

Serious swimmers make a splash



Dedicated swimmers show some muscle at a swim meet.
-Angel Melendez

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This year's swim team has expectations that are set higher than any other year, according to the coaches and players. They all seek to rank as top eight in the nation. Both the girls' and boys' team have

shown their dedication during the summer, making them a faster and more cooperative team.

The boys' team consists of nine players, three of which are returning from last year. The four top players for the boys' swim team are William Cintas, Attila Forkas, Ciccio Morales, and Jonathan Urbizagastegui. As Coach Tornillo stated, "This years four top players are the best M.H.S. has ever had."

"They have improved immensely, they need a bigger team; the more swimmers there are, the better the results could possibly be," also remarked

Coach Tornillo. Any boys interested in swimming should see Coach Tornillo in room 142 or Coach Hunter in room 146.

Of the twelve girls, three of whom are veteran players on this year's swim team, the top players are Meri Jelizakoba and Bertha Hernandez.

As one of the new swimmers, Johana Granada, 10th grade states, "Dedication is what it takes to set goals."

All of the twelve swimmers have improved their skills, according to their coaches, Tornillo and Hunter. Top player Bertha Hernandez stated, "To win is not greater than the will to learn to prepare to win."

By setting high aspirations and practicing hard, both teams should do well during the regular season, gearing up for the state playoffs in Orlando.

Stings defying the odds

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The newspapers did not think so. The voters did not believe, and at times not even the fans believed, but the football team did. In week one of the season, the Miami High football team faced the Jackson Generals, a team that was ranked #2 in the state. Being one of the favorite teams to win state, they were expected to dominate. However, the Stings defense shutdown Jackson's offense and held them to just 12 points, and ran an interception back for a touchdown. Miami High pulled off the upset stomping the Generals 16-12.

After their victory over Jackson, Miami High played its toughest game. They were up against the number one team in Dade, the Northwestern Bulls. At this point, the Stings were in trouble. Their two top quarterbacks, Manny Alvarez and Kareem Roberts, were out that game. Not only that, but they had to go head up against the biggest offensive and defensive lines in the state. The Bulls were unstoppable that night. Rosco Parish put in a gutsy performance as quarterback, but penalties hurt. The Bulls crushed the Stings 29-0, but they hope to meet up again at the State Semi-finals with a full squad, where they will flex the muscles.

The Stings hoped to bounce back from the Northwestern game by playing Coconut Creek. They traveled to Broward to play where the conditions were horrible; it was raining. Again, the Stings had problems with the quarterback and it showed when they completed just one pass. The Cougars scored first and held the lead until the fourth quarter. The Stings recov-

ered by making the score 7-6. In the extra point attempt, the snap was low so Michael Rodriguey (holder) took it into the end zone for an 8-7 lead. With 30 seconds left in the game, Coconut Creek marched down the field in an attempt to game the winning field goal with 28 seconds left. However, the Stings defense proved worthy, blocked the kick and ran out the clock to win the game.

Fresh off their victory over Coconut Creek, played against the Southwest Eagles. The Stings jumped on the Eagles early, scoring a touchdown in the first minute. The score came on a deep bomb from Kareem Roberts to Andre Johnson. The Stings defense also shut down the Eagles allowing just one touchdown. The Eagles proved they were no match for the Stings crash landing into a 33-16 defeat.

After starting off 1-0 in the district, the Stings matched up against the Braddock Bulldogs. Andre Johnson ran the opening kickoff 84 yards for a touchdown. It looked like the Stings were on their way to another easy victory. The Bulldogs scored 14 unanswered points to take a 14-6 lead. However, near the half, Braddock failed to score 3 times from inside the 3 yard-line. That knocked the life off the dogs. The second half belonged to the Stings as A. Johnson scored on a 60 yard screen pass. Then running back Gerald Cooper ran for a touchdown. The Stings left triumphantly with a 33-14 win. They improve to 2-0 in the district.

Although many schools would think that the Stingarees would be discouraged for having to forfeit other sports, we proved them wrong. The Stingarees have team spirit and it shows at the games, because we are Stingarees for life and we are going all the way!

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Soaring like an eagle into the scorching sun. Gliding across a mammoth ramp that with a slight mistake could rocket the skater in to the agony of defeat and not to mention, utter pain.

