

## Team anticipates Martel milestone

As the first week of school comes to a close, the varsity Footballs are making final preparations to begin what hopes to be a very promising season. A summer's worth of training takes form this Saturday night as the team kicks off the season with the traditional Blue-White scrimmage in the SLUH stadium at 7 PM.

Coach Martel, hoping to reach the 200 plateau for career victories this season with only three more to go, is pleased with the team's skill level and intensity this early in the season. The coaches hope that this kind of effort will compensate for the unusually low number of seniors (fifteen) who are on the team.

"We'll find out soon what kind of mold we're cut out of," said Mr. Martel of this year's tough schedule which includes Webster Groves, Belleville East, and Jefferson City in the first four weeks.

Overall, the team builds its strength around fundamental qualities like size, speed, and experience. Veteran running backs include juniors Chris Herzberg and Mike Prusaczyk and seniors Beau Roy, Scott Gilbert, and Brian Keenan. Any combination offers an explosively quick backfield with a tough disposition.

Those vying for first-string quarterback are looking forward to the Blue-White

game, for it often determines the starting lineup. There are no indications yet who will wear which color, but fans can expect to see the top two competitors for the job, senior Tim Hastey and junior Tom Purcell, each leading a backfield.

Size is a key factor on this year's 1000 lb.-line, with returning veterans like Kevin McLaughlin at 6'6" and 260 lb. and reliable new prospects like Tom Johnson at 6'3" 235 lb. Seniors Pat Blanner, Kevin Cloughley, Dave Foehr, and Mike Slade and juniors Mark Bytnar, Doug Sansone, and Mark Johnson look to round out the rest of the line.

Playing linebacker this season will be an aggressive group of veterans including Mike Haskell, Mike Hohl, and Brian Keenan; seniors Beau Roy, Dave Grimm, Sam Romeo, and junior Chris Herzberg make up a very alert, mobile secondary that made few mistakes last year.

Before the schedule officially begins when the Jr. Bills face St. Mary's on September 4 at SLUH, Coach Martel hopes to develop a passing game to fit a growing group of capable receivers. But until then, the team sets its sights on an enjoyable and important Blue-White Scrimmage '87 this Saturday night in the stadium at 7 PM.

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# Sports Wrap

## A Weekly Summary Of Sports At SLUH

WELCOME TO SPORTS WRAP '87

THE WRAP, for all of those who do not know, was created last year to keep everyone in tune with the athletic activities that had been slipping through the large cracks left by covering only the varsity sports on a regular basis.

What we really want from all of the freshman and sophomore athletes is one member of each team to serve as our connection between the team and the paper. It takes little time, and has already served as the starting block for many writing careers. If interested, stop by the Prep News office in the second floor middle corridor and ask for Mike Downey or leave your name and the sport you play in the Prep News office.

For those of you not interested or involved in sports, get interested, involved, and ready because the Jr. Bills will go into battle the first week of September, and THE WRAP is coming next week.

If you have any praise or suggestions after the first few weeks, tell us.

## Harriers run on young legs

Although the pre-season training started out at an LSD pace (LSD is Harrier-speak for Long, Slow Distance), the cross country teams are now off and running towards their season. The Jr. Bills are steadily speeding up to racing pace as more veterans and beginners show up for the afternoon practices.

Because of the low senior turnout, the Harriers will have to rely on their juniors and sophomores to lead them. Many of these runners have the experience that other young runners lack, and thus they still plan to remain competitive.

Among the returners of the Class of '89 are David Blankenship, Jamie Cummings, Angelo Directo, Todd Glass, Scott Hrbacek, Tim Jones, Brian Lawler, Charlie Lottes, and John Sadlo. This large turnout of upper classmen will be the heart of the Harrier squad.

After a great freshman season, this year the sophomores also bring back numerous veterans with considerable ability. Promising sophomore Harriers are Kevin Flavin, Fred Helfrich, Jerry Kester, Rob Michaelman, Curt Miles, John Rotter, and Mike Zettmeisel.

As usual the freshmen produced a multitude of runners. Preliminary practices were tough, but again the wheat has been separated from the chaff.

So far the division of runners into varsity and JV has not occurred, but it will be inevitable after the team's Blue-White Intra Squad Scrimmage next Tuesday in Forest Park at 3:30. At that time the seven varsity Harriers will be chosen.

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