

## High Hopes

### Number one ranked Soccerbills shoot for State

#### Soccer

The number one ranked Soccerbills open their promising 1986 campaign this Saturday night at 7:30 against the ninth ranked DuBourg Cavaliers. The Bills hope this will be the beginning of a season that will culminate in a state title, their first since 1973.

The team is coached by Mr. Ebbie Dunn, the winningest active coach in the nation with 474 victories. Mr. Dunn brings his experience of the past 31 years as soccer coach to this year's squad. Coach Dunn says of this year's team, "at this stage, they are as good as any team I've ever had."

Once again, coach Dunn will follow his policy of starting 11 seniors in a 4-3-3 lineup. As the B team in their sophomore year, this group of present seniors went 22-0.

The strong offense will be led by forwards Dan Kitts, Jamie Hartley, and tri-captain Jerry Deters. All possess excellent ball control and great speed to make up what Mr. Dunn calls "the best threesome in the area." Steve Telken will see action as a back-up at this position.

The offense will try to break through other teams' defense by using short passes. They are not restricted to this style of play though, as they can also use long passes from the mid-field and the excellent speed of the forwards to crack down defenses. Coach Dunn wants to get all ten players involved on offense and sees them all as potential scorers.

SLUH will field one of the best midfields in the area with Steve LaVigne, tri-captain Bob Trigg, and Jim Wolfe. All three are quick and possess excellent ball skills. More importantly they have endurance, which is crucial at this position since it is the line between the offense and the defense. Juniors Steve O'Brien and Steve Kuntz will provide support, when needed.

To preserve the impregnability of the defense, Mr. Dunn will deploy a four-back defen-

sive line. Defensive standouts Chris Miller and Scott Fesler patrol the middle as a stopper and sweeper, respectively. The defense will be anchor by wing-backs Paul LaVigne and John Allen. These two are also expected to provide scoring punch from the backfield.

The all-important goalie position will be manned by tri-captain Steve Hanlon. Steve saw playing time last year and should prove to be a more than dependable goalie. Coach Dunn lists Steve's major attributes as having excellent reflexes, knowing how to cut down angles, and directing the backs well.

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Coach Ebbie Dunn

### Cross Country strives for 'last race'

#### Cross Country

Youth, depth, and determination will be the basis of an ambitious SLUH cross-country team this year. Few outstanding upperclassmen are returning, but a strong turnout of freshmen and sophomores looks promising. A great deal of budding young talent can be seen, but it is too early in the year to predict success.

Everyone has high hopes and expectations for veteran senior Chris Woodward. Winner of last year's area Metro meet, Chris is expected to be one of the top runners in the area this year. The team looks for another good season from junior Mike Schinsky. Still a question mark is returning senior Dan Ortwerth, a possible top area contender, who is suffering from a leg injury.

The strength of the team lies in the sophomores. A host of returning bright prospects includes Charlie Lottes, Todd Glass, and Angelo Directo. According to Coach Linhares, if the team is to go far this year, these sophomores must provide the depth in the varsity squad to back up Woodward and Schinsky.

The lineup of the varsity team is uncertain. Only two or three standouts are running this

season, leaving four or five spaces open. All of the athletes are turning in impressive times in practice. The great optimism on the team stems from a few bright spots.

This year's large turnout of freshmen is a hopeful sign for the future of the team. Mr. Linhares says that after one week, he already sees talent among the freshmen. With so many sophomores competing for varsity slots, it is likely that the team will have a relatively small junior varsity unit. Coach Linhares hopes that freshman talent will be able to take up the slack.

Reaching their peak performance in the last race of the season is the goal of the team. In a letter issued before the season to all returning runners, Mr. Linhares spoke of the many teams that reach their peak in the middle of the season, then fade before the crucial last meets. By making the theme of the team "the last race," we are attempting to be at our best in the last three meets of the season: district, sectional, and state meet.

