

HEADING FOR VICTORY!

As the Girls Varsity Soccer Team began conditioning in August, it became apparent early that hard work and determination were needed in order to have a successful season.

Falling victim to the loss of many starting players, the girls spent the season rebuilding and working with the numerous young and inexperienced players. Constant practice and intensity helped the Lady Aves climb to 5th place in the pre-season coaches poll.

Many new goals were set and the girls contributed everything they had to reach them. Their short term goal was a first place finish in the Greater Miami Conference, and their long term goal was to reach the Sectional finals in tournament play.

Although the Lady Aves left behind a top league in the city, the new competition in the GMC proved to be just as fierce. The Lady Aves ended the league with a 7-3-2 record. Coach Hayden said that it was a "remarkable" record. She also commented that due to the injuries, the team was continually adjusting to new positions — we didn't blend as expected. Despite starting out strong, the team's goal of winning the league was eventually out of their grasp.

The team never gave up, and their intensity grew. They set their sights on their long term goal — going to Sectional finals. At the begin-

ning of the tournament, the girls were seeded number one in their division. The first game, the Lady Aves faced Franklin. They fell to a hard defeat. Franklin scored on an offensive run late in the second half. Although Sycamore made many attempts to score, the Franklin defense didn't falter, and they finished with a 1-0 victory over Sycamore.

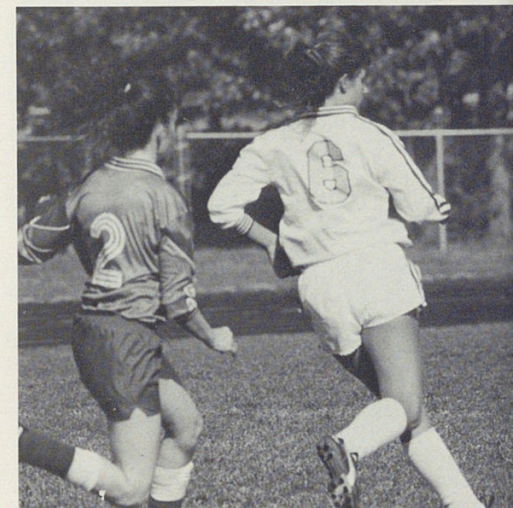
The Lady Aves ended the season with a 9-8-2 overall record, a third place finish in the GMC, and a rating of 9th place in the city according to the coaches' poll. Some standouts for Sycamore were: junior Annie Kleiser, voted a All-League player with 10 assists and 11 goals; sophomore Kerry Stanko, voted an All-League and All-City player; and junior, Andrea Spaccarelli, also voted onto the All-League and the All-City teams.

Coach Hayden is optimistic about the upcoming year and was positive about this past year. She commented, "At times we played like champs and with the return of six players with league honors, I have a great outlook for next year".

by Andrea Spaccarelli

Coach Paula Hayden concentrates on the events of the game, while Heather Hug takes a breather.

Kristie Bowman tries to ignite the offense in a 0-0 tie against Seton.



Girls' Varsity Soccer					
	SHS	Opp.			
Mercy	1	0	Lakota	0	1
Lakota	1	0	Glen Este	0	2
Hamilton	5	1	Hamilton	3	0
Walnut H.	1	4	Middletown	2	0
Middletown	7	1	Fairfield	2	2
Fairfield	2	0	McAuley	4	2
Ursuline	0	2	Princeton	2	2
Princeton	5	0	Milford	0	3
Milford	1	3	Seton	0	2
			Franklin	0	1
			Totals 9W — 8L — 2T		

Row 1: Kerry Stanko, Susie Welch, Andrea Spaccarelli, Missy Hurt, Susan Montgomery, Heather Hug, Annie Kleiser, Kristie Bowman, Julie Elder.
Row 2: Coach Hayden, Janet Turner, Allison Gentry, Jennie Rawers, Heather Hoag, Angela Kunkemoeller, Steph Kaplan, Heidi Arthurs, Beth Jackson, Susan Manassah, Coach Barth.