



## *To our Athletes:*

*Each year schools give awards to their best students in the fields of academics, social & religious activities, and athletics.*

*Tonight Belén athletes, relatives, coaches, and teachers come together to give merit to those who put much effort and dedication to succeed in their chosen sport.*

*You have experienced moments of triumph and defeat after competitions, but the effort of preparing for the game, the desire to win and to overcome any obstacle as large as it may seem, is what truly brings a sense of well-being and satisfaction. The effort you have put in each competition develops your willpower and sense of responsibility. We learn that without preparation or effort we do not accomplish many things in life.*

*May the award you receive today not flatter your vanity or make you believe that you are better than others. May it be a symbolic reminder that in sports, just as in any other field, you have learned to employ, for the benefit of the team and of the school, the athletic abilities that God gave you. Your school and team are grateful.*

*God bless you!*

*Fr. José M. Izquierdo, S.J.*

# 1989 SPORTS BANQUET SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## *Varsity and Junior Varsity Friday, May 19*

- 1) *Invocation*
- 2) *Cheerleaders*
- 3) *Varsity Football*
- 4) *Jr. Varsity Football*
- 5) *Varsity Cross Country*
- 6) *Varsity Swimming*
- 7) *Varsity Soccer*
- 8) *Jr. Varsity Soccer*
- 9) *Varsity Basketball*
- 10) *Jr. Varsity Basketball*
- 11) *Wrestling*
- 12) *Varsity Tennis*
- 13) *Varsity Baseball*
- 14) *Jr. Varsity Baseball*
- 15) *Varsity Track and Field*
- 16) *Golf*
- 17) *Special Awards*



**Wolverine Power**



## *Junior High Friday, May 26*

- 1) *Invocation*
- 2) *Jr. High Cross Country*
- 3) *Jr. High Volleyball*
- 4) *Jr. High Swimming*
- 5) *6th Grade Basketball*
- 6) *Jr. High Basketball*
- 7) *Jr. High Soccer*
- 8) *Jr. High Baseball*
- 9) *6th Grade Baseball*
- 10) *Jr. High Tennis*
- 11) *Jr. High Track and Field*
- 12) *Special Awards*



# A Message from Our Athletic Director

Our sports program had another outstanding year. The Cross Country team stretched its dual meet winning streak to 48 and won its 10th Conference title in 11 years. The Track & Field team, under the guidance of Richard Stuart and Angel Aparicio recorded 10 wins and only 1 loss, set new school records in the 120 high hurdles (Alexis Abril), 1 mile relay (Juan Taboas, Luis Zúñiga, Manny Mejido, and Carlos Salvat) and tied a record in the half mile (Juan Taboas). The team won first place in the District and, had it not been for a disqualification, it would also have won the Conference title. The Basketball team, under the coaching of George Martínez, tied for the first place in the Conference. The Swimming team took first place in the District meet and did better than ever at the state level. Coach Peppas has done an outstanding job with this young group of swimmers. The Varsity Football, Wrestling, Tennis, and Baseball teams also had winning records. César Conde was Conference Champion in tennis. The Baseball team looks young and promising and the Golf team, under the direction of new Coach María Elena Wrrves, had its first All Conference player in Javier Antuña. The Soccer team should be one to reckon with next year.

At the Junior Varsity level new Coach Jose Roca directed his team to some impressive wins and kept the dominant tradition of Belen Jr. Varsity Basketball alive. The Jr. Varsity Football team, under the guidance of Coach Aparicio and Luis Méndez had an impressive season having only one loss to football power St. Thomas Aquinas, a heart-breaking defeat where our players dominated the plays. The Jr. Varsity Baseball team, even though most of its better young



players were playing at varsity level, still managed to have a winning season.

At the Jr. High level, Bert Adán has done an outstanding job of organizing and supervising that division. The Jr.

High Swimming team captured first place in the county. The 7th & 8th Basketball, Volleyball, and Baseball teams won division titles. The Jr. High program continues to be one of the best in the county.

## *Improvements:*

They include the completion of the Jr. High Baseball field, where a backstop, dugouts, and a pitcher's mound were added (thanks to Mr. Adán, Mr. Acuña, Mr. Carreño, and Mr. García Carrillo for their tremendous help). Also, the improvement of the Varsity Baseball field, where benches were added, the backstop was improved, a new pump and well were made, and the field was completely fenced. The tennis courts were cleaned, lines were repainted, and new wind screens were installed. New volleyball courts were painted, and Belén was able to host its first volleyball matches.

Our main goal is to build a gymnasium on campus within the next two years.

## *“Something to think about.”*

*To Mike:*

*“The bumble bee cannot fly.”*

According to theory or aerodynamics and as may be readily demonstrated through laboratory tests and wind tunnel experiments, the bumble bee is unable to fly. This is because the size, weight, and shape of his body in relation to the total wing spread, makes flying impossible. However, the bumble bee, being ignorant of these profound scientific truths, goes ahead and flies any way... and manages to produce a little honey every day!

Faith in God and determination have a way!

Coach Carlos Barquín

# Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheerleaders

This past summer the 88-89 **Varsity Cheerleading** squad was really excited about attending Cheerleading camp at the University of Miami.

Being one of the few teams in attendance without a moderator, the squad showed great leadership, responsibility, and enthusiasm. The team received many awards.

This experience was a great motivating factor for the girls who were ready to start a very long season of cheerleading. What other team sport runs from August to March? None.

It is not easy to stay dedicated to a team for so long, especially when most of the girls are honor students and are very involved in other school activities at Our Lady of Lourdes Academy.

Although the job of promoting school spirit at an all male school can be very tiring and seems sometimes impossible, the Varsity and JV squads succeeded in doing so.

The Belén community would like to recognize the dedication and hard work put forth by both squads. The year would not have been the same without you! Thank you and congratulations for a job well done!

*Coach Miriam Cambó-Martínez*

The **Junior Varsity** team was led by *Captain Cyanne Senra* and *Co-captain Yvette Alvarez*. Other JV members include: *Karla Alvarez, Ariana Cabrera, Cristine Colunga, Cristy Cruz, Olga de la Maza, Marietta Galíndez, Martha García, Lilly Marchini, Lourdes Mestre, Magda Ortiz.*



Throughout the football and basketball seasons the Varsity team was lead by *Captain Ana Arias* and *Co-captain Patty Hurtado de Mendoza*. Other Varsity members include:

*Rose Alvarez, Betty Consuegra, Ivette González, Karen Kennedy, Cathy Laria, Mary Ann Murray, Mercy Pérez, Debbie Planas, Cristy Romano, Jennifer Seoane.*



# Varsity Football Team

The 1988-89 Varsity Football season has to be broken down into two halves: the very successful first half and the slump-ridden second half.

The first five games of the season was definitely the high point for the players. The team jumped out to a 3-0 record and finished the first half with a very respectable 4 wins 1 loss record. Included in those four wins was the *Miracle at Marathon*. With only six seconds left in the game and Belén trailing 6 to 0, QB Germán Delgado hit Manny Mejido for the tying touchdown. Jorge López added the extra point as the Wolverines completed the remarkable 7 to 6 come from behind victory.

In the second half of the season the Wolverines were not so fortunate. The team was plagued with injuries, numerous penalties and plain old inconsistent playing. As a result, the team staggered in with a 6 and 4 record. The main bright spot of the 2nd half was the 23 to 14 homecoming victory over Moore Haven.

After the season several players received post season honors. Mario Solórzano, Manny Feijóo, and Manny Mejido earned *Miami Herald* 1st Team All County honors, and José Solórzano and Ralph Pérez joined the above three on the Gulfstream Athletic Conference team. Germán Delgado, Mario Martínez, Frank Guerra, Al Alvarez, Danny Mena, Carlos Alvarez, Otto Travieso, Luis Zúñiga, and Juan Alvarez all made Honorable Mention in either *The Miami Herald* or *The Miami News*.

In closing, I would like to thank all the assistant coaches for a job well done, and the parents who contribute their time and efforts for the benefit of the football program. Lastly, I would like to wish the football seniors of the Class of 1989 the best of luck in future endeavors.



Name	Award
Al Alvarez	2L
José Solórzano	3L
Luis Zúñiga	1L
Germán Delgado	2L
Carlos Alvarez	2L
Rubén Chávez	1L
Jorge López	1L
Jaime López	1L
Frank Guerra	2L
Jorge Rivero	2L
José Ortiz	1L
Danny Mena	2L
Mario Solórzano	3L
Dan Baldor	1L
Bobby Pérez	1L
Juan Alvarez	1L
Alex Trinchet	1L
Manny Feijóo	2L
Hircio Barrios	2L
José Varona	2L
Mario Martínez	3L
Arty Pérez	1L
Darío Guerra	1L
Jorge Zagales	1L
Otto Travieso	2L
Ralph Pérez	1L
Manny Mejido	2L

**Coach:** Richard Stuart  
**Assts.:** Ed Fraga, Lindsay Díaz, George García,

# Junior Varsity Football

The 1988-89 J.V. Football Team had an outstanding season and it was the third straight winning season for Coach Angel Aparicio. This year he was aided tremendously by assistant coach Luis Méndez, who did an outstanding job on the defensive side of the ball with 5 consecutive shutouts.

