

# Hope and Excitement for the Fall Season

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group," Schapiro said.

Bence Cserkuti is a transfer student from Hungary and one of the strongest runners on the team. His speed and work ethic have excited his fellow teammates and given hope to a team that has been in need of recovery since 2011.

"Csebe is running very well in practice and I expect him to have an excellent season," Hornick said. "It's exciting to have a new runner who can outrun all of us."

Hornick is looking to improve on an impressive 2013 and has already been setting goals for himself. Last year he finished the 800m run in 2:09. His goal this year is the record of 2:01 by the end of the season. While eight seconds may be a lot, Hornick says that it is attainable.

## Field Hockey:

How hard is it to repeat as NY-SAIS champions in back-to-back years? Ask senior Anya Auerbach, the starting goalie for the 2014 girls field hockey team.

"It's going to be very hard to match last year's success," Auerbach said. "We lost a lot of great players. I do think that with hard work there is a lot we can do to fill those gaps in our team. But we're not going to be the team we were last year."

Two promising freshmen goalies have joined the team, putting Auerbach in a compromising situation. While she is looking forward to mentoring the young prospects, talented newcomers also supply competition and potentially diminished playing time.

"We have two great new freshmen goalies this year, and my goal is to show them what we as high school goalies do," Auerbach said. "I've also got competition for playing time this year, so another goal is to show that I deserve to play as much as possible."

Auerbach is no doubt used to the pressure of being a goalie in the Ivy League. She understands how one goal can impact the course of a game. She uses this responsibility as a mechanism to bring the team together and play in unison.

"I feel responsibility for the success of the whole team. In part this is because my success in a few critical seconds can decide an entire game.

But also, in my position as a goalie and because I've been on the team for so long, I have a really good understanding of the game and a unique view of the action. So it's my responsibility to talk to my team in a game and make sure they're working well together. I've been told I yell a lot during games. I take that as a compliment."

It may take a few games for the Eagles to get back on track. Senior leadership is still trying to find the confidence that last year's captains had. They meant a lot to Auerbach especially, who still misses their

ers."

One of the most important pieces of the puzzle will be captain Shai Goodman. The senior goalie has been working hard over the offseason and has been looking sharp this preseason.

"As a goalie you have to be strong and you have to be loud," Goodman said. "It's a big responsibility being a goalie. You are the last person; if everybody messes up, it's still on you. I've only been playing goalie for a few years, but it's something I love to do and I love the pressure."



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*Carmen Cee (V) in last year's Field Hockey semi-final game against Brearley*

support.

"I don't think we'll really know how much losing those players has affected us until we actually play a game," Auerbach said.

## Girls' Soccer:

Girls soccer is missing a core group of seniors from the class of 2014. Hanna Kaeser, Chloe Chasanoff and Livi Block were critical players on last year's team. While this year's team may not be as successful, there is a lot to be excited about heading into the season.

"We did lose some of our stronger players, but the team is just as strong as we've been in the past," said junior Carly Haber. "I don't think the team needs any lifting. Each year the team loses key players, but we also gain talented play-

taking down that team."

## Girls' Tennis:

After undertaking a new strength and conditioning program and playing tennis practically every day over the summer, Emma Kassin has established herself as a vital element of the 2014 team.

Her forehand has always been dominant and is one of her greatest strengths. She never discloses her weaknesses to the press, fearing the possibility of her opponents' exploitations.

According to tennis-recruiting.net, Emma Kassin is ranked as the 26th best player in New York state, with a 7-2 record against recruits one star and under.

While girls tennis has been optimistic about this season, their enthusiasm has yet to translate into wins. After starting the season 1-5, the Eagles look to get back on track with a series of road matches to finish off the season.

## Girls' Volleyball:

After suffering only one loss the entire season, the girls volleyball team made it to the NYSAIS finals. Coach Collin Henry called it a "dream season" despite losing to Spence in the finals. This season, the goal is to win the NYSAIS championship and to do that they will have to be disciplined.

"The theme this season is discipline," said senior Samantha Hughes. "Staying disciplined on defense, making smart decisions on offense, calling the ball, and most importantly working together on the court."

While seniors including Danielle Sutton and Samantha Hughes have taken on leadership roles in the locker room, the whole team has taken charge on the court.

"What is unique in terms of leadership is that when we're on the court everyone is a leader and everyone takes charge," Hughes said.

Danielle Sutton and Gillian Gore are two players to watch this season. With great skill, finesse and power it is projected that they will win all ivy, and also lead the Eagles to a successful season.

Goodman is ready to take on a leadership role, and considers the captain position a big and rewarding responsibility. Her offseason workouts with coach Frank Howser have both mentally and physically prepared her for this upcoming season.

"I am happy I get to be one of the leaders of this team," Goodman said. "I know that I have to work hard and set a good example for the other girls."

Last year's heartbreaking loss to Riverdale still lingers in the Eagles' locker room. Goodman, who was concussed during the game, is eager to get back onto the field.

"Losing the seniors doesn't mean that we aren't expecting to win. I am looking forward to the Riverdale game, and I am looking forward to