

Making the move! Senior Kate Huyvaert pulls away from her Harrison opponent during a very important meet.

On your mark, get set...go! Runners of the Greater Miami Conference take their mark as they nervously wait for the sound of the gun.



# Running For It All!

**D**etermination, dedication, intestinal fortitude (guts), and a positive attitude. All these words describe what it takes to be a cross country runner. The Lady Aves used this to be successful against the tough competition they faced, placing second in the Greater Miami Conference.

They began conditioning in August to be strong for their first meet. First year coach Jim Gosset commented, "I felt we had the nucleus to have a good team. I expected us to finish the second half of the season strong."

The team, consisting of eight girls, was lead by senior Kate Huyvaert. "At first we didn't have a lot of people, but I was pleased it all took shape. I am glad we have a lot of freshmen for the years to come," she said.

Beginning with the Lakota Classic and Anderson Invitational, the girls worked hard to improve. Beating Lakota at the Troy Invitational and again in the GMC was the highlight of the season. Individually, Huyvaert placed first in the Amelia Invitational and Christine Clausen

"gave her all" in the Elder Invitational and GMC meets, Gosset commented. Huyvaert later went on to place 29th at the regional meet.

When asked what he thought of the season, Coach Gosset said, "I think all the girls have shown improvement through the season. All contributed to whatever our successes have been. I think having run against the best brought out the best in us."

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After all the hard work, the awards were given. Huyvaert received

most valuable player for the year, most improved was Nikki Jackson, and Amy Zumbro received the 110 percent award. Also, Huyvaert, Natasha Pace, and Carrie Marston were named to the second team All-League.

With many of the freshmen runners returning, and their added experience, next year looks promising for the Lady Aves. Huyvaert ended the season by saying, "I hope that next year's team goes to regionals and wins the GMC."

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