

HARRIERS CLIMAX UNDEFEATED YEAR BY CAPTURING STATE 2-MILE CROWN

Martelmen Ravage Rams; Then Rack Ritenour, 25-13

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Last Friday afternoon in Forest Park, St. Louis U. High's two-hilliers won the Missouri State High School cross country championship. Reorganized only last year, the very determined team has captured the first state cross country championship in the history of the school.

Jerry Dirnberger, fastest of the blue and white harriers, took first place in the 139 man field and broke Ron Gregory's long-standing record of 9:50.4. Jerry established a new state record of 9:50.1, shaving three tenths of a second off Gregory's 1956 mark.

Larry Runs Excellent Race

Larry Dirnberger finished third behind Tiefenbrun of Normandy, running the slightly muddy course in 9:56. With the wiry John Nelke of CBC hard on his heels, Larry produced his finest race of the

season, which is his first at cross country.

The third member of the championship 7, Mike Reddy, placed fourteenth in the meet and was clocked at 10:26. Jerry, Larry, and Mike received medals for placing in the top 15, which brought their total to 3 apiece for the year.

The final, crucial scoring places, those taken by the fourth and fifth men on a team, were well handled by Chuck Paterson and Tom Stevison. Paterson was forty-seventh with a time of 10:56, and Stevison finished fiftieth with 10:58. Mike Ryan and Paul Eberle, proved themselves two of the fastest sophomores in the state by finishing sixty-sixth and seventy-first, respectively, in times of 11:02 and 11:08.

Harriers Win By 17

The first five places gave the Junior Bills a final tally of 94 points, beating second place Beau-

mont's 111 by 17. Kansas City Westport totaled 112 for third place; and the favorites, Kirkwood and Hadley Tech amassed 119 and 121 for fourth and fifth places. Normandy was sixth, and CBC was seventh.

After an undefeated season which sported victories over DuBourg, Cleveland, Southwest, Soldan, O'Fallon, CBC, and Kirkwood, the county district champion, the Billiken harriers began their drive to this state championship by taking fifth in the Beaumont Invitational. Although Jerry Dirnberger won first place in the meet, the Bills bowed to two Missouri teams, Hadley and Normandy.

The following week in District, the team took second place, losing to Hadley, and brought home the first trophy of the present school year. Jerry Dirnberger again finished first, and he was followed by his brother Larry who ran second.

Last Friday the blue and white got its revenge on both Hadley and Normandy.

After beating the finest teams in Missouri by a wide margin of 17 points, the St. Louis U. High cross country team now reigns as state champions.

Statistics Lie As Flyers Buzz Bees

By looking at the statistics of a football game, one can usually determine which team came out the victor.

However, if anyone were to look at the statistics of the "B" football team's struggle with the Flyers of East St. Louis High School, he would be astonished to find out that the Vitalemen lost by the score of 34-19.

The Bees dominated the ground

On a sunny, pleasant, October Saturday, two teams met on an "out of town" field to settle their differences. The result was the Ladue Rams received a bit of their own medicine. For a mighty Junior Bill team had risen to the occasion and thoroughly butted them into the ground!

In the second quarter the Bills started a 65-yd. drive on key passes by Wilber to Freeman and Hollo. Gary Pohrer capped this scoring effort by racing 19 yards through the middle of the line for the only score in the first half.

Fierce line play kept the humbled opponent deep in its own territory, and after Gianoulakis had blocked a Ladue punt and recovered on the 12, the Bills were ready to strike again. Two end runs brought the ball to within 4 yards of the goal line and on the next play McLaughlin romped over into pay dirt.

Then came the biggest game of the year, so far, with Ritenour. And some contest this turned out to be.

The Huskies immediately showed the many onlookers just what they were noted for. To the amazement and shock of the student body a speed merchant of a halfback, Ray Thorpe, took the opening kickoff on the 11, shot straight up the middle, passed by 11 billikens, and raced into the end zone for a neat but heart-breaking touchdown.

Minutes later the blue-white found themselves in even a deeper hole as another fleet Ritenour back charged straight through the line, cut right, evaded 5 to 6 effortless tackles, and scampered 60 yards for another touchdown.

Just as the first quarter ended, Bill Hollo ran around his right end 15 yards to put the blue-white back into contention. After that tremendous grinding out of yards it was only a matter of

be given to the great defensive line which constantly broke through and stopped Ritenour's breakaway backs before they could pick up any momentum.

To tell the story of this game in a brief statement, Ritenour's three backs may be the fastest in St. Louis, but three men cannot win a football game against a team!

Improving Bills To Battle Tough, Undefeated C.B.C.

This Sunday St. Louis U. High faces its toughest opponent in many years. Coach Vern Winter of Normandy has said that CBC has the best team the St. Louis area has seen in a number of years.

This means that this year's Cadets. outshine such past, great teams as the Flyers of East St. Louis and the Goldbugs of McKinley, perennially powerful teams.

Confidence seems to be the tone at both schools. Students at the Clayton Road institution seem to think the Jr. Bills will be a push-over this year. At the same time, the Backer Boys know that if the student body supports the Fighting Forty-Four of Coach Paul Martel, the Billikens will be doing the pushing.

The Cadets, riding an 8 game winning streak and an undefeated season, will lock horns at 2 p.m. Sunday with a Billiken team, sporting a very respectable 5-2 Record and a 4 game winning streak which it will try to extend.

Cees, Riding Victory Path, Sport Undefeated Record

The undefeated Cee team is rolling right along. The team inherited a string of 14 straight wins

Sophs Run Third in Finale

A sport, which a few years ago was non-existent at St. Louis U. High, has now caught a foothold which should carry it on for many years to come. Both the varsity and sophomore cross-country teams have earned great recognition for themselves during the past season.

The sophomores are sometimes overlooked, though, especially in a year which features a state championship varsity team.

The climax to the sophomores' season came this past week when the sophomore harriers ran to a very creditable third place in the Riverview Invitational. Riverview won their own meet with Alton

Jerry Dirnberger, the current Missouri State Champion, at the beginning of his junior year was running the two-mile course in approximately the same time as Ryan.

Close on Ryan's heels came Paul Eberle, another outstanding prospect, finishing only one second later. Paul was eleventh for the entire field.