One of the reasons for the team's success was the experience held by 16 returning sophomores along with the talent of 26 first year-players.

This year's team was extremely impressive and outscored its opponents by a total score of 114-7. Its offense had 1,273 yards for the season, especially due to the tough offensive line, consisting of Alex Oliver, Israel Alfonso, José Iglesias, Albert Lazo, Allen García, and Javier Salazar. Leading the attack was quarterback Mark Mestre, who had 589 yards passing with a total of 5 touchdowns, all to leading receiver Juan C. Daire, who had 447 yards. Running the ball was leading rusher Gaby Jiménez, who contributed over 6 yards a carry, and Joche Espín a tough inside runner. They were accompanied by first year players Alexis González, Ronald Salazar, and Eddie Martínez.

The defense was led by linemen Pablo Carreño, Albert Lazo, Frankie Aixala, and Juan P. San Martín, who had 10 of the 31 sacks recorded all year. In the linebacker spot were defensive captain and 3rd year player Joche Espín, Rubén Núñez, Alez Hoyos, Eddie Delgado, and leading tackler Alexis González. They had a total of 138 tackles, 6 sacks, and 2 safeties. The defensive backs, or so called



«lunchmen», were led by Leo León, who had 4 interceptions, Manny Escobio, Charlie Erdman, and Javier Argamasilla. This defense caused 15 turnovers and gave up a *season total* of 98 yards.

The season started with a defensive show against Curley, who was held to -32 yards for the entire game. The offense began to roll as they scored at will to end the game at 20-0. Next on the hit list was Pinecrest who was manhandled to a 27-0 Belén victory. The next game was «The Biggest Game of the Year» against their rival Pace who had dished the Wolverines an embarrassing defeat a year ago. The players and coaches went in with a must-win attitude, and that they did, as they had an impressive 21-0 victory. This consistency continued as they went on to win games against Gulliver (21-0) and Curley (23-0). The last game of the season was lost in a hard-fought 7-2 decision to the hands of new rivals St. Thomas Aquinas.

The players and Coach Aparicio would like to thank the fans, the families who give us support, and especially Coach Méndez, a good coach and a good friend, who won't be returning next year, and we wish him luck in the future.

## Name

## Award

### Sophomores:

Francisco Aixala	2L
Israel Alfonso	2L
Pablo Carreño	2L
Juan C. Daire	2L
Eduardo Delgado	2L
Carlos Erdman	1L
Manuel Escobio	2L
Joche Espín	2L
Allen García	2L
José Iglesias	1L
Gabriel Jiménez	2L
Albert Lazo	1L
Leo León	2L
Gustavo López	2L
Marcos Mestre	2L
Rubén Núñez	2L
Alex Oliver	2L
Christopher Ortiz	1L
José Paret	1L
Ronald Salazar	1L
Juan P. San Martín	2L
Waldo Toyos	1L

### Freshmen:

Néstor Alvarez	C
Javier Argamasilla	1L
Manuel Bornat	C
Robert Caballero	C
Eric Cartaya	C
Gustavo Fernández	C
Fernando Font	C
Pedro García	C
Alexis González	1L
Alejandro Hoyos	1L
Javier López	C
Eduardo Martínez	C
Thomas Mauri	C
Edward Mena	C
Otto Ortega	1L
José Pérez	C
Javier Salazar	1L
Miguel Vidal	1L

### 8th Grade:

Albert Acuña	C
Alexei Jorge	C

**Coach: Angel Aparicio**



# Varsity Cross Country Team

This year's Varsity team kept the winning tradition of the school's program by extending it's winning streak for dual meets to 48. This streak began in 1984. The team also recaptured the Conference title which it had lost the previous year, Belén has now won this event nine times out of the past ten years.

Leading the Wolverine pack were seniors Juan Taboas and Carlos Salvat. Carlos made the All County second team for class AAAA and also the All State team, Juan was honorable mention in the All County and All State.

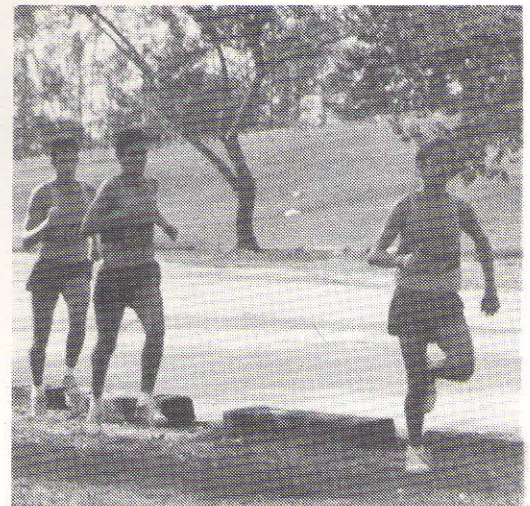
With promising sophomore, Javier Riera, who should lead all Belén runners next year and Robert Jiménez, Eddy Dieppa, José Sepúlveda, Luis Suárez, Luis Gutiérrez, and Robert Hernández, the team should remain competitive and keep its winning tradition alive.

*Coach Carlos Barquín*



<i>Name</i>	<i>Award</i>
Carlos Salvat .....	3L
Juan Taboas .....	2L
Robert Hernández .....	1L
Javier Riera .....	2L
Luis Suárez .....	3L
Robert Jiménez .....	2L
Oscar Celorio .....	1L
Eddy Dieppa .....	1L
Luis Gutiérrez .....	1L
José Sepúlveda .....	1L
Tony Sevillano .....	C
Orlando Debesa .....	C

*Coach: Carlos Barquín*



# Varsity Swimming Team

The completion of the 1988 season was a landmark accomplishment for Belén swimming. The training that began in December of "87" and continued through the next 11 months to reach the State Championships, has been long and hard at Belén. The 1987 team placed 15th, the 1988 team finished 7th (first top 10 finish for Belén's Swimming team). Leading up to this achievement were the 2nd place finish at Dade County Championships, our 5-1 dual meet season and our District Championship (beating Gulliver).

The athletes themselves became real believers as the season progressed and the goals materialized through their own efforts in training. By years end at the State Championships, we have four (4) swimmers that have achieved All-American Consideration Time pending the finish of the National High School Tabulations i late May (We will not know until later in the year). The seven individuals that qualified for the State Championships scored in their respective events - a total team effort.

This is a great achievement for a growing team, and the most amazing part is that we graduate one individual this year. Everyone else is returning, although we will miss Juan Fanjul. Until next year's success!

Thank you,  
Coach Kirk Peppas

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award</i>
Guillo de Angulo .....	4L
Michael Covert .....	3L
Arturo Fanjul .....	3L
Robert Caragol .....	4L
Alex Vázquez .....	2L
Juan Fanjul .....	4L
Jason Greenwood .....	2L
Daniel Quezada .....	1L
Donal Luna .....	C
Ricardo Romagosa .....	1L
Santiago Calva .....	1L
Andrés De Angulo .....	1L
Daniel Suárez .....	1L
Adolfo Miñoso .....	1L
Gabriel Prado .....	C
Silvio Morales .....	C
Delio Núñez Menocal .....	C
Miguel López Santos .....	C
Walter Lista .....	C
Ricky León .....	C
Albert Calienes .....	C

**Coach: Kirk Peppas**

## State Champs:

—Guillo de Angulo:

100 breaststroke ..... 8th pl.  
100 freestyle ..... 8th pl.  
400 free relay\*\*\* ..... 5th pl.

—Michael Covert:

200 freestyle ..... 16th pl.  
500 freestyle ..... 16th pl.

—Arturo Fanjul:

50 freestyle ..... 16th pl.  
400 free relay\*\*\* ..... 5th pl.

—Robert Caragol:

400 free relay\*\*\* ..... 5th pl.

—Alex Vázquez:

400 free relay\*\*\* ..... 5th pl.

