

Gridbills Start Season with Strong Offensive Show Against Taylorville

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The Junior Bill football team opened its season with a resounding 31-6 win over the Taylorville Tornadoes. In front of a packed crowd in the SLUH stadium, the Gridbills scored early and often without letting the Tornadoes gain any momentum.

Adam Meyer gave the Bills an early 3-0 lead on their first possession with a 24-yard field goal. After failing to capitalize on Dennis Steiner's first quarter fumble recovery, SLUH was forced to send Jay Galli out to punt. On the next series, however, quarterback John McArthur (12-18, 165 yds) connected with Chris Doll on fourth down for a 19-yard gain, setting up McArthur's 1-yard run for the first touchdown of the game.

In the second quarter, McArthur found Ryan Watson (8 receptions, 86 yds) in the end zone for a 21-yard touchdown.

The Junior Bills closed the half with Dave Ries' 21-yard reception, which gave the Footbills a 24-0 halftime lead. Watson's 3-yard reception in the third quarter put an end to the SLUH scoring.

Eric Simon, with 10 tackles and 2 assists, led the defense as it held Taylorville scoreless until a late drive resulted in a fourth quarter touchdown. Taylorville's punting unit appeared six times, while SLUH punted only twice. Dan Droska and Dan Kreikemeier each recorded a sack. Coach Tychonievich commented, "There were a few first-game mistakes with line play, which are expected, but there were many bright spots, too."

The Junior Bills look to make it two in a row tonight at 7:30 against Fort Zumwalt South in another home game. Correction: Eric Simon was voted to the All-Metro third team, not honorable mention as was reported last week. The Prep News regrets the error.

Traveling Polobills Search Country for Path to '93 Districts

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Coming off a year with an unbeaten 22-0 record and a district championship, the varsity water polo team has high expectations for the '93 season. Dedication, hard training in the summer pre-season, and a core of returning starters make SLUH a prime candidate for this year's district title. As Coach Charlie Busenhart noted, "All the high school water polo coaches in the area ranked us the #1 team in the city." As always, though, Country Day and Parkway West stand as major obstacles on SLUH's road to the title. Busenhart "hopes the team can live up to its expectations."

During the summer, some members of the team gained experience see JOURNEYMEN, page 6

Harrierbills Mow Down Opponents

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SLUH cross-country coach Jim Linhares brought out a lawnmower last week in an attempt to tame the team's new home course; on Tuesday at the same location the varsity, junior varsity, and freshman teams brought out the broom to sweep the Parkway South squad.

In some back areas, a path only one lawnmower-width wide was all that marked the course through high grass. However, the generally safe ground and the increased visibility of the runners on the new two-loop circuit makes this course, which lies on and around the Jewel Box fields, more than adequate for future meets.

The varsity squad came close to a see LAWNMOWER MAN, page 6

Soccerbills Bomb DuBourg But Fall in Tight Battle To DeSmet

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After coming off an impressive opening game against Fort Zumwalt South, the SLUH varsity soccer team destroyed the Bishop DuBourg Cavaliers 8-1 in their home opener. But the DeSmet Spartans seemed to baffle the Jr. Bills in the first game of the CBC round-robin Tournament, shutting them out 1-0.

From the opening whistle of their home opener, the Soccerbills seemed to duplicate their performance against Fort Zumwalt South as they dominated the DuBourg squad. It took only six minutes for the good guys to get on the scoreboard. The scoring play started on a throw-in by senior Shane Lawler to senior co-captain Paul Rieke. A flick from Rieke landed in the vicinity of junior Rob Garagiola, who connected on a low shot that deflected off

of the goalie's hands and into the net.

SLUH's dominance of the half led to more goals by senior co-captain Drew Krafcik (3), junior Tim Bierman, and junior Paul Jost. Krafcik secured his second hat trick in as many games at 5:01 of the first half. Sophomore Matt Powers streaked down the sideline, blowing by several defenders before crossing the ball to Krafcik, who had time to control the low pass and place the ball into the corner of the net, giving SLUH a 6-0 lead to end the half.

Shortly into the second half, confusion contributed to a Billiken goal. After a DuBourg foul just outside the penalty box, senior co-captain Paul Rieke caught the Cavaliers off guard by passing to the left side and a wide open Josh Bierman. Bierman, a freshman, one-timed it into the empty net to give the Jr. Bills a seven see PITCHER'S DUEL, page 6

Lawnmower Man

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perfect sweep of Parkway South's squad, as the entire SLUH top seven defeated five out of seven of South's runners. Junior Pat Hamel won the race with a time of 17:46. Hamel, who sported a fake tattoo on each shoulder and a hair-free stripe the length of each leg, would not singularly endorse the tattoos or the stripes, but attributed the victory to a combination of both.