For the last few years, in-line skating has been the fastest growing sport in the world. Fueled by its success, a new sector of the sport has evolved. Welcome to the world of aggressive skating. A fast, high impacted and artistic sport. With its insane antics of the likes of sketching, (hanging on to the back of a vehicle in motion) in addition to its vast repertoire of death defying tricks, it is sure to attract thrill seekers around the globe. Aggressive skating's impressive repertoire of tricks consist mainly of aeriels. Just to name a few; royals, laces and awols are very popular amongst aggressive skaters. These tricks and others can be performed as vert skating (skating on a half pipe) or as street skating. In recognition of the sport's fast rise, the ASA (Aggressive Skaters Association) was born. With the birth of the ASA's pro and amateur tour, aggressive skaters can now expose their talent and compete against the world's elite in the sport. From October 9 through October 12, ASA held its annual Pro Tour World Championships and North American Amateur Championships, the super bowl of aggressive skating. The top 70 pro skaters around the world, both male and female competed for the title, "World's Best Aggressive Skater" and the top 100 amateur skaters competed for the 20 spots open for next years pro championships.

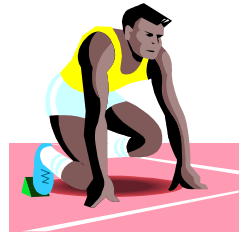
In short, rollerblading has evolved from a fairly physical sport into a high flying, pulse pounding, high impact, extreme sport. With more and more people of all shapes and sizes and ages strapping on their rollerblades, there's no telling of how dangerous aggressive skating will be in the next millennium.



National Championships for Football were won in 1961, 1962 and 1965. *Participation in 1998 state series was vacated.

1998- Boys' Basketball*

1996-97- Boys' Basketball



1989, 91, 93 - Boys' Basketball

1987- Boys' Basketball

1960,61,65- Football



1958- Baseball and Football

1955-56- Boys' Basketball and Football

1954- Boys' Basketball



1950-51- Football

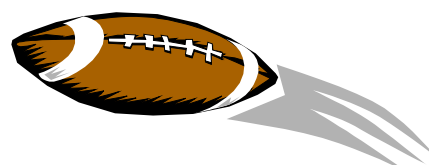


1940-41- Football and Boys' Track and Field



1942-43- Football

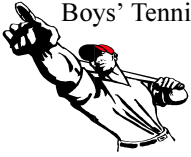
1946-47- Football



1948-49- Boys' Basketball

This time line consists of the championships won in sports over the last 75 years

1924-Girls' Swimming and Diving; Boys' Tennis



1925-Boys' Basketball; Boys' Tennis

1926-Baseball; Boys' Swimming and Diving

1927-Boys' Swimming and Diving; Boys' Tennis; Boys' Track and Field

1928- Boys' Tennis; Boys' Track and Field



1928- Boys' Basketball; Football; Boys' Track and Field

1931- Boys' Basketball and Football



1932- Football; Boys' Tennis



1933- Football



1935- Boys' Basketball

1934- Football; Boys' Swimming and Diving



1936-37- Football; Boys' Tennis

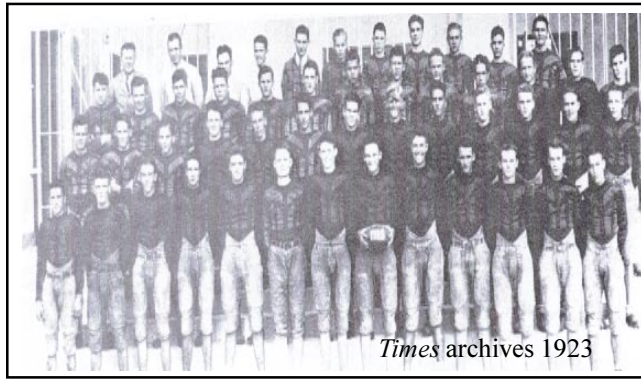


Miami High's sports legacy lives on

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Its history lies in the locker rooms in which many valiantly battled to preserve its sacred history. The screams, the laughter and the cries of such memorable moments have been silenced throughout the years. Years in which Miami High was undoubtedly the greatest sports power in the state and possibly the nation. The years of deprived glorious moments are now put to rest as Miami High is back in full swing and ready to reclaim its spot as the premier sports center in the state.

