

Cross Country

Discipline key to winning season

This year's cross country team, with new head coach Mr. Linhares, has displayed the potential in the first two weeks of practice to have one of its finest seasons in many years.

Starting off the season by running the 6.2 mile Forest Park bike path in a drenching Monday morning rain was a foreshadowing of three year coach Jim Linhares' more rigorously disciplined approach than in years of late.

Four year veteran Dave Schukai commented, "the level of intensity in practice is greater than in any other year." By running a tighter ship than even ex-coach Mr. Goeke, coach Linhares and assistant coach Mr. O'Liddy hope to bring out the full extent of the team's abilities. The exhausted team finished their first week with fifty to sixty miles under its belt.

Asked why he was working the team so hard, Coach Linhares explained he was supplying depth in case of injury.

The seven top runners, who make up the varsity squad, combine speed and endurance. Senior Rob Behm, juniors Chris Shocklee and Chris Woodward, and sophomore Mike McGlynn make up the varsity team's "solid" top four. The top five runners of the seven-man squad contribute to the team's score in meets. The elusive fifth spot will be determined in the intra-squad meet to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday in Forest Park.

Contenders for this important varsity slot are seniors Bob Groth, Bob Edler, Mike Hasik, and sophomore Kevin Williams.

Coach Linhares has high pre-season expectations for the team. "If healthy," Linhares relates, "I feel we can possibly go to state as a team."

The Harriers will run into Parkway West and Ladue at Forest Park in a tri-squad meet on September 13 at 4:00.

Andy Minardi & Dan Alsop

Coach Dunn's goal: the first victory; after that, the next, and then

The SLUH varsity soccer team plans to culminate a season-long battle that began August 19 with a triumph on November 23. Almost three weeks have passed since the first practice, and the Soccer Bills hope to continue practicing until the afternoon that the Missouri State High School Activities Association has set for the coveted state soccer championship.



Mr. Dunn

We remember too well the season-ending loss to CBC in overtime in the District Playoffs last season. The situation shapes up differently this year, however, as the MSHSAA has realigned districts. SLUH will no longer have to contend with CBC in districts. SLUH has been grouped with Beaumont, Soldan, and Vashon.

The MSHSAA has also created two state championships, one for 4A schools and one for 1A-3A. This action has cut traditional soccer powers Rosary and Aquinas out of the 4A picture. The new rulings can be interpreted solely as good news for the Jr. Bills.

Due to injuries to starting players, Tim Gauvain and Dennis Roques, an unprecedented two juniors will take the field at the beginning of the game Saturday. However, the talented juniors won 22-0-0 last year on the

"B" squad and should fill in for the two starters, who will miss the first two to four weeks of the season.

Hoping to find the back of the net at the forward slots will be Mike Leopold, Geoff Beckemeier and junior Jamie Hartley, who replaces Dennis Roques.

Providing a quick transition from tallying up front to marking up on defense will be the midfielders Kurt Reinagel, Mike McAliney and Tri-Captain Matt Walter. Juniors Jerry Deters and Jim Wolfe may also see plenty of time at this position.

John Pierle, Joe Moffat, Tri-Captain Mitch Kenner and junior Bob Trigg will start in the backfield. Trigg must fill in for Tri-Captain Tim Gauvain, perhaps the most talented player on the team. Trigg is a fine player, though, and almost had a chance to play for the under-16 U.S. National Team. Between the posts will be the agile Paul Rulkkoetter, and backing him will be junior Steve Hanlon.

Seniors Mike Molano and Greg Zipfel and juniors Dan Kitts, Steve Telken, Steve LaVigne, Paul LaVigne, Rick Calcaterra, Scott Fealer, John Allen, and Chris Miller make up what Mr. Dunn terms "the best bench in three decades."

The Soccer Bills will face tough competition especially from CBC, DeSmet, and Vianey. Last year, the team lost eight games, yet still ended the season ranked fifth in the area, indicating the difficult schedule traditionally faced by the Soccer Bills.

Because of a tradition of starting a team of predominantly seniors, a lack of varsity experience may affect the team early in the season, but as Mr. Dunn noted, "After a few games, they'll catch on."

"You know what my goal is? To go undefeated?" Mr. Dunn offered. "The first victory," he said, answering his question, "And after that the next one."

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