

## Luna runs 58th at State Meet

The 1987 Cross Country season finally came to an end for the Harriers when sophomore Mickey Luna ran in the Missouri State Meet, which was held in Jefferson City last Saturday at noon. Out of the 186 runners that competed in the meet, Luna placed a respectable 58th with an outstanding time of 17 minutes, 57 seconds.

Although Luna was the only member of the Harriers that qualified to run in the State Meet, several other Harriers accompanied Mickey and lended him the support he needed to run a successful race.

The course itself was situated on the Hough Golf Course. This course is composed of a variety of terrain such as rolling hills, long gradual slopes, and fast flats making an exciting and challenging race. In addition, the cloudy sky and cool temperatures of last Saturday fostered almost perfect conditions for the meet.

Hundreds of people came out to the meet in order to lend moral support to their own teams and friends in the race. These people helped to

increase the excitement and tension of the whole event as their deafening roars and cheers could be heard all around.

Eighteen teams and sixty individuals (including Luna) participated in this year's meet. The athletes came from all over the state of Missouri, the most competitive coming from St. Louis, Kansas City, and a few towns in the southern part of the state. The St. Louis teams consisted of CBC, DeSmet, Pattonville, Parkway West, St. Charles West, and Hazelwood.

The day's event started at around 10:30 AM with the start of the first of three women's races that were held. The women's races were very exciting. Also, judging from the exhausted state that many of the racers were in at the finish, the races were certainly challenging.

Immediately afterwards, about high noon, Luna ran in the first men's race which was very fast. Leading the pack almost the entire way was Bill Sitton of Ruskins in Southern Missouri. Sitton finished the race with about a sixty yard

lead, and an incredible time of 16:14 for the 3.1 miles. Considering the difficulty and unevenness of the course, these times show that Sitton's race was fantastic.

The Ray Town South of Kansas City won the meet for the teams, with the squad from West Plains, Kansas City coming in second.

Those not knowledgeable about the sport of cross country may think that Luna's time of 17:57 for 58th place is insignificant. On the contrary, the fact that Luna qualified to run in the State Meet as a sophomore makes it a great accomplishment. Furthermore, considering the level of the competition which Luna was up against, Mickey's finish was significant for him.

The State Meet was beneficial to the SLUH Cross Country team as a whole. The meet helped to unify them and foster a much greater and more intense team spirit. Most importantly, the meet was a learning experience for those who attended because they now know what to expect for the next year's State Meet, when the Harriers hope to return as a team.

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## Cadets stop Soccerbills in Sectionals 3-1

After beating Beaumont 11-0 for the district championship, SLUH prepared to face CBC in the state sectionals. For the entire week before the game, SLUH practiced hard and psychologically prepared to redeem an earlier 8-0 defeat. The team put up a much better fight, but in the end the Cadets won 3-1.

CBC started the game with the ball, but immediately SLUH's offense intercepted and started a fast-paced game. For the first ten minutes, SLUH maintained the pressure by keeping the ball near CBC's goal. One early opportunity occurred when Tim Green placed a cornerkick to Tony Ribaud, who responded with a ripping shot. The shot was saved by Cadet goalie Mark Dulle after allowing several rebound shots.

Later in the half, CBC

failed to score due to tenacious defense and goalkeeping of John Eisele, who made several key saves. Just before the end of the half, Craig Holke cleared the ball from in front of an empty SLUH net, and at the half the score was 0-0. SLUH was happy -- they had shutdown and outplayed the Cadets for 40 minutes.

At the beginning of the second half, the game was equal and both teams became physical, struggling for control. Ten minutes into the second half, Steve Kuntz emerged from a crowd and gave SLUH a 1-0 lead by beating Dulle with a strong, quick headball after Jon Pini crossed it to him. Thirteen seconds later, CBC tied the game when Kriska scored with a headball on a cross from McDaniel.

CBC took the lead fifteen minutes later when Brian

McAvoy crossed the ball, which took an odd bounce and went through a SLUH leg and a CBC leg. A Cadet found the ball and shot, but John Eisele made the save. The rebound, however, shot by Kriska, went past Eisele's outstretched arms for CBC's second goal.

With five minutes remaining in the game, a throw-in over Chris Shroader's head landed at the feet of a Cadet who scored on a breakaway.

Still SLUH did not die. With three minutes left, Steve O'Brien crossed ball hit the corner of the goal leaving goalie Dulle hanging on the crossbar. The rebound came right to Jason Steuber who "hit the ball as hard as he could," but Dulle jumped down and the ball hit the side of his foot deflecting it away from the goal. Steuber commented "a little softer or an inch to either side and I would have had a goal."

Finally, time expired and the Bills were eliminated from state play, but their season record was an admirable 13-7-1.

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