—Juan Fanjul:

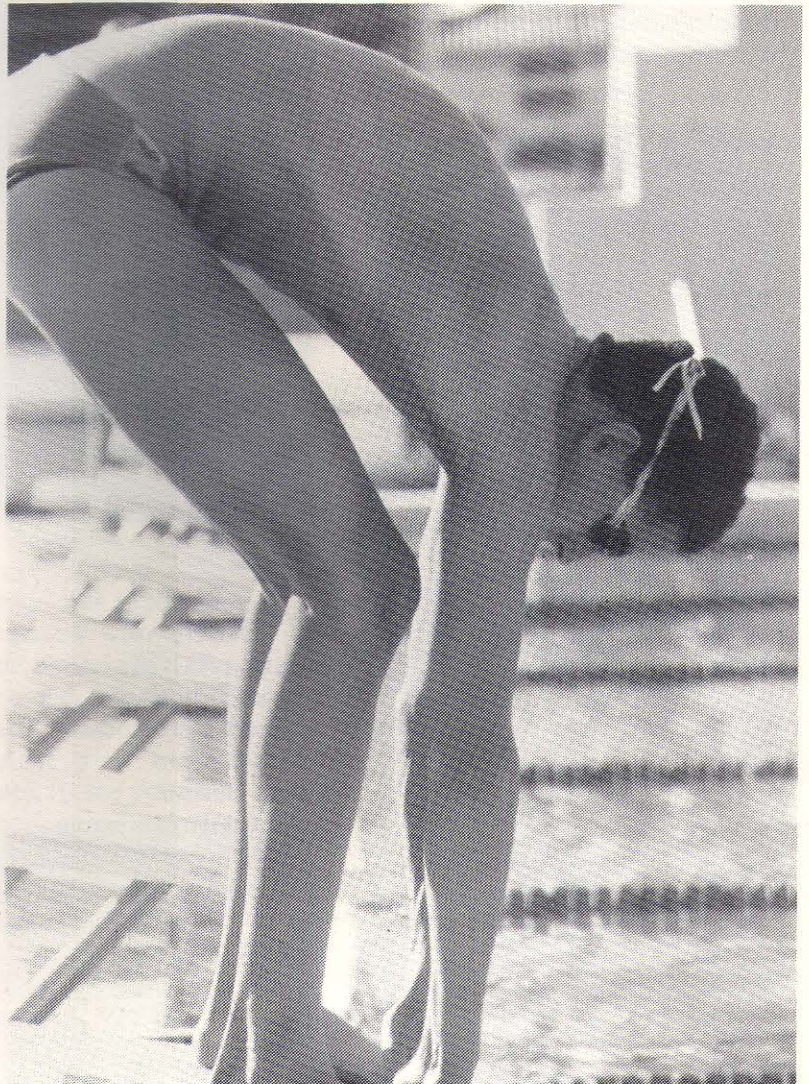
200 medley relay ..... 12th pl.

—Jason Greenwood:

200 medley relay ..... 12th pl.

\*\*\*1988 All-American

Consideration qualifying time.

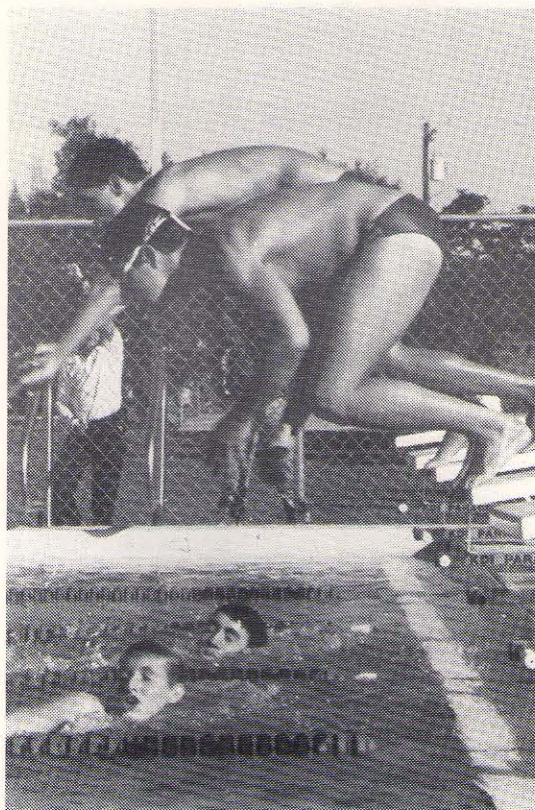


# Junior Varsity Swimming Team

As our season began, many new faces appeared on the pool deck. Each year we start with beginners - some who never swam a stroke past 25 yards, others that do not understand what this sport is all about. But by season's end, they all survived the training and even see the light at the end of the pool. Since we are a year-round sport, we have the capability to develop a desiring young man into prominent competitive swimmers.

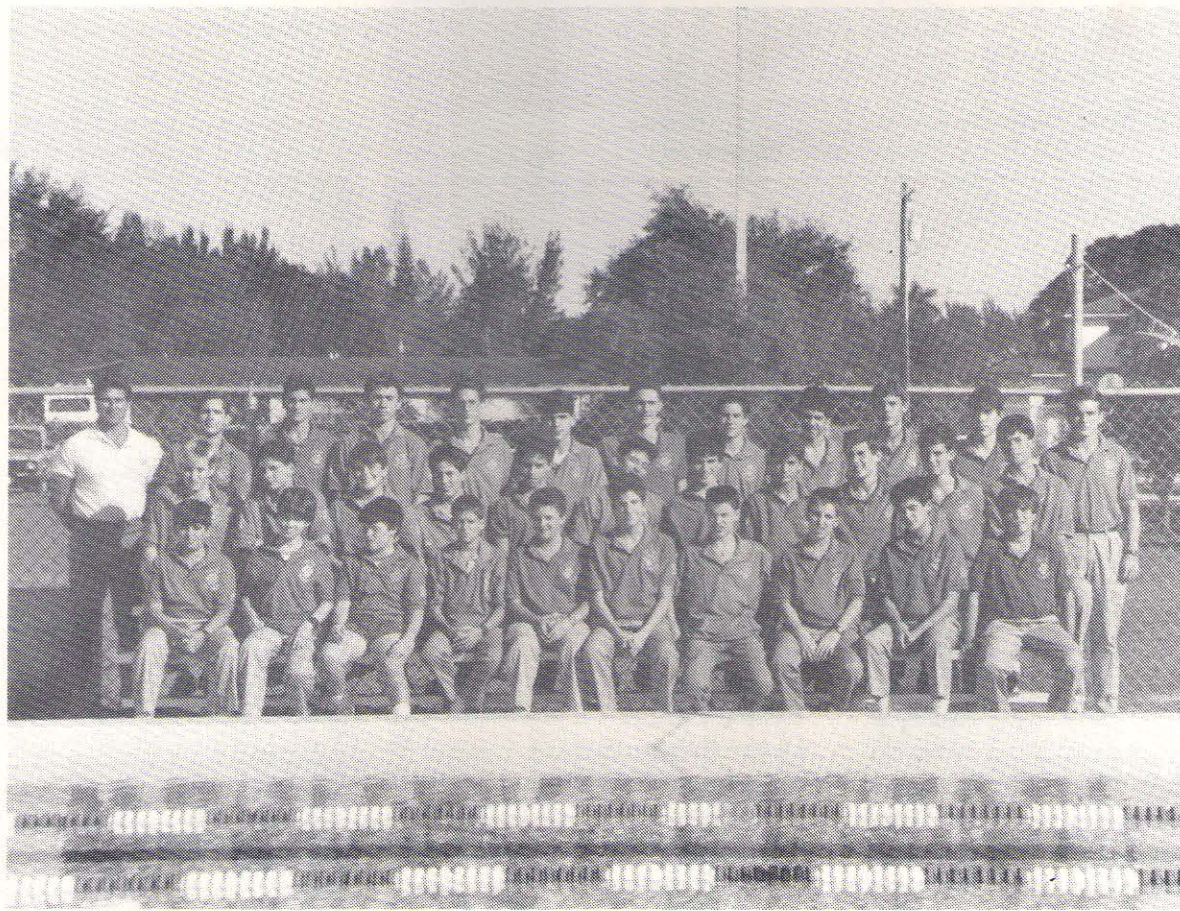
Not all our Junior Varsity members survive the training, so these young men represent our future at Belén. These are the boys that will be leading the best high school team in Dade county. Their third consecutive Dade County Junior High Championship (public and private schools) speaks for itself.

