AQUAJOCKS TO DEFEND TITLE

This year's Varsity water polo team launches its drive toward a second consecutive state championship next week in games at Mehlville on Tuesday and at Ladue on Friday.

The team, under the tutelage of Mr. Busenhart, boasts seven returning seniors: Don Wilhelm, winger, and goalkeeper Phil Behnen, who started on last year's state championship squad; Joe White, Eric Fisher, Greg Clavenna, Steve Eyermann, and Gary Tretter. They, along with Junior winger John Murphy and deep-end goalkeeper Sean Kessler, will form the nucleus of the '79 polo team.

Coach Busenhart said of the team's chances of keeping the title, "I can't really predict our chances of winning State until we play 4 or 5 games, for our team doesn't have a whole lot of varsity playing time together and we need game competition to see how good we really are. Also, all the other teams lost good players, so we can't tell the quality of the competition yet."

He added that this year's B water polo team also lacks game experience together, with only 5 players returning from last year's team. The Bees will be counting on Scott Sommers, Glen Kemper, and Mario Cicerio to carry most of the load.

Game times for B and Varsity matches are 4:00 and 5:00 at Mehlville and 7:00 and 8:00 at Ladue. Be there and cheer the Bills to another state title.

--- Richard Ehrhard

RUNNERS AT THE MARK

The SLUH Cross Country team opens another season under the direction of Mr. Aylward. Mr. Aylward is in his first year as head coach after assisting Dr. Conley last year.

Returning to the team this year are Juniors Rich Klosterman, Matt Ebeling, and Matt Harvey who will share the load of Varsity duties with Seniors Jim Jackson and Jasper DiMaggio. Co-captains Tom Janisch and Jerry Glynn will provide the backbone of the Varsity runners.

The team's first meet against Mercy comes up today at Forest Park. Coach Aylward looks forward to future meets with St. Mary's, Vianney, and Lutheran South. Look for results of this year's Cross Country meets in the Post-Dispatch which will give more in-depth coverage to this demanding sport this year, according to Mr. Aylward.

---Jerry Nester

BILLS TO SLAY DRAGONS

Sunday at 1:00, the Varsity Football Bills journey down Kingshighway to joust the Dragons of St. Mary's on the gridiron at Southwest. Though the Dragons aren't as monstrous as in past years, Coach Martel looks for a strong challenge out of St. Mary's.

Last Saturday's Blue and White game was "fairly disappointing" to Martel. "The team was jittery in their style, and made many rule infractions," the coach notes, "but the officials helped iron out our

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problems. Although it was good to get in the game experience, we just didn't get out of it what we'd like to." The game, won by the White squad 12-6, did get some good performances out of many individuals. The quarterback question has been somewhat solved. Tony Godfrey will most likely start for the Bills, with Dan Dahmer and Tony Drumm also seeing action. Martel is happy with his backfield, led by Reggie Scott and Dave Creighton. Right halfback is a concern with Stan Gardner high in the running, but if Stan starts on defense, Mike Mulligan and John Finney will see their share of action. The highly publicized line and the linebacking corps are well set. The defense is also set-up personnel-wise, but could use some work in the secondary.

Despite the lack of size among the '79 Dragons, Coach Martel expects a good game from them. St. Mary's had an outstanding JV last year and has always been tough against our present Varsity as underclassmen. The smaller size of St. Mary's may contribute to better quickness. St. Mary's basically goes with either a "wishbone" or "I" formation going to the shotgun in passing situations, and with a strong passing QB like Campbell, the Bills will have to be ready for anything. The Dragons' standard defense is the "50" defense, but they'll change around a lot for added pressure.

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