

Gridders, Spikers Wrap Up Successful Season

Benjamin, Bergman, Shaw Capture All-City Honors

by Ed Kasper
Sports Editor

No matter how you look at it 1971 will always be remembered as a banner year in football at Monroe. An outstanding Varsity combined with a truly explosive Bee team has without a doubt, made Monroe the Valley's undisputed football powerhouse for 1971.

Varsity

What a year! For a team originally rated 11th in the city, last year's varsity grids certainly turned up a few eyebrows in '71. Highlighted with a MVL title and a crack at city laurels, this season's gridgers have by far, surpassed any previous accomplishments of a Monroe grid squad.

A superb offensive explosion combined with a surprising defensive unit quickly established the Vikes as the most feared team in the Valley and finally one of the most in the city.

After jumping off to a perfect 5-0 mark with key victories over Canoga Park, Hamilton, and San Fernando, the Vikes suffered their first setback of the season as they were humiliated by the winless Van Nuys Wolves, 21-

Then, after an absolute must 26-17 victory over the Poly Parrots, the Vikes climaxed league action with a thrilling 9-0 victory over area rival Granada Hills for the 1971 MVL championship and a first team berth in city playoff competition.

After administering an easy 28-6 first round victory over Chatsworth, the Vikes nearly became eliminated by a sparkling Fremont team.

Down 13-12 with barely a minute remaining, junior quarterback Guy Benjamin rescued the Vikes with a thrilling clutch performance moving his squad from his own 9-yard line deep into Fremont territory to set up a dramatic 21-yard field goal by Brad Rice with just seven seconds left to give the Vikes a 15-13 escape victory.

Next Stop: Rose Bowl
Opponent: Bell Eagles

But the Fremont victory proved to be a costly one for the Vikes as defensive back Jim Sharp was lost while halfback Fernando Nunez and defensive back Bill Barto were also sidelined with injuries forcing them to sit out the entire week's practice. The situation was further hampered as speedy split end Steve Bergman contracted chicken and also was restricted from plays.

But by gametime, Nunez, Barto and Bergman were there as the Vikes pulled off a shocking 12-0 victory over the previously unbeaten Eagles before a Rose Bowl crowd in excess of 20,000 which earlier had witnessed eventual City Champion Carson thrash the Cleveland Cavaliers, thus setting the stage for the title game for 1971 Championship honors.

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Four Vie For Presidential Post

Josh Bottfeld, Miguel Capote, Don Heuman and Cindy Sweeney are the candidates competing for the office of student body president. The elections for Council posts will be held on Friday at the F1 and F2 windows.

Josh stated in his platform

that he would like to see speakers from all political parties come to Monroe next semester.

Miguel's primary objective is to make Monroe "an environment where students are free as adults in a responsible society."

Don stated in his platform that he would like to update student activities and expand student representation.

Cindy stated that one of her primary goals would be to effect better communications between Council and the students.

Campaigning for vice-president are Jeff Berkowitz, Marvin Moskowitz and Burt Segall. In his platform, Jeff called for the protection of student rights and properties. Marvin voiced the need for more experienced and competent leaders in Student Council. Burt's platform calls for a more effective and efficient Valkyrie.

Running for the two senior representatives on Council are Arno Feuer, Pete Petrowski and Bob Waskul. Jay Cohen, Steve Decea, Jean Raymondi, Jon Secrist and Gayle Zimmerman are competing for the posts of junior representatives. Sophomore rep candidates are Bob Kenck, Adrienne Kerbrat, Pam Meyers Theresa Robertson and Cheryl Schrader.

Cindy Tanaka and Donna Schwartz are candidates for commissioner of publicity. Campaigning for assembly commissioner are Darr Conradson, Larry Jacoby and Illene Schiowitz. Crystal Hunter and Stewart Sher are competing for commissioner of elections. Running unopposed for social activities head is Jan Lonsdale. Jeff Rubinstein is running unchallenged for commissioner of service.