*Coach Kirk Peppas*



<i>Name</i>	<i>Award</i>
Daniel Suárez .....	1L
Andrés De Angulo .....	1L
Ricardo Romagosa .....	1L
William Rodríguez .....	1L
Santiago Calva .....	1L
Enrique Sánchez .....	C
Ricardo Vadía .....	C
Pablo Tirado .....	C
Luis Salas .....	C
Raúl Rodríguez .....	C
Fernando Rivas .....	C
Héctor González .....	C
George González .....	C
Jorge Fernández .....	C
Oscar Corral .....	C
Alex Cordero .....	C
Alex Barrios .....	C
Guillermo Alemán .....	C
Jorge Pernas .....	C
Alex Danger .....	C

***Coach: Kirk Peppas***



# Varsity Soccer

The 1988-89 Varsity Soccer season was a very bright one for the soccer program as a whole. Although the win/loss record was not as flattering as we might have hoped, we still hold much team pride. For the first time in five years, there was no team that was really any better than them in the state. It was primarily their lack of size and experience which kept them from advancing in state play. Anyone that had the pleasure of watching these athletes play this season saw that they were far more talented than most of their opponents. I hate to put this kind of pressure on these team members, but there is no doubt in my mind that within the next two years, when the majority of these kids reach their prime, they should be able to accomplish more than any other Belén soccer team. It is this that makes it particularly

difficult for me to say good-bye after watching the players mature for four years. I would like to thank the administration and Carlos Barquín for having faith in me. I would like to thank the parents for their support and dedication. Finally, I would like to thank the kids that made this all possible with their hard work and perseverance. Good luck and good-bye.

*Coach Tony Abella*



<i>Name</i>	<i>Award</i>
Alex Almazán .....	1L
Carlos Alvarez .....	2L
Carlos Aspillaga .....	1L
Jesús Ayo .....	1L
Héctor Buigas .....	1L
Danny De Aguiar .....	1L
Fernando De Zárraga .....	1L
Oscar Echegaray .....	1L
Carlos García .....	3L
Alex González .....	1L
Javier López .....	C
Eddie Mena .....	1L
César Molina .....	1L
Roly Molina .....	1L
Alex Murguia .....	3L
Henry Paret .....	C
Enrique Pérez .....	3L
Javier Riera .....	2L
Víctor Sallick .....	1L
Ricky Souto .....	1L
José Suárez .....	2L
Jaime López .....	3L
Albert Alvarez .....	3L

*Coach: Tony Abella*

# Junior Varsity Soccer

My first year of involvement with the Belén soccer program turned out to be a great pleasure. During the 1988-89 school year, the Junior Varsity team achieved many of the pre-season goals we had set, and then some. Thanks to the stalwart play of sophomores, forward Oscar Echegaray and defender Héctor (Coco) Buigas, the J.V. team was able to compile a most impressive record of 7 wins, no losses, and 1 tie. Despite being outsized by many of their opponents, the team was able to use their superior skills and undeniable heart to triumph in all but one game. And in the one game that they tied against Pinecrest, they had to overcome a 0-1 deficit. Although they were down, they never folded their tents, and after applying relentless pressure, the team equalized. This is the kind of heart and determination that

made these young men a pleasure to coach. With a pool of young players coming up like this, the best can only be yet to come for the Belén High School soccer program.

*Coach Robin Fraser*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award</i>
Felipe Aspillaga .....	1L
Eric Cartaya .....	1L
Julio Granda .....	2L
Javier López .....	1L
Enrique Paret .....	1L
Jaime Perjita .....	C
Charles Wallace .....	1L
José Zarraluqui .....	C
Alex Almazán .....	L
Jesús Ayo .....	L
Héctor Buigas .....	L
Oscar Echegaray .....	L
Alex González .....	L
César Molina .....	L
Javier Riera .....	L
Víctor Sallick .....	L
Ricky Souto .....	L



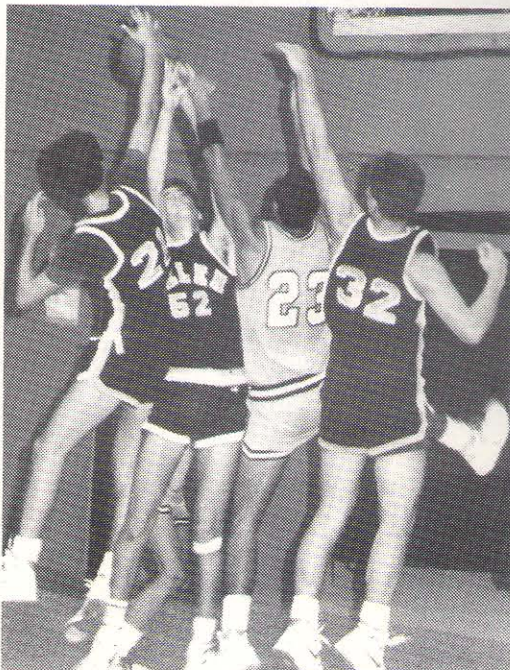
# Varsity Basketball Team

The 1988-89 Belén Varsity Basketball team endured a roller coaster season filled with ups and downs. The Wolverines unpredictability resulted in an 18-10 season in which the squad captured the regular season district championship, only to lose in the semifinal round of the play-offs.

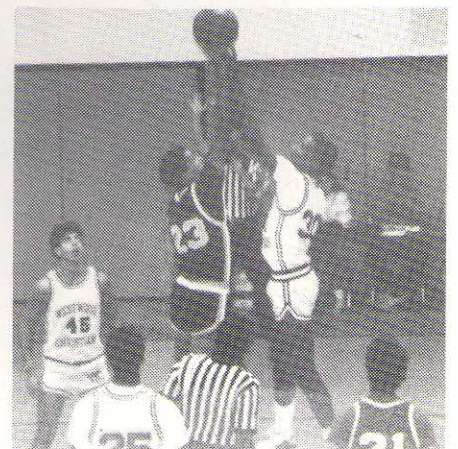
Among the highlights of the season was the emergence of Alex Espino as one of the finest small school players in Dade county. Named to *The Miami Herald's* 2A-1A first team, Alex, a 6'1" senior forward, posted a scoring average of 17.6 points per game, while hauling down 8.9 rebounds per game and blocking 3 shots as well. Senior guard Juan Cueto was second on the team in scoring, averaging 14.2 PPG, while joining Alex on the Gulfstream Athletic Conference All-Star team. Another noteworthy achievement was the varsity's trip to New York city over the Christmas holidays to play four Jesuit schools.

Although the Wolverines' hopes of capturing a district title went unfulfilled, the team re-established "Belén Basketball" with winning basketball.

*Coach Jorge Martínez*



<i>Name</i>	<i>Award</i>
Alexis Abril .....	1L
Fernando Alonso .....	1L
Juan Alvarez .....	2L
Rafael Barba .....	1L
Alejandro Brito .....	2L
Juan Cueto .....	3L
Alejandro Espino .....	3L
Wilgberto González .....	1L
Raúl Herrero .....	2L
Carlos Lamela .....	2L
Jorge Ortega .....	1L
Julián Yong .....	2L



# Junior Varsity Basketball

The Junior Varsity Basketball team continued its tradition of successful seasons, when it posted a 22-3 record this year.

The team was only 3-2 after its two early tournaments, but then went on a winning streak of 17 games. Their only loss of the regular season came at the hands of Gulliver, after four overtimes.

The season ended with an impressive victory over Curley High School. Throughout the season, the average margin of victory was 28 points. The team kept most opponents under 45 points, while averaging 77 points.

The team will miss the leadership of the sophomores and the one junior on the team, but next year looks very promising with the freshman class.

*Coach José Roca*



<i>Name</i>	<i>Award</i>
José Juara .....	3L
Juan C. Daire .....	2L
Sergio Bello .....	2L
Albert Lazo .....	2L
Luis Zúñiga .....	2L
Jorge López .....	2L
Alex Hoyos .....	1L
Jorge J. Rodríguez .....	1L
George González .....	1L
Carlos Martell .....	1L
Mario Travieso .....	1L
Alexis González .....	1L