Because of the team's youth, many were considering 1986 to be a rebuilding year for St. Louis U. High cross-country. On the contrary, the runners as well as

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## Jr. Bills set to open '86 campaign against St. Mary's

### Football

The Blue and White Scrimmage which was held last Saturday presented very few surprises. Many of the players who were expected to perform well did not disappoint.

In the biggest play of the game, Mike Bird completed a 42 yard pass down the middle to Jim Michalski for a touchdown. Chris Goodson led the Blue squad in rushing, carrying 7 times for 31 yards.

Each team had a defensive standout. Mike Mandle led the White squad with 5 tackles and 1 assist, while Jim Michalski led the Blue Team with 4 tackles and 1 assist.

Bill Broun, who was to be the starting free safety, dislocated his hip and was sidelined for the rest of the season. Coach Martel commented that "the secondary is depleted. That is probably our weakest area, not to mention that it is the hardest to play." With Broun out it appears that junior Sam Romeo and Sean Nolan will be competing for that position.

In another secondary position Joe Mosher will be starting at left corner. At right corner, Dave Grimm and Keith Hackett are competing. Chuck Overall looks to start at strong safety with Brian Keenan backing him up.

Chris Goodson and Jim Michalski will be first string linebackers with Mike Mandle in reserve.

Dan O'Connell and Bernie Muich are vying for defensive end. Pat Henderson will take the top position at nose guard. Kevin McLaughlin and Dave Hulla will man left and right tackle, respectively.

"Running is another one of



Coach Paul Martel

our major concerns", said Coach Martel. In the Blue and White Scrimmage sophomore Mike Prusszyk gave an impressive performance which put him in competition with Chuck Overall and Joe Mosher. When asked about whether he would rather be a running back or a strong safety, Chuck Overall commented that it really didn't matter what position he played, as long as it helped the team.

The last major area to explore is that of quarterback. As reported earlier, Sean Nolan and Mike Bird are contending for that spot. Even after the Blue and White scrimmage, Coach Martel explained, "They are neck and neck, and it will be tough to make a decision before the game on Saturday." Sean Nolan, anxious to find out who the

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## Sports Wrap

### A Weekly Summary Of Sports At SLUH

**VARSITY FOOTBALL.** The kickoff for the varsity football season will take place at DuBourg High School vs. the St. Mary's Dragons at 2 PM Saturday, September 6.

**B FOOTBALL.** The B Footballs will also open their season against the Dragons. These two rivals will meet at 10 AM in SLUH's stadium on Saturday the 6th.

**C-FOOTBALL.** The C team is currently preparing to open its season against an always tough Belleville East squad. The time and place of this game was not available at this writing but will be announced at a later date.

**VARSITY SOCCER.** The Soccerbills will begin their season at SLUH Stadium at 7:30 PM Saturday, September 6 against the Bishop DuBourg Cavaliers.

**B-SOCCER.** The Killer B's will attempt their first sting of the season when they attack the B Cavaliers in Forest Park at 4 PM Tuesday, September 16.

**C-SOCCER.** The C team will meet McCluer North at the visitors' stadium on Monday, September 5, at 4 PM.

**VARSITY WATERPOLO.** Mr. Busenhardt's Polobills will challenge the ever-tough Eudals of Ladue at Horton Watkins High School pool 5 PM Friday, September 12.

**B-WATER POLO.** The B Polobills' first opponent will also be Ladue. Their game will be held at 4 PM just prior to the varsity game.

**CROSS COUNTRY.** An intrasquad meet for varsity, sophomore, and freshman cross country runners will begin at Forest

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## Cross Country

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Coach Linhares, realize that this team has the potential NOW to go a long way. Just how far? No one knows.

Look for Chris Woodward to be

a top contender at major invitations. Also watch for junior Mike Schinsky, any one of many up and coming sophomore standouts, and a strong contingent of freshman runners.

Daniel Ortwerth