

**BASKETBALL****VARSIITY****Coach:** Don Maurer**First game:** December 4th at home against Riverview Gardens.**B TEAM****Coach:** George Mills**First games:** December 1-6 in the Riverview Gardens Tournament and the home opener December 4 against Riverview.**C TEAM****Coach:** Gary Kornfeld**First game:** At home against Lutheran North on December 8th.**SWIMMING****Coach:** Kevin Moore**VARSIITY****First meet:** December 4-5 in the Parkway North Relays.**HOCKEY****Coach:** Charlie Busenhart.**VARSIITY****Last night:** The Icebills faced off against Parkway North at Queenie Park last evening. The result was unavailable for press time.**Next Week:** The team plays John Burroughs Monday at 7:45 and Ladue Tuesday at 9 PM. Both games are at the Afton Arena.**WRESTLING****VARSIITY****Coach:** Jim Murphy**First match:** December 10th at Chaminade against Flyers.**JUNIOR VARSITY****Coach:** Dave Suwalsky**First meet:** Also at Chaminade on December 10th.**C TEAM****Coach:** Bill Anderson**First meet:** At Oakville on the 8th of December.**RIFLE****Coach:** Sergeant Brumett**This Week:** The Riflebills shot a 1471 to rout the Cadets of CBC. Their next shootout will be against CODASCO at a time and place TBA.**Harriers surpass season expectations**

The 1987 Cross Country Season was very successful for the Harriers. Statistically, the varsity team's season was about average, but the Harriers made tremendous improvements in their times over the season. "Once we got into the season...people really started working hard," Coach Linhares said. Most importantly, the season on the whole increased the Harriers' team spirit and unity. Junior Jamie Cummings added, "This season really brought the team together. I think we will be ready to compete next year." One ardent Cross Country fan said, "I was really amazed what with the lack of seniors that this year's Harriers had as much team pride and spirit. I'll look for them to go far with all the returning seniors."

As no seniors raced, the weight of the team's leadership rested upon the several juniors that did return to the team. Lack of senior leadership, along with little pre-season training, lowered the runners' expectations. Linhares commented, "At the beginning, I had real doubts about whether we could get through to the Sectional [Meet]." The Harriers not only surpassed those expectations but also placed 3rd in the District Meet qualifying to compete in the Sectional Meet. The District Meet was the pinnacle of the Varsity Harrier season.

Sophomore Mickey Luna led the SLUH Cross Country Team this season with his fast times. Luna, the Harriers' MVR (Most Valuable Runner), amazingly gained his No. 1 rank on team soon after he joined the Harriers a few weeks into the season.

The high point of Luna's season was his performance at the State Meet. Luna's qualification to run in the State Meet as a sophomore proves Luna's extraordinary running ability. Linhares thinks that Luna is a very competitive runner and that next season he should be able to "compete with the top runners in St. Louis." Linhares also believes Luna's 3.1 mile (5k) times should reach the 16:40 mark by next year.

The Harriers that made the biggest mark in the cross country season were undoubtedly the freshman runners. Out of the 7 meets in which

the freshmen competed, they took first in all but one duomeet against Parkway West. Though in past years the Freshman teams have done very well, this year's team surprised all the Harriers as well as the other teams in the St. Louis area.

The two top Freshman runners, Shawn Halley and Tim Vaterot, led the frosh to their many victories. Halley and Vaterot also qualified to run on the Varsity squad which is an immense accomplishment especially for freshmen. Linhares hopes the duo will be "the best one-two punch for sophomores in the state."

The zenith of the Freshman Cross Country Season was the Hazelwood Freshmen Invitational. The freshmen took first among the 23 teams gathered. Next year the team will be competing against upperclassmen as well, but it hopes that this year's achievements will carry into future successful seasons.

The Harrier's 1987 season has provided them a solid base on which to build on in the future. Next year with 5 returning seniors, 5 returning juniors, and 2 outstanding freshmen all with varsity experience, the Harriers' future success is practically assured. Coach Linhares already has great expectations for the team in the 1988 season: "We're ready to take this program up a notch in intensity with this kind of returning talent." Junior John Sadlo commented, "We are without a doubt going to the State Meet next year as a team. Look for us in the Post. We're bound to be there!"

Angelo Directo

**Individual Performances**

Yr. Name	Fastest Race	Time
89 Glass	Lindbergh	17:08
89 Jones	Lindbergh	17:10
90 Luna	DeSmet	17:11
91 Halley	Lindbergh	17:24
89 Directo	DeSmet	17:27
89 Sadlo	District	17:30
91 Vatterott	Lindbergh	17:40
89 Lawler	SLUH Inv.	17:59
89 Cummings	District	18:01
90 Kester	Hazelwood Inv.	18:31
90 Rotter	Parkway W. Inv.	18:47
90 Miles	SLUH Inv.	18:57
89 Blankenship	P. West Inv.	19:11
90 Linhares	District	19:13