



MEN SENATORS ARE BOUNCIN' BACK

By Michael Hamlet('08)

The High School of American Studies has ten varsity teams, and it may be hard to follow and appreciate all of them. For those of you who don't follow sports, our Cross Country season has just ended just check the trophy case. Now our boys basketball season is about to commence.

When asked about what he thought the new basketball season and what the team was going to look like, David Myers('08) stated "I don't know what the team's going to look like."

Kirin Chapman('11) stated "I guess they'll do well, but I don't really know."

Jonathan Williams('10) simply replied, "no, nothing" when he was asked what he knew about the basketball team.

Tiffany Sabal('09) replied "I don't know" when asked the same question.

Joshua Gardner('09) a guard on



Photo Taken by Christina Joubert('08)

Men's X-Country Places 2nd in the Entire Bronx. H. Nobuoka('09) is the Cross Country Bronx Champion of 2007.

the Basketball team has a solution to the students ignorance of the boys basketball team, "More people should come to the games and watch us play."

For the students who have a similar ignorance to basketball or sports in general, the High School

of American Studies boy's basketball team is looking forward to a productive season after reaching the playoffs last year finishing with 10-6 record.


Despite the loss of their 6'5" center Dimitre Boyukliev('07), the team, which will be lead by seniors

Eric Berman('08), captain Carl "CJ" Gayle('08), and Michael Hamlet Jr.('08), the team is looking forward to another strong season.

"We just need to win and compete" stated Carl Gayle('08).

The team also includes junior twins Joshua('09) and Travis Gardner('09), and Mike Dei('09). Although the team is physically and numerically small this year, HSAS Boys Basketball Coach, Chris Ballerini stated "I think this team will get up and down the floor more and we will look to push it as often as possible."

He concluded his prediction with "We will definitely be entertaining, but our main focus is on winning games and getting back to the postseason. I think that goal is within reach if we get the necessary dedication and teamwork that we must possess to be successful."

The first home game for the senators is December 6th against Taft Educational Campus, so get out there and support our team. 

STILL GIANT IN 2007-08

By Eric Berman('08)

After an 0-2 start, the New York Giants have finally given their fans something to cheer about. With a week 8 win over the Miami Dolphins, The G-Men went into their bye week having won six straight contests.

They will go for their seventh straight at home against the division rival Dallas Cowboys this Sunday. For the first time in a long time the New York Giants are being talked about by ESPN NFL analysts Mark Schlereth and Merrell Hodge as possibly the best team in the National Football Conference.

Their success can be attributed in part to quarterback Eli Manning. His stats may not be too far above the league average (13-9 TD-INT, 79.5 passer rating), but Giants fan John Arriola('11) believes that although Eli can't compare to his brother Peyton, "he has improved from last year."

However, a local 49'ers fan Ryan Allison('09) echoed criticism of Eli from past seasons. "He's indecisive, inaccurate...and has no pocket presence."

One surprise thus far this season has been the Giants rushing offense. Critics wrote off the Giants after the retirement of pro-bowl running back Tiki Barber, but the three headed rushing attack of Brandon Jacobs, Reuben Droughns, and

Derrick Ward is doing a fine job in his place. Combined, they are projected to rush for over 2,000 yards.

Big Blue has the sixth ranked rushing offense in the league (137.8 yards per game), with a large contribution from NFC October Offensive player of the month Brandon Jacobs.

Up to this point, the Giants' backs have been able to make up for Tiki's loss, but critics have questioned whether they can keep it up. Ryan Allison states that although he likes Brandon Jacobs, "Tiki's retirement will have a serious impact on the team."

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Any doubts about the offense, however, have not been mirrored on the other side of the ball. After a dismal start, allowing a combined 80 points in the first two games, the Giants have shown that they are not the Giants defense of past years.

In the last five games, the defense has given up just 13.2 points per game in the past six wins and is ranked seventh in the league in total yardage allowed (297.2 yards per game).

They lead the league with 28 sacks, which can be credited to the great play of the front four, including pro bowl defensive ends Michael Strahan and Osi



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J. LaMarche('10) & Mr. Blitz express their pride in the Giants

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This recent success has fans thinking 'Super Bowl' but resident Giants fan Mr. Blitz was more skeptical. Blitz, who was in attendance for the Giants' week 7 victory over the 49ers at the Meadowlands, didn't believe that the Giants could be considered the best team in the NFC because they "haven't played anyone yet."

"The 49ers are terrible," said Blitz. As far as being the best team in the NFC "we'll see when they play Dallas".

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