***Coach: José E. Roca***  
***Advisor: Rubén Marrero***

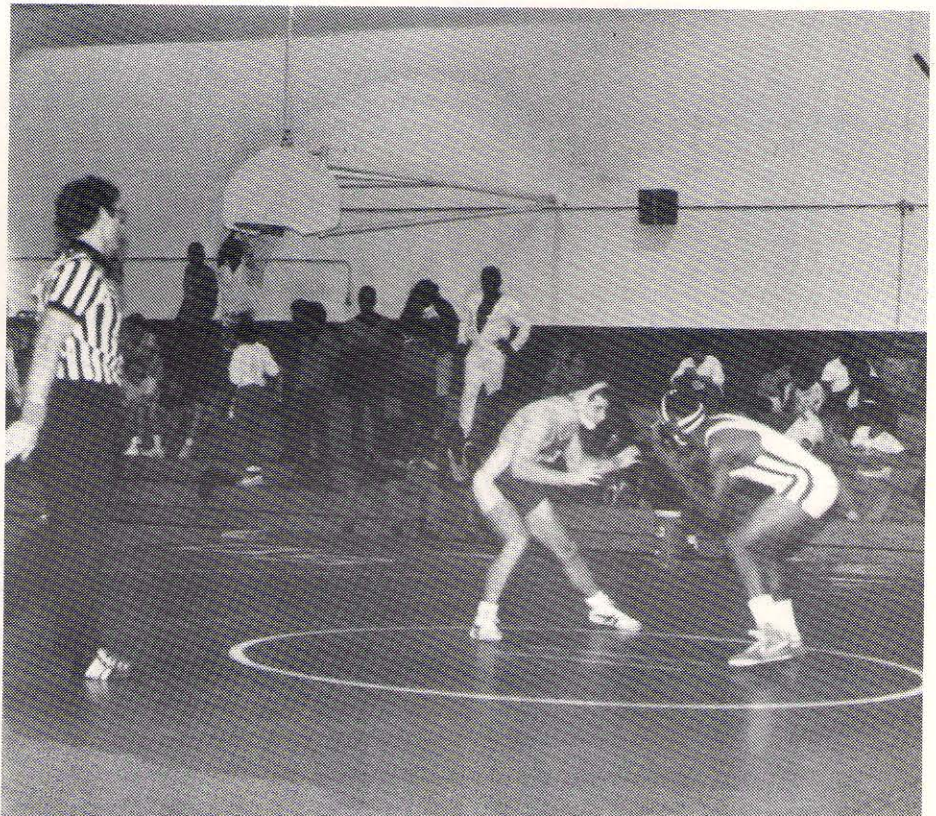
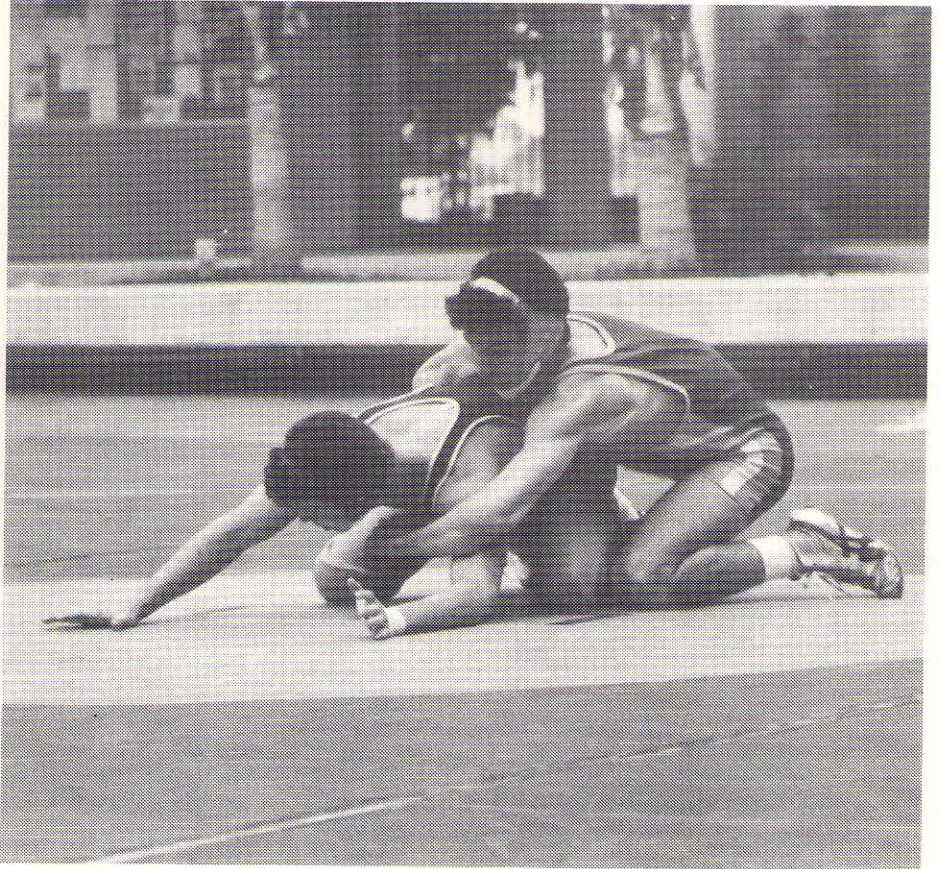


# Varsity Wrestling Team

The 1988-89 wrestling team ended its season with a record of 4 wins, 3 losses and 1 tie. In spite of not having anybody over 145 lbs., the small, but tough Wolverine squad managed to beat Coral Shores for the first time in its history and placed among the top teams in the Jacksonville, Florida Christian and the District tournaments. Stand outs for the squad were: Aldo Cardona, District Champion at 121 lbs; Henry Artigues, Regional Qualifier; newcomer Ray Castellanos at 140 lbs. showed great improvements, and Juan Carlos González at 145 lbs. who showed the most improvement from one year to the next and who is one of the most skilled wrestlers in the District. Other wrestlers who contributed and ended up doing very well were Agustín Arrieta 115lbs., Raymond González 130 lbs., and veteran Rubén Padrón.

Next year's team promises to be much improved, but will miss the great wrestling of four year letterman Danny Grandal who had a great season. Danny won first place in two tournaments and went undefeated in regular season matches, sometimes beating bigger and heavier opponents.

*Coach Carlos Barquín*



<i>Name</i>	<i>Award</i>
Danny Grandal .....	4L
Alex Cardona .....	2L
Henry Artigues .....	2L
Rubén Padrón .....	2L
Juan C. González .....	2L
Manny Fernández .....	2L
Agustín Arrieta .....	1L
Aldo Cardona .....	1L
Raymond Castellanos .....	1L
Raymond González .....	1L
César Martínez .....	C
Johnny Calderín .....	C
Jorge Fernández .....	C
Pedro García Menocal .....	C

# Varsity Tennis Team

The Tennis team completed another grand season with a 12-3 record. At the Gulfstream Athletic Conference Tournament held on March 11 at Pinecrest, Belén finished in 2nd place out of the seven member conference. Sophomore César Conde won the GAC #1 Singles Division. César, along with senior Jorge Mestre, made the All Conference Team.

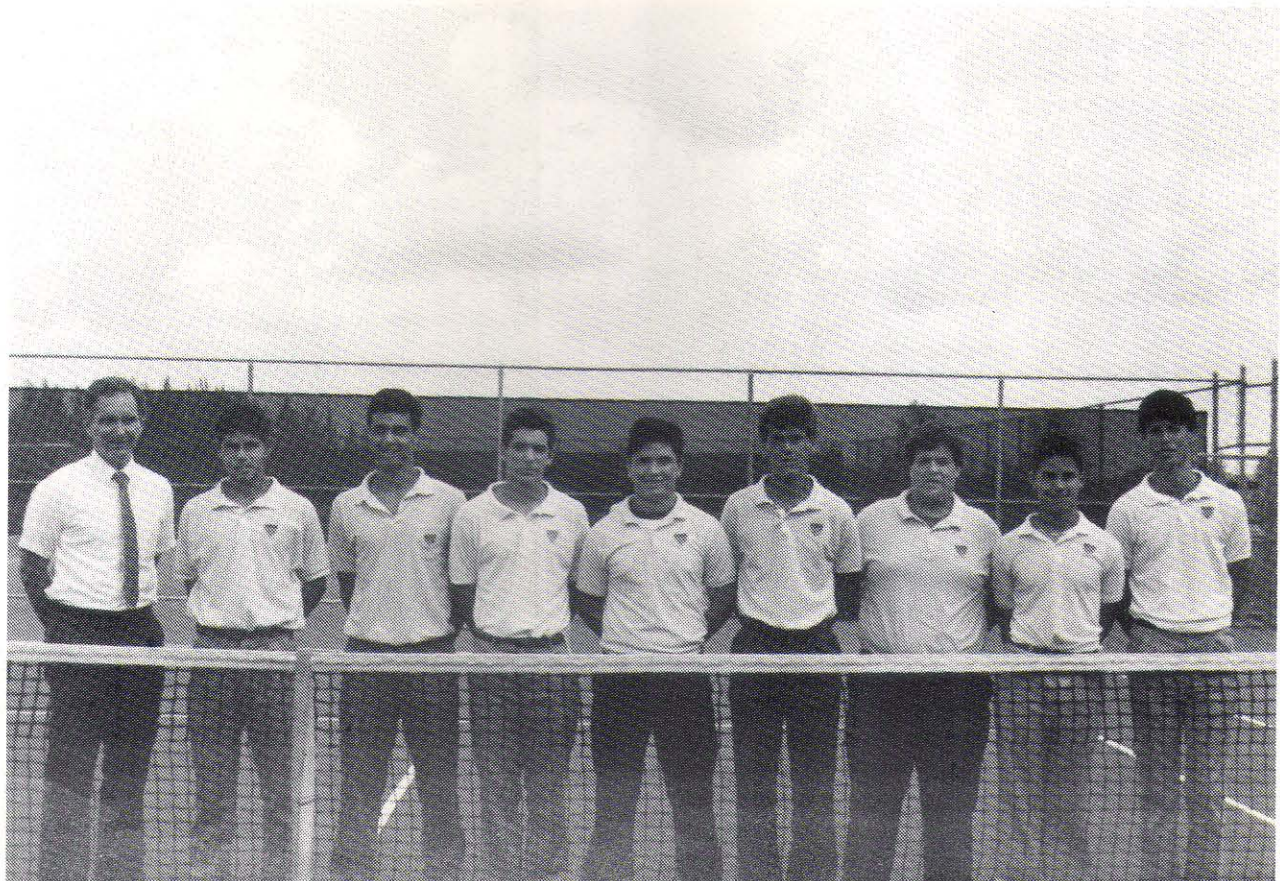
At the District 8AA Tournament held from April 19-21, at Tropical Park, Belén finished in 2nd place out of the fourteen member district. Every Belén player reached the semi-finals and Jorge Mestre continued on to reach the finals at #2 Singles. Best of luck to senior Jorge Mestre as he continues to play tennis in college.

