer, the high-powered offense will not miss a beat. Led by the unstoppable Zimmerman, the Polobills will fill the holes with improved performances from the entire squad.

While the defense has been somewhat of a question mark in the pre-season, the lack of a dominating hole guard will be countered by a surprising help defense, which the starters have employed with enormous success thus far. The defense will be anchored by, quite simply, the best goalie around in Tim "Point Blank" Staley, who looks to dominate both ends of the pool in the nets.

Similar to last year's team, an incredibly strong bench will back a formidable group of starters. Returning starters Jeff The American Machine Zimmerman, Dave "Taper" DiMarco, John "Crossbar" Guerrero, and Paul "Lob"

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