

JV, Frosh cross country teams triumph

Varsity runners drop third meet in 8 seasons

by Steve Johnson

The Varsity Cross Country team suffered its third loss in the past eight seasons of PIL dual meet competition on Wednesday, September 17.

The G-men were clipped by the Wilson team which totaled 41 points. The Generals tallied 42 points and were followed by Madison and Jackson, who scored 65 and 74 points, respectively, in the season-opening four team meet.

The loss for Grant overshadowed two excellent performances by General runners. Junior Scott Jackson easily won the race, with a time of 13 minutes,

11.9 seconds. Don Johnson, a senior, took second place, after a fine finish, with a clocking of 13:35.9.

Placing third for Grant and eighth in the race, behind a cluster of Wilson runners, was senior Greg Schukart.

General Jeff Klein, a senior, finished the race in 13th position. Junior Scott Bailey and senior John

White placed 18th and 19th, respectively. Sophomore Courtney Huff was a pleasant surprise, as he placed

seventh for Grant and 22nd in the race.

Varsity Coach Mark Cotton stated, "We were not in shape

physically and we were not mentally alert, where Wilson was."

In summing up the meet, Mr. Cotton said, "We were

beaten by a team that did what a cross country team should do; by that, I mean that they grouped their runners together."

It was a different story for Grant, in the JV competition, however, as the G-men won by

six points over second place Wilson. Grant sophomore Don Levine, running in his first cross

country race, took first place in the race.

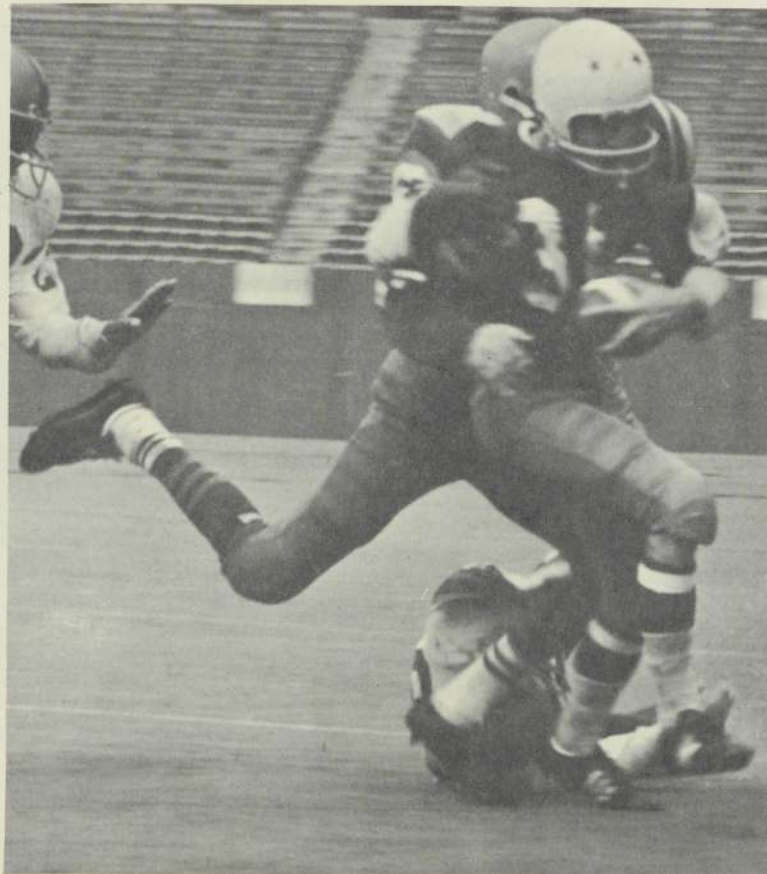
Jeff Osborn, a junior, took

third in the race. Sophomore Greg Boeh, also running in his first cross country race, placed

sixth. Steve Twedt and Mark Johnson, both sophomores, fin-

ished in tenth and 19th place, respectively.

The Freshmen team overpowered their opponents, in their first taste of cross country competition. With a score of 17



QUARTERBACK Dan Percich is hauled down by Benson defenders after a substantial gain in victory at Civic Stadium.

Gridders come from behind—down Benson at Stadium

Last Saturday the Grant football team survived a twelve point deficit and outscored a big Benson team 25-18, to win their first football game of the year at Civic stadium.

According to Coach Trigstad it was a very big game to the Generals. The game was riddled with fifteen fumbles and each team lost four of them.

Benson jumped into the lead with a 68-yard run in the first quarter. They then came back in the second quarter to score again on the same play, but this time it was good for 80 yards.

It was then Grant's turn to take over, and they sure did. Robert Bates scored the first touchdown for the Generals on a five-yard run. The first touchdown was set up when Benson fumbled on their own 41-yard line. Grant scored again before the half was over when Dan Percich made a spectacular catch of one of June Jones' passes. That play covered 57 yards. Halftime was over and the score stood at a 12-12 standstill.

The second half of play proved to be a different story for both teams as the Generals scored 13

points in the fourth quarter. Robert Bates came through again on a 15-yard run to put the Generals ahead 18-12. Dan Percich romped 15 yards on a broken pass play to ice the win for the team. Benson managed to score with less than two minutes to play on a one yard run.

Tonight's game puts the Generals on the line with Roosevelt at the Teddies' home field.

Cogill Comments

by Gary Cogill

When you talk about school spirit around the city, many people may feel prejudice about their own school. But when it comes right down to the facts about who cheers the loudest, and who has the better attendance at the football games, Grant holds the biggest edge.

DURING the first week of school, on a Thursday, the annual PIL Jamboree was held at Civic stadium. A crowd of about 5,800 attended the game and cheered loudly for their school. It was obviously apparent who had the greatest number of fans. Section six was filled all the way to the top of the stadium, far more than any other school.

From the team's point of view, it was awe-inspiring to see such a crowd for the game. In fact, to them it was one of their greatest feelings ever.

ONE OF THE most contributing factors had to be the rally. They led the cheers and showed as much spirit as anyone. Their efforts were returned as Grant High School won the cheering contest and brought home a fine trophy.

Whether the crowd realizes it or not, their spirit that showed up in the Jamboree was reflected throughout the city. Anybody who was there knows that Grant showed the greatest spirit and was deserving of the trophy that was awarded.

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Sergeants tie in football game; penalties hamper offensive play

"It was a fantastic effort by the defense," stated Coach Johnsrud about the JV football game between Benson that was played at Grant last week. The Sergeants battled the "big Benson team" to a 12-12 tie.

ONE OF COACH Johnsrud's arguments about the game seemed to be "too many penalties." "We made a lot of mistakes," he said. "The team totaled about 230 yards in penal-

ties." He also added that there were only two plays in a row where there were no penalties called.

Even though there were a lot of penalties in the game, the offense managed to score four touchdowns. "The bad thing about it was that two of them were called back because of penalties."

THE BEST thing about the team had to be the defense. They fought a tough Benson line and held them to only two touchdowns. Coach Johnsrud cited Steve Yanzick, Steve Campbell, Jim Condon, and Steve Geiger as doing "outstanding jobs for the defense team."

Coach Johnsrud feels that this year they have a very hard-hitting team, with a lot of depth. In fact, his team could be summed up in his very own words, "We were tough and we hit hard."

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