*Coach Patrick Collins*



<i>Name</i>	<i>Award</i>
César Conde .....	4L
Jorge Mestre .....	5L
Néstor Machado .....	3L
David Font .....	2L
José Ortiz .....	3L
Alex Almazán .....	C
Andrés De Cárdenas .....	C
Silvio Morales .....	C
Mark Hernández .....	C

***Coach: Patrick Collins***



# Varsity Baseball Team

The 1989 Varsity Baseball season was one of unexpected success. The addition of an outstanding group of sophomore and junior players combined with seniors Juan Alvarez, Luis Zabala, Carlos Segredo, Mike Cardoso, and John Villalba for a great mix of youth and experience.

Leading offensive performers were Juan Alvarez, who led the team in hitting and sophomore Jorge López who had five home runs and led the team in RBI's. Carlos Segredo and Albert Valdez were the best all-around players.

The pitching staff, led by the signal calling of Boris Millares and Luis Zabala, was one of the teams pleasant surprises. Freshman Javier de la Vega had a 4-1 record and let the team in ERA. Israel Alfonso, a sophomore, had the most victories, strike outs and along with Marcos Mestre combined for an excellent 1-2 starting rotation.

The team's record of 16-11 and the promising future of the younger players were great positives. This was overshadowed, however, by the loss of one of the team's best players,

Mike Cardoso. With three games left in the regular season, Mike was involved in a serious car accident. We missed Mike tremendously and we dedicated the rest of our season to him. He is presently rehabilitating from his injuries.

Now that the season is over we would like to thank Mike for his great attitude and leadership. Here's to you, #17!

*Coach Eduardo Fraga*



Name	Award
Israel Alfonso	1L
Juan Alvarez	3L
Mike Cardoso	2L
Javier de la Vega	1L
Jorge Dones	1L
Jorge Hernández	1L
José Juara	1L
Alfred López	1L
Jorge López	1L
Marcos Mestre	1L
Boris Millares	2L
Jorge Ortega	1L
Pedro Pelegrín	1L
Juan Piñeyro	2L
Carlos Segredo	4L
Ralph Tapanes	1L
Alberto Valdés	1L
John Villalba	1L
Luis Zabala	2L

**Coach: Ed Fraga**  
**Assts.: Oscar Celorio**

# Junior Varsity Baseball Team

"Rebuilding year" is a commonly used term to refer to teams which undergo substantial changes to their personnel, and such was the case with the Belén Junior Varsity Baseball team. Still, the inexperienced Wolverines managed a winning season, finishing 8-6. In large part this was due to the solid play "up the middle" of catcher Pablo Carreño, shortstop Charlie Erdmann, and center fielder Jorge López, who not

only provided consistently good defense, but also contributed greatly to the team's offensive attack. In addition, Alex Oliver enjoyed a standout comeback season as the squad's best pitcher, highlighted by a 5-1 victory over perennial power Pace High School.

The J.V. Baseball team combined hard work, sportsmanship, and spirit to restore pride to the baseball program.

Name	Award
Rafael Barba	1L
Fernando Cantens	1L
Pablo Carreño	2L
Manuel Castro	2L
Javier Ceide	1L
Eduardo Delgado	1L
Carlos Erdmann	2L
Gustavo Fernández	1L
Alejandro Hoyos	1L
Albert Lazo	1L
Giraldo Leyva	2L
Jorge López	1L
Domingo Moreira	1L
Alejandro Oliver	1L
Pedro Pelegrín	1L
Robert Pérez	1L

# Varsity Track and Field Team

The 1989 Varsity Track and Field team once again had an outstanding season and continued Belén's strong track tradition. The team finished with a dual meet record of 10 wins and 1 loss and also were the District 8 Track Champions.

The team had several impressive dual meet wins, victories over sprinter strong Pace and distance strong Ransom were the highlights of the dual meet season. Gulliver, Palmer, Curley, Pinecrest and La Salle were some of the other victims.

The squad had one disappointment during the year which was not defending its Gulfstream Athletic Conference title. The team finished in 2nd place by one point to Gulliver Prep. The result probably would have been different if the Senior Prom was not the night before and the Mile Relay was not disqualified.

The team came back 5 nights later and proved the Gulfstream Conference loss was a fluke and captured the District Championship at Tropical Park. Alexis Abril, Manny Feijóo, Gaby Cabrera, Juan Taboas, Carlos García, Manny Mejido, Luis Zúñiga, and Carlos Salvat all qualified for the State Championship.

This past season 3 school records were broken or tied. Alexis Abril tied the 120 hurdles record with a time of 15.4 seconds, Juan Taboas tied the half mile record with a time of 2 min. and 1 sec. Lastly the mile relay team broke a school record which had stood since 1975, with a time of 3 min. and 31 seconds.

This year's team was a strong one and with a good group of underclassmen the winning tradition should continue for years to come.

*Coach Richard Stuart  
Asst. Coach Angel Aparicio*



<i>Name</i>	<i>Award</i>
Juan Taboas	4L
Alexis Abril	4L
Manuel Feijóo	3L
Carlos Salvat	3L
Manuel Mejido	3L
Javier Riera	2L
Luis Zúñiga	2L
Jaime López	2L
Alex Espino	1L
Carlos Alvarez	1L
Carlos García	1L
Darío Guerra	1L
Gabriel Cabrera	1L
Gabriel Jiménez	1L
Daniel García	1L
Mario Martínez	C
Germán Delgado	C
Eduardo Serrano	C
Luis Aceituno	C
Pedro Fernández	C
Pedro Freyre	C
César Hernández	C
Daniel Baldor	C
Eduardo Dieppa	C
Jorge Zagales	C
Franco Barbeite	C
José Sepúlveda	C
Antonio Sevillano	C
Luis Gutiérrez	C
Adolfo Miñoso	C
Richard Alán	C
Alexis González	C
David Tejada	C
Oscar Osorio	C
Felipe Fernández	C
David Jiménez	C
Martin Powers	C

***Coach: Richard Stuart  
Asst.: Angel Aparicio***



# Varsity Golf Team

The Golf season this year has been very *interesting*. The competition was very tough, but I feel we gained a lot of experience.

*Coach María Elena Wrves*



<i>Name</i>	<i>Award</i>
Javier Antuña .....	2L
Jesús Ayo .....	1L
Luis G. Fernández .....	1L
Carlos García .....	1L
Tomás Orozco .....	1L
Manuel Vázquez .....	C
Carlos Cendoya .....	C

*Coach: María E. Cartaya-Wrves*

## BELEN ALL CONFERENCE ATHLETES

1988-89

### GOLF

*Javier Antuña*

### TENNIS

*César Conde  
Jorge Mestre*

### BASKETBALL

*Juan Cueto  
Alex Espino*

### FOOTBALL

*Mario Solórzano  
Ralph Pérez  
José Solórzano  
Manny Mejido*

### SOCCER

*Carlos García  
Alex Murgía*

### CROSS COUNTRY

*Javier Riera  
Juan Taboas  
Carlos Salvat  
Luis Suárez  
Eddy Dieppa  
Robert Jiménez*

### BASEBALL

*Juan Alvarez  
Carlos Segredo*

### TRACK AND FIELD

*Carlos García  
Alexis Abril  
Manny Mejido*

## Junior High Cross-Country Team

This year was a rebuilding year for the Jr. High Cross-Country team as it was composed entirely of 7th graders. David Jiménez, the returning top runner from 6th grade, continued to pace the Belén team and improve his times. Felipe Fernández, Thomas de Quesada, Eric Bradford, Joaquín Balaguer, Gregory Feo, and Juan Salas vied for the other top 4 spots on the team as the competition among them was stiff.

