

# Harriers Run Off With Sweep of MCC Meet

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The SLUH Cross Country team achieved an impressive sweep of the varsity, junior varsity, and freshman divisions at last Saturday's MCC Conference meet.

Senior Tim Probst led the way for the varsity Harriers, crossing the finish line in 17:52 and fifth place on the slightly longer than 3.1 mile course. Just behind Probst was sophomore Kevin Myers, with a time of 17:53 and sixth place. Seventh place went to junior Jack Kennebeck, who crossed the line in 18:01. Probst, Myers, and Kennebeck each made the all-conference team by finishing in the top seven.

Behind that trio was the very strong group of senior Matt Dougherty (18:04), junior Ray Griner (18:12), and sophomore Pat Hamel (18:12). Sophomore Ben Goeke rounded out the top seven in 18:51.

The varsity finished with 36 points. CBC placed second with 49 points and Chaminade had 63 points.

Coach Jim Linhares said, "We almost had to beat CBC so we could go to into districts believing we would be the team to advance. I was real impressed that we finished strong and put people away in the last quarter mile."

On the JV level, sophomore Matt Schuckmann ran a very impressive race to lead the team to victory. Schuckmann won the race in a time of 18:40. Following Schuckmann were juniors Tom Schoenbeck (19:04) and Chris Jones (19:07), and sophomores John Weller (19:15) and Doug Auer (19:17).

SLUH's 20 points defeated CBC's 76 points and Vianney's 82 points in the junior varsity race.

"The race was crucial to Matt Schuckmann because he buttoned up his spot on the district team," Linhares said. Schuckmann, along with the top six finishers from the varsity race, will compete in the district race on October 24.

Joel Brown had another solid race, winning in 20:02 and leading the freshman to a convincing 33 point victory. Behind Brown were Mike Harvath (20:14), Keith Myers (20:22), John Emert (20:42), and John Sauter (20:52). Ben Duchek also raced his way onto the five for the freshman by running a 20:19 in the JV race.

"There's depth everywhere you look on the JV and freshman levels," commented Linhares.

On Tuesday, the team competed in the DeSmet Invitational. The top seven JV runners competed in the varsity race because the varsity team is spending the next two weeks concentrating on the district race.

The top seven JV runners ran very well, finishing third out of ten teams. Senior Mike Russo placed 11th in 18:09 and Schoenbeck finished in 18:33 and 16th place. Rounding out the top five were seniors Gene Marshall (18:40) and Chris Welling (18:53), and sophomore John Weller (19:38).

The JV was equally impressive, winning the seven team meet. Senior Tim Fete led the way with a time of 18:46. Fete was followed by sophomore "Tiger" Tom Flanagan (19:03), junior Tim Rooney (19:12), senior Pat Nahm (19:17), junior Matt Wadalawala (19:19), senior Matt Rollo (19:20), and junior Dave Chilenski (19:23).

Linhares was impressed with the team's performance, noting many individual races. "Marshall and Welling are both learning how to run an even race. Fete and Flanagan, who has battled a lot of ups and downs, ran very well together. Rollo also came through with a big race."

The freshmen also continued their undefeated season Tuesday, with 25 points to DeSmet's 70 points. Joel Brown won again, this time in 19:01. He was followed by John Caldwell (19:34), Duchek (19:52), Emert (19:58), and Harvath (20:04).

The varsity is now concentrating on the very tough district race one week from tomorrow. Linhares is confident about his team's chances, saying, "We are poised to make it through. It will be a dogfight, but I couldn't ask for things to be coming together better.

"This is as mentally tough a team as I have had in my career."