The tattoo-free and fully-haired remainder of SLUH's varsity had an equally successful day. Senior Ray Griner (18:10), junior Kevin Meyers (18:19), sophomore Tim Chik (18:28), senior Jack Kennebeck (18:32), and senior Dave Chilenski (19:00) finished second, third, fifth, sixth, seventh, and ninth, respectively, to defeat Parkway South by a final tally of seventeen to forty five.

The junior varsity squad took the top fourteen places in their race, inspiring

Linhares' post-race comment, "we look deep." Junior Tim Denny will see varsity action after winning in 18:55. He was followed by senior Chris Jones (19:17), sophomore Ben Fanson (19:24), sophomore Joel Brown (19:32), senior Matt Hasik (19:43), senior Jim Crites (20:01), and sophomore Keith Myers (20:03).

In the two-mile freshman race, Eric Monda (12:21), Joe Donnelly (12:46), Tim Costigan (13:21), Brian O'Neal (13:21), Phil Paspalas (13:33), Brendan Corcoran (13:52), and John Marchant (13:53) finished second, third, fifth, sixth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh, respectively, to complete the sweep with a 25 to 32 victory.

The squad hopes to continue its winning streak in the Southpaw Invitational Thursday at Jefferson Barracks Park, and next Tuesday in the Eureka Invitational at Eureka High School.

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playing in various parts of the country and continent. One SLUH player went to Colorado Springs, Colorado to practice at the Olympic Training Center, while another group of players journeyed to San Jose for the Junior Olympics. Also preparing last summer were senior Peter Clifford and junior Mike Zimmerman, who played on an American water polo team that

competed in Mexico's Olympic Festival.

The Polobills have four returning starters: Zimmerman, and senior captains Clifford, Tom Rea, and Bill Udell. Other starters this year include juniors Kevin O'Sullivan and Chris Leahy. The depth of talent on this team will help SLUH in its defense of the district title, which begins today at 5:00 p.m. at Ladue.

Pitcher's Duel

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goal lead. Junior Brian Haddock closed out SLUH's scoring by connecting on an indirect kick.

Bishop Dubourg played more aggressively and stopped SLUH's scoring machine in the last twenty minutes of the game. Although the varsity squad suffered their first goal of the season when the Cavaliers capitalized on an indirect kick from twenty-five yards out, the Jr. Billikens ended up blasting DuBourg 8-1.

Following Memorial Day weekend, the Soccerbills journeyed to CBC to play DeSmet in a tough first game of the CBC Tournament.

Although the teams matched up evenly, DeSmet's quick forwards helped them keep play in SLUH's half of the field. Playing without star scorer Krafcik, the Jr. Bills lacked the finishing touch they needed to convert on any of their scoring opportunities. Early into the game a head ball by Garagiola that was headed

Kwhümpherz Driven to Carry on SLUH Soccer Tradition

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Not since the early eighties, when the Steamers dominated the M.I.S.L., has St. Louis seen such determination and spirit in an indoor soccer team. Not until, that is, the St. Louis Kwhümpherz Soccer Club fought its way to a 3-11 record this past summer. All but five of the games were cut short due to unsportsmanlike conduct penalties.

The Kwhümpherz (pronounced "wumferz"), consisting entirely of SLUH seniors, played throughout the summer and into the school year at the St. Louis Soccer Dome in Webster. The Kwhümpherz, a young team in comparison to the five other teams in the league, consistently managed to keep the games close and competitive. Plagued by absences and injuries, and lacking an experienced goalie, the squad often began their games at a disadvantage.

In addition to being a young and often-undermanned team, the Kwhümpherz faced difficult competition. Opposing squads often consisted of state level players, such as SLUH alumni Jeff Bannister. Senior Pete Schrapen described their losses as tough, but felt that, overall, most of the

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for the lower left corner was batted away by the DeSmet goalie. But SLUH's defense, thanks to several outstanding saves by senior goalie Greg Jermak, kept DeSmet off the scoreboard as well, and the first half ended in a 0-0 tie.

DeSmet broke the tie early in the second half when their right winger bashed a shot from outside the penalty box that found the back of the net. SLUH still had opportunities to defy the DeSmet defense, see EPIC GAME, page 7