



SENATORS WILL OUT RUN BRONX GOLIATH?

By *Alexx Messana* ('09)

The Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy, MS/HS 141, is our rival in almost every sport. For the HSAS Cross Country runners, however, Bronx Science poses the only threat in the entire borough. Last year both the Lady Flying Senators and the Flying Senators came close to winning the Bronx Borough Championships. The Lady Flying Senators were actually in the City Championship race while the men's team was beaten out only by Christopher Columbus and of course Bronx Science.

When asked if the Flying Senators had a good shot at winning the Bronx Championship this season, Co-Captain David Moretti('08) said "Yeah but I'm superstitious so I don't want to say anything," adding that he was "optimistic about the season." The whole cross country team is optimistic about becoming Bronx Champions.



Photo Taken By: Christina Joubert('08)

R. Allison('09), D. Arcos('08), D. Verdejo('08), D. Moretti('08) & L. Whyte('08)

Unlike most other sports (golf being the exception) in the sport of cross country the lowest score wins, and your score is based on your placement in a race. The top seven runner's placements in the race are the only ones counted: the first five are totaled together and

the last two are to push the other teams' placements back.

In previous years Bronx Science's "Varsity Seven" have been ridiculously fast. Last year at this time Senior Nelson Lim was running 5K in 20:47. This year runner Mark Menendez('08) thinks

Bronx Science "will always be good competition. This year we just have seven guys who can beat their seven. They may have one that can run faster but overall our 7 are faster." Mark is right, sort of. Currently Hiroshi Noboku('09) has the fastest time in the Bronx this year.

In other recent races Esteban Gavaria('09), Isaac Suero('09) and Ben Colon('09) out ran many top Bronx runners, earning medals as well. In the race before that, the Grand Prix # 2, Hiroshi Noboku, the school's current track star, placed first followed by Mark and Daniel Arcos close behind, giving our school a very good placement number, a low score of 40 to be exact.

The Lady Flying Senators have had Co-Captain Amanda Buckley ('08) place 12th followed by Mychaela Worrell('09) and Megan Pindling('09'). Bronx Science is a rival of the Ladies also.

When asked about the rivalry, *(Continued on page 3)*

LADIES' B-BALL PREVIEW

By *Caity Baer*

Teamwork, conditioning, and team spirit are the keys as the Lady Senators prepare for another successful season in intense PSAL competition.

A majority of last years starting team graduated in June of 2007, so current juniors and seniors are expected to rise to the challenge posed by strong teams from other high schools in the Bronx.

"Amanda (Manu '09), Whitney (Walker '09), Natasha (Stanislas '08), Sara (Yancovitz '09), and I are the leaders now...we all have great potential...we need to really step up this season" says Kristina Jaku('09).

Current Lady Senators, like Altagracia Montilla('08), Jaranne Celestine('09) and Kristina, believe that this year's team shares a special bond on the court because they are close friends off the court.

"The team is better now because it is mostly juniors," claims Jaranne. "The clique is gone because the seniors left."

When asked about the team chemistry in the upcoming season, Altagracia stated, "It's going to be better now. The [graduated] seniors made the team separate." Adding that "the closer we are as a team, the more successful we will be."

Assistant Coach Mr. Gilbert was very optimistic about the upcoming

season, "we will continue with the success from last year...we are returning most of the starters...and we made playoffs last year so hopefully we will do even better this year."

When Michael Hamlet Jr('08), an enthusiastic supporter of the team, was asked about the girls' potential, he replied "Some are really, really good...and others are really, really bad."

With tryouts coming up on November 1st, fresh faces are expected, given that some sophomores have been spotted practicing their shots at open gym in recent weeks.

The team indicated it welcomes new members, but some players are skeptical of the new talent.

"Sophomore girls are too busy hugging people," commented one current team member who preferred to remain anonymous because they don't want to offend anyone. "The sophomores are not athletic," added another member.

However, when Mr. Gilbert was asked about the "non-athletic" sophomores, he replied "There have never been any (of the current) sophomores on the team, but there are definitely more sophomores coming this year."

When Mia Schulman('10) was asked if she personally would ever try out for a sports team she simply replied "No... I enjoy watching sports, not playing them." ☞



Photo Taken By: Mr. Gilbert

Lady Senators 2007-'08 plan to excel without last year's seniors

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