Although the team was not able to take any team awards this year, David Jiménez consistently placed in the top 15 at all invitationals and in the conference championship.

With all runners returning next year, it promises to be an excellent season for cross-country.



### Roster

Joaquín Balaguer  
Eric Bradford  
Kenneth Cunningham  
Thomas De Quesada  
Gregory Feo  
David Jiménez

Joaquín Aviñó  
Ricky Martínez  
Rafael Robayna  
Javier González  
Felipe Fernández  
Juan Salas  
Javier Herrán  
Coach: Br. Puza, S.J.

## Sixth Grade Cross-Country Team

With a solid group of runners this year the 6th grade cross-country team managed to pull in third place team trophies at the Sacred Heart and Epiphany Invitationals.

Pedro Jiménez was counted to pace the team as the most consistent top finisher. Billy Mascaró showed his running ability in taking first place at several meets. Martin Powers worked hard all season to improve his time and move up in the team standings. Leo Abaunza and Francis Suárez rounded out the top five although the other team members were right on their heels making them work hard to keep their places.



### Roster

Leo Abaunza  
José Ferrer  
Pedro Jiménez  
Billy Mascaró

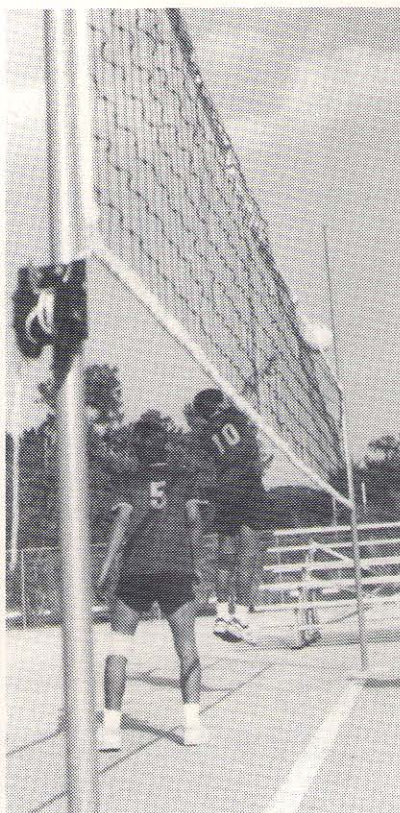
Brian Rail  
Frank Sánchez  
Eric Santa Cruz  
Francis Suárez  
Ariel García

# Junior High Volleyball

For the first time in its third season, the Junior High Volleyball team managed to bring home two 1st place trophies. Beating both St. Timothy and Epiphany in the same season allowed us to go undefeated in the Conference (6-0). At the All Day Tournament, the baby Wolverines met 9 other schools and went undefeated in 11 matches to keep the 1st place trophy for the third consecutive year.

The victorious season would not have been possible without the consistent team effort led by the two captains Albert Acuña and Ernie Erdmann. Members of this year's All Star team also included Leo Caraballo, José López Santos, Danny Palacio, Frank Paredes, and Oscar Vázquez. Congratulations on a *perfect* season!

*Coach Miriam Cambó-Martínez*



## **Roster**

Andy Miyares  
Leo Caraballo  
Ernie Erdmann  
Oscar Vázquez  
Albert Acuña  
Víctor García  
José López-Santos  
Frank Paredes  
Adrián Sainz  
Ariel Cabrera  
Albert Delgado  
Rodolfo Hernández  
Daniel Palacio

***Coach: Miriam Cambó-Martínez***

*Assistant Victor Sállick*

Record: 6-0 (undefeated), ACC  
Conference Champions, 10-0  
All-Day Volleyball Tournament  
Champions



# Junior High Basketball

With only one returning starter in Albert Acuña, this year's Junior High Basketball team seem to had set a lofty goal for itself - defending the championship trophy Belén had won in the two previous seasons.

Frank and J.C. Digón, Michael Quijano, and César Vázquez filled starting roles well as second year players. Michael ran the point as César played off-guard. Albert was moved to forward positions. The team could count on support from second player Alfonso Cueto as well as quick front court play from Alexei Jorge and Jorge Pelegrín. Seventh grader Erick Bradford quickly assumed a prominent back-up role at forward as he learned the different offenses and defenses and improved his skills. Danny Palacio was reliable as a utility player while Danny Alvarez, Carlos Cepero, Angel Garay, and Marcelo Llorente saw moderate play as seventh graders improving their skill and looking forward to competing for starting spots next year.

The team entered the Columbus Pre-Season Tournament in which it won three consecutive games in taking the championship. This tournament proved to be an omen of things to come. The team defeated all divisional opponents including one point victories against runner-up St. Brendan in regulation and a miraculous come-from-behind overtime victory at St. Thomas to games from non-conference opponents Miami Christian, Pinecrest, and Westminster Christian.

The toughest part of the season came after Christmas as the team lost its first game after 19 consecutive wins, a one point overtime loss to Gulliver. There was another overtime loss to much improved Ransom and a

second loss to Gulliver. What had seemed to be a challenging goal of capturing a third consecutive championship proved to be understated as the team posted an overall record of 22-3 including a tournament championship, its third consecutive divisional championship and its second undefeated ACC season in three years.

The challenge now goes out to the five seventh graders on the team to lead next year's team in a successful defense of the title.

*Coach Humberto Adán*

## All-Stars

Albert Acuña  
Frank Digón  
J. C. Digón

## Roster

Erick Bradford  
Angel Garay  
Daniel Alvarez  
Carlos Cepero  
Marcelo Llorente  
Michael Quijano  
Albert Acuña  
Francisco Digón  
Alexei Jorge  
Juan Carlos Digón  
Alfonso Cueto  
Daniel Palacio  
Jorge Pelegrín  
César Vázquez  
**Coach: Humberto Adán**  
*Scorekeeper: Oscar González*

Record: 3-0 Columbus Pre-Season Tournament Champs  
12-0 ACC Southern Div. Champs, 22-3 (overall record)



## SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL

This year's team led by Billy Mascaró, Manny Pose, Omar Travieso, and Tony Ullivarri began the season with a heart-breaking three point overtime loss to defending champion St. Kevin. A couple of days later it dropped a two point decision to eventual division champion St. Brendan. Despite these early consecutive setbacks the team managed to post a 6-4 season record and came up only seven points short of a 9-1 finish and a co-championship trophy. Omar averaged 11.6 points a game, more than double that of his next closest teammate. Billy, after a poor scoring performance in the first five games, came on strong in the latter half of the season averaging 9 points a game. Manny at point guard and Tony as a center guard supported the scoring with reliable offensive and defensive play. We look forward to the contribution these young players and their teammates will make to the junior high and high school teams in the years to come.

*Coach Humberto Adán*



### *All-Stars*

Billy Mascaró  
Manny Pose  
Omar Travieso

### *Roster*

*Raúl Rodríguez*  
*Eddie Silva*  
*Tony Ullivarri*  
*José Valdés*  
*Daniel Brea*  
*Eric Díaz*  
*René Espinosa*  
*Guillermo Mascaró*  
*Francis Suárez*  
*Andrés Castro*  
*Alex De Armendi*  
*Manuel Pose*  
*Omar Travieso*  
*Coach: Humberto Adán*

# Junior High Soccer Team

Despite ending the season on a down note, the Belén Junior High Soccer team had a very successful year. Throughout the year there was improvement in several ways.

The first was personal improvement because I think that all of the players worked hard at improving their game and concentrated on doing their very best. The most important improvement was in the team atmosphere which evolved as the season went on. Both on and off the field. As the season progressed the players started to look out for one another and played as a team. Due to the players attitudes and abilities my job was somewhat easy and very much enjoyable.

The team finished 9-6-1 and in third place in the ACC. All-Star players: Alex Izquierdo, Carlos Zuárraga, Rodrigo Mántica, Gabriel Morán, Leo Caraballo, Kevin Crew.



## Roster

Gabriel Morán  
Felipe Aspillaga  
Humberto Vanegas  
Alex Izquierdo  
Joaquín Balaguer  
Leo Caraballo  
Ernie Erdmann  
Luis Saladrigas  
Daniel Suniga  
José Bestard  
Ariel Cabrera  
Kevin Crew  
Mauricio Marulanda  
Victor Pedroso  
Carlos Zumárraga  
Rudy Hernández  
Rodrigo Mántica  
*Coach: Nicolas Wyss*



# Junior High Baseball Team

The Junior High Baseball team was again blessed with abundant talent. So much so that the roster was increased from 16 to 18 players to accommodate two additional seventh graders who showed promise. The final roster was composed of 5 seventh graders and 13 eighth graders including 5 second year players.