Audrey Gardner, Amy Wachs and Robin Weise are competing for recording secretary. Corresponding secretary candidates are Janette Kotichas and Maureen Nakazawa. Carol McClean is running for assistant secretary and Linda Zuckerman is unopposed for

treasurer's post.

Vice-presidential candidates gave speeches at the first nominations assembly held yesterday. The presidential nominees will speak and answer questions today at lunch in Odin's Hall; candidates for minor offices will also be introduced.

Knowledge Bowlers Win

After a very slow start, Monroe's Knowledge Bowl team won their latest meet, against Birmingham, 475 to 305.

Birmingham's team started out quickly, with two bonus questions before Monroe even had fifty points, but tapered off as the undefeated Monroe team picked up speed. Half-time score was 265-165, Monroe. At no time did the team lose the lead once they had gained it.

Team high scorers were Charles Garcia, with 80 points; and Steve Berke, a sophomore, with 30 points. Other members playing were: Anne Connor, who had 60% for one half; Howard Schnee, with 60% for the meet; and David Rosenthal, with 50% in one half.

The next meet is against El Camino Real. It will be held here during the week of January 17.

Hilton Receives Top Award At Cross-Country Banquet

by Bill Peck
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League champion Mark Hilton along with fellow spiker Richard Nance, received the "Most Valuable Runner" and "Coaches" awards respectively at the Cross Country banquet held Tuesday evening in Odins Hall.

The Vikings, with Hilton and Nance finishing sixth and tenth in the City Finals, were the only squad to put two runners in the top ten, including Granada Hills, this season's City Champions. Both roadrunners received two trophies for their efforts in City and League play-offs. The most improved Vike for 1971 was Kerry Jensen who also received a trophy.

Along with Hilton, Nance and Jensen, Mike Dery and co-captains Richard Onyshko and Andrew Binsley lettered and were awarded a trophy for their league championship.

Junior Varsity star Scott Kellogg was the "Most Valuable Runner" and also the sixth best in the City. Kellogg also received an award for finishing in the top five in the league playoffs. Don Musselwhite was awarded most improved runner of the season. All Jayvee spikers who received letters also received a trophy for a second place league finish.

Junior Varsity lettermen included Kellogg, Musselwhite, Randy Baarstad, Cliff Kraft, Bob Callender Jim VanNess, Bruce Hale, Robert Rebuffatti, Howard Schnee, Tim Ames, and Greg Murphy.

Dave Bernstein was named "Most Valuable Runner" and John Lancaster was awarded "Most Improved for tenth grade. Tenth grade lettermen received trophies for a second place league finish.

Sophomore lettermen included Bernstein, Lancaster, Bill Waisgerber, Paul Yochim, Tom Persons, Steve Bastian, Scott McGrath, Dean Trollil, Alan Dunn, Mike Ives, Ronald Goldman and Neal Jones.

Randy Venverloh and Alan Rebis received letters for their superb managerial assistance with Venerloh receiving a trophy for acting as senior manager.

Athletic coordinator Glenn Yotter presented the "Athletes of the Week" awards to Nance, Hilton, Dery, Jensen and Kellogg.

Commenting on this year's season, Principal E.A. Miller said that he was so "inspired" by Cross-Country that he "bought a pair of running shoes."

All the members of the team presented Coach Dean Balzarett with a pair of track shoes and the coach's wife, Judy, with a small trophy for best fan.

Also attending the banquet were Boy's Vice-Principal Larry Foster, who complimented Coach Balzarett on his "fine coaching," and assistant track coach and head football co-coach Harry Frum.

ALL-CITY SELECTIONS	
OFFENSE	
END	STEVE BERGMAN
BACK	GUY BENJAMIN
DEFENSE	
LINEBACKER	DENNIS SHAW
ALL-MID-VALLEY SELECTIONS	
OFFENSE	
FLANKER	STEVE BERGMAN
TACKLE	CRAIG HILL
GUARD	STEVE HAYNES
BACK	GUY BENJAMIN
DEFENSE	
GUARD	TOM PORTER
BACKER	DENNIS SHAW
BACKER	STEVE KRAUSE
BACK	JIM SHARP