Throughout Miami High's early history, one word summed up the school's sports program-greatness. A sports program that has collected 66 state championships and 3 national crowns, from their first two state crowns in girls' swimming and diving and boys' tennis. In 1924, Miami High racked up state championships year after year. At one point, Miami High had a string of 14 consecutive years of winning at least one state



Times archives 1923

championship.

From 1924 to 1929, the boys' tennis team won five state championships; they ended up winning a total of seven state titles. Boys' track and field won a total of seven state championships.

Boys' swimming won three state championships and the girls swimming and one state championship was in 1924. Baseball won two state championships, one coming in 1926 and the other in 1958. In 1932 and 1942, boys' golf won two state championships. Soccer's only state championship was in 1961.

The shadows of great players running lay-up drills, shooting basket after bas-

ket on their quest for perfection, won 17 state titles, something unheard of in the state of Florida. Despite a 31 year drought of winning a state championship which commenced in 1956, Miami High basketball was revamped, winning a total of seven state titles since 1987, in an eleven year span.

A storied history like no other, Miami High football was once considered the greatest dynasty in any sport in the state of Florida.

Since 1931, when Miami High won its first state crown until their last crown which came in 1965, they have dominated football in the state of Florida, winning an unbelievable amount of championships; 27 state titles and three on the national level.

The ghosts of Miami High's incredible run to greatness have been awakened from their 22 year sleep which began in 1965 and ended in 1987. Miami High has reclaimed its spot as the greatest sports power in the state. Its priceless historical achievements in sports are like none other; achievements that have yet to be matched and possibly never will be. For that we are proud to shout "We are stingarees for life!"

Lady Stings: Serve, set and spike

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A man once said, "Women aren't players of the game, they're just fans." Proving him otherwise are the Lady-Stings volleyball team, who are eliminating the odds. The girls are starting off the season with a new coach, Vivian Garcia, and a thriving attack for the championships. With their everyday practices, the girls are prepared for any of the worse opponents.

Although, this may be Ms. Garcia's first year coaching, she has been able to handle the team and their opponents difficulty. With a 6-3 record to begin with, the coach and her team have been able to stand for something in Miami High's sports system.

Of course victories are bound to happen with a mentality like Coach Garcia's who said, "Beating your opponent at their own game is the way to succeed."

Now, one might be wondering who is spiking and fighting in this varsity team? Most of them are juniors which includes the two captains, Milena Eakes and Melissa Sanchez. There is also a sophomore, Veronica Encinosa, who is proving to be a significant factor presently and later in years to come. Along with these girls are the other essential party without whom victory is nonexistent, Veronica Lopez, Annia Gattorno, and Ana Mercado.

All of these girls are ready to lead a great season, especially Veronica Lopez who exclaims, "All our practices and hard work equal an awesome team and year."

To make the girls sure that the girls feel equal and not superior to one another, Coach Garcia tells her team and fans, "We have to keep in mind that this is a team effort, meaning the team is a leader as a whole."

It is evident that these ladies are prepared for whatever faces them. Even if they cannot reach the championships, the girls' varsity volleyball team will still try the best throughout the year.

"The team this season has become more united as they played more games and with this unity they will accomplish all their goals," states Luis Guillen, senior.

Sprinting towards state

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The cross country team has begun another promising season. "Run 3.5 miles every other day. Run 3.5 miles every other day" is the mind set of a track runner in training. This training will greatly help them reach their goals.

"The goal is to take a team to state this year" said Coach Johnson.

The road to state involves several competitions. During these competitions, they not only compete with each other, but with themselves. They try to run faster to reduce their time seeing as this is a sport of distance versus time. They are fully capable of reaching their goals if they take the suggestion given by Coach Johnson, which is to continue to

work hard.

"In order to be in track you must be very hard working and dedicated and they have shown all that and more this season,"stated Emily Moises, senior.

There are low turn outs at races which can be attributed to the fact that track does not receive as much attention as a team like Coral Gables or South Ridge would. Due to the unpopularity of the sport in this area, it is harder to attract players like Michael Johnson.

Despite this, the team is not without its stars. "Look for Jazmin McNish as one of our outstanding runners this year," said Coach Johnson confidently.

The Stingarees are not just one hit wonders, the entire team has its strengths. They will strive for their goals until the end.

Beatriz Ruiz, a freshman, says of the team, "They are trying hard to succeed, and are doing a great job so far."



1938-39- Football