After back-to-back non-conference victories the team suffered their first defeat at the hands of St. Thomas the Apostle as they faced the league's best pitcher. The first divisional victory and first of six consecutive home wins came the following day as Belén took advantage of 9 St. Brendan errors to score 14 runs on only 8 hits. The week following the Easter break saw Belén win a hard fought 4-3 game against Ransom and then lose a non-divisional game to eventual Northern Division Champions Sts. Peter and Paul which silenced the Belén bats with excellent pitching and defensive play.

The team bounced back to win two games before suffering their third and last defeat of the season at the hands of St. Brendan. Despite a good pitching performance by Albert Acuña the team managed only 3 runs on 7 hits to drop a one run decision and take a second divisional loss. Despite a 5-3 overall record (2-2 in the division) the team did not give up hope. They proceeded to win their remaining 9 games (2 by forfeit) highlighted by Albert Acuña's no-hitter against St. John the Apostle and an explosive offense as Belén managed a team batting average of .329 out-scoring their opponents 5-1 during this winning streak.

With an overall record of 15-3 (9-2 in the division) the team took second place honors to undefeated St. Thomas the Apostle and maintained Belén's winning tradition in the sport. We look forward to next year as the seventh graders are challenged to lead the 89-90 team to victory.

All-Stars: Albert Acuña, Emicel Ana, Julio Cardoso, and Efraín Morales. Record: 15-3, 2nd place ACC Southern Division.

## Roster

Randy Egues  
Daniel Alvarez  
Robert Linares  
Carlos Cepero  
Marcelo LLorente  
Ricardo Celorio  
Efraín Morales  
Michael Quijano  
Albert Acuña  
Emicel Ana  
Omar Benítez  
Julio Cardoso  
Francisco Fernández

Alexei Jorge  
Adrián Sainz  
Michael Angles  
Benito Carmona  
Carlos Zumárraga  
**Coach: Humberto Adán**  
**Asst.: A. Acuña**



# Sixth Grade Baseball

Without any returning players, as is always the case with any sixth grade team, every season brings with it new players and new challenges. This year was particularly difficult in that very few players had any consistent pitching experience. This proved to be the key to the team's difficulty in securing any early victories.

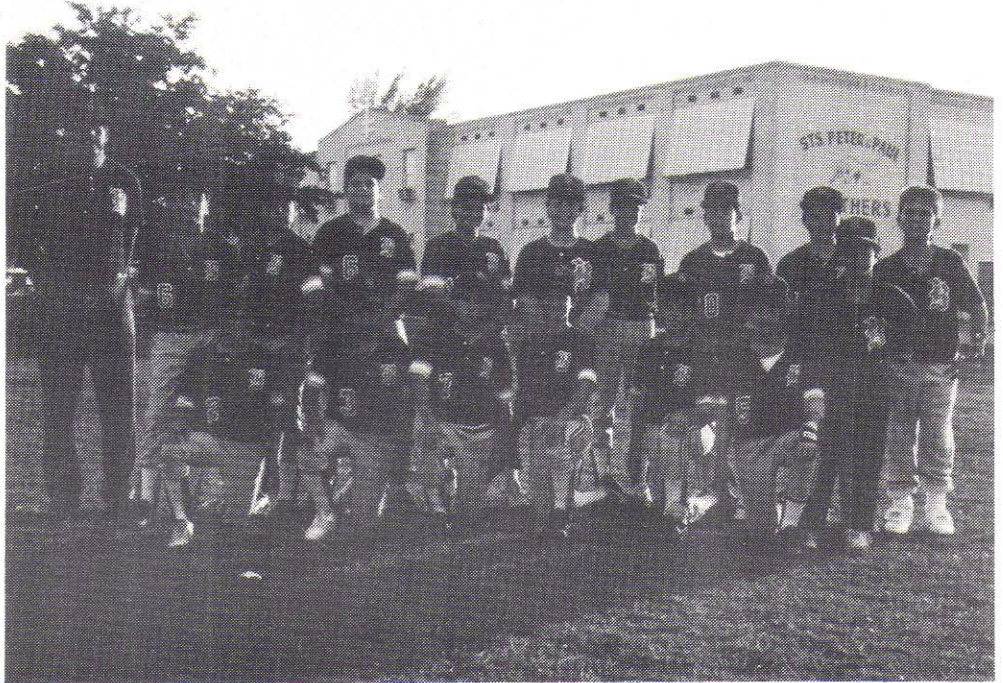
Manny Pose played a dual role as the number one pitcher and a solid shortstop. René Espinosa at second and Javier Cantens at third proved to be reliable defensive players. Nelson Ruiz-Moya was solid as the starting catcher. The early part of the season saw much platooning at first and in the outfield. Alex Raton, who was unable to join the team until the last three games, became the shot in the arm the team needed. He was placed at third and Javier was moved to first. At his first at bat for Belén Alex hit a two RBI homerun. After six losses the team realized it now had the one player it was missing to challenge in the division. Javier was 'discovered' as a reliable second pitcher in the same game. Belén went on to win its final three games in convincing fashion.

It was everyone's wish that we could begin the season anew but, unfortunately, that was not possible. The team really came together in the final two weeks and felt positive about what it had been able to accomplish and how it finished the season.

*Coach Humberto Adán*

## All-Stars

Javier Cantens  
Manny Pose

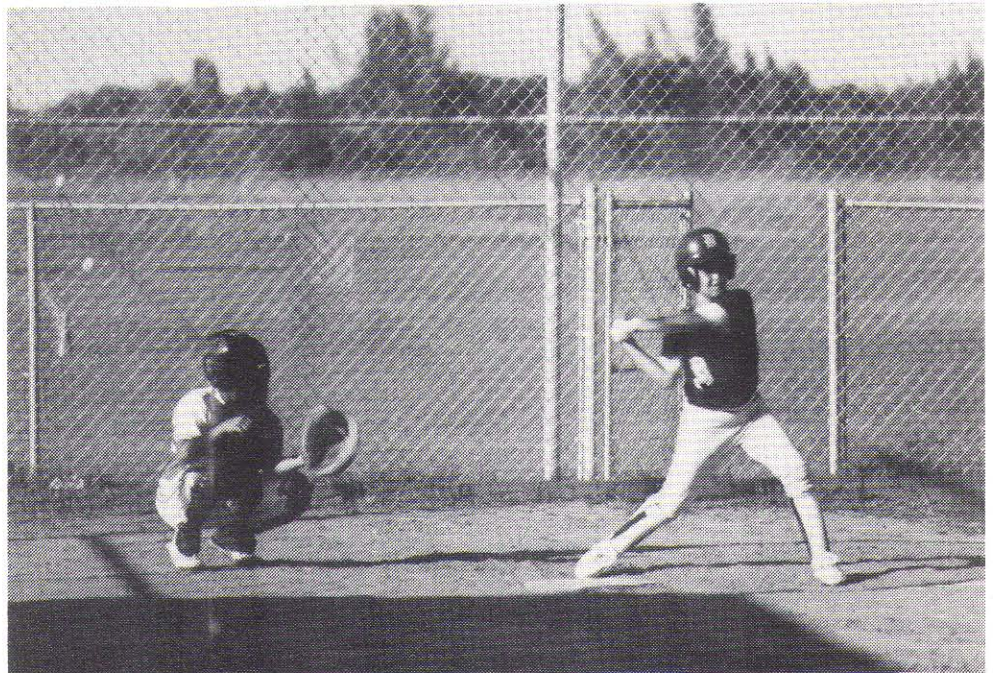


## Roster

Carlos Amor  
Eddie Silva  
Tony Ullivarri  
José Varona  
Daniel Brea  
Eric Díaz  
René Espinosa  
José Ferrer  
Rodrigo Rabilero  
Frank Sánchez

Javier Cantens  
Alex De Armendi  
Anthony Jorajuria  
Manuel Pose  
Nelson Ruiz-Moya  
Omar Travieso  
**Coach: Humberto Adán**  
Scorekeeper: Francis Suárez  
Equip. Manager: Alex Padilla

Record: 3-6



# Junior High Tennis Team

Junior High Tennis has never been more popular as sixty-three players tried out for the 1989 Junior High Tennis team. An elimination tournament played at Belén over a two week period narrowed the list to eleven. The enthusiasm and dedication of these young players will assure that the Belén Varsity Tennis team will be well represented in the future.

## **Roster**

Raúl Gutiérrez  
Javier Carreño  
Jorge Conde  
Rodrigo Mántica  
Mauricio Marulanda  
Oscar García  
Kevin Crew  
John Giraldo  
Carlos Azaret  
Dan Abril  
Manuel Rodríguez

**Coach: Patrick Collins**



## **Three Cheers to Our Fans!!!**



## *Many, many thanks...*

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*My congratulations to our student athletes on a great year and specially to those who went beyond their call of duty and set a perfect example of dedication, Christianity, great leadership, and effort.*

*Coach Carlos Barquín*