

## Martel Begins Coaching Career with New Faces and Convincing Win

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How does it feel to be coaching SLUH varsity soccer for this first time? Coach Martel feels "the last four weeks have been the most rewarding" and "most fun in [his] whole soccer career." He feels SLUH has a "strong defense" with an "offense developing more slowly." The philosophy Martel has brought to the team stresses team unity, which seems to have carried on to the players already. He believes CBC will be their toughest opponent because they "return a lot of young kids with varsity experience."

Sticking to his word about a "strong defense," Coach Martel guided the Billikens to a 9-0 victory over the Fort Zumwalt South Bulldogs in the season opener on Wednesday.

With help from an aggressive offense

and an impermeable defense, the Jr. Bills trounced the frustrated Bulldogs for their first victory of the season.

Play fluctuated back and forth as neither team took control in the beginning five minutes of play. Nonetheless, SLUH quickly got on the scoreboard with what proved to be the game winning goal at 31:30. After beating a defender, freshman Josh Bierman lofted an accurate pass to senior co-captain Drew Krafcik who settled and then blew the ball past the keeper.

After senior Garry Sumski's goal, the Billikens converted on yet another scoring opportunity to take a 3-0 lead. Krafcik weaved his way past four defenders to the goal line where he crossed the ball to classmate and co-captain Paul Rieke who headed it into the goal. The goal gave  
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## Harrier Squad Set to Go the Distance at Parkway South

by Ray Griner  
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Experienced runners and cross-country newcomers alike recognized the importance of the next 3.1 miles when they lined up side by side in Jefferson Barracks Park last Saturday. When the last runner crossed the finish line 23 minutes later, all 39 upperclassmen knew their positions on the team and who, in particular, would comprise the seven-man varsity squad for SLUH's 1993 cross-country team.

This varsity squad, which will represent SLUH Tuesday against Parkway South, is varied in age, varsity experience, and summer training. Junior Pat  
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## SLUH to Defend MCC Title in '93-'94 Athletic Seasons

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Athletic Director Mr. Richard Wehner was recently informed that SLUH had officially won the Metro Catholic Conference trophy, "an all-league trophy, given to the school who accumulates the most points... in regards to where they finish in the league." The MCC is comprised of virtually all of the area Catholic, all-male high schools, including DeSmet, CBC, and Vianney.

The award, which is determined by the achievements of varsity, junior varsity, B, and C sports teams, "is a pretty prestigious trophy," according to Wehner, and signifies "athletic supremacy within the league" for the 1992-93 sports season.

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## Varsity Footballs Kick Off '93 Season With Hopes for a State Title

by Jim Wyrsh  
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The start of school brings with it the beginning of the 1993 Junior Billiken football season. Expectations are high for this year because the team has a great deal of experience and leadership. As vivid in their minds as the success of last season is the pain and frustration of a heartbreaking loss to Hazelwood East in the playoffs. The Gridbills know what they must do to be more successful this year, and after an arduous offseason and early morning August two-a-day practices, the focus shifts to the first game of the season.

With the Hexa-Captains Chris Doll, Jim McCartney, Craig Sahrman, Eric Simon, Ryan Watson, and Jim Wyrsh leading the charge, the Junior Bills, ranked fourth in the *Suburban Journal* pre-season football poll, will officially kick off the new season at 7:30 in the SLUH stadium when they take on the Taylorville (IL) Tornadoes.

After an impressive debut in the Blue-White game last Thursday and loaded with size and speed, this year's offense promises to be an exciting and potent part of the team. Junior quarterback John McArthur returns to lead the offense after an impressive sophomore year. Doll, as a third-year varsity player, will return this year at tight end. With Watson in his second year at flanker and junior David Ries at split end, the "3-D" receiving corps looks to have a superb season at the other end of McArthur's passes.

Sahrman and Simon will lead the running backs, who are protected by a very experienced offensive line. McCartney, senior Matt Azar, and junior Mike Wishon are all two-year starters, and senior Chris Chase also had a great deal of playing time last year. Senior Joe Jost fills out the offensive line at tackle.

The defense is also very similar to last year's makeup. Simon, an Honorable  
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## Drubbing

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SLUH a commanding lead that enabled Coach Martel to utilize 23 of 24 possible players. Junior Rob Garagiola and Krafcik contributed goals to end the half with a 5-0 lead.

By the second half, numerous fouls gave evidence of the frustration felt by the Bulldogs. Thirty seconds into the half, Krafcik added to the SLUH lead by scoring his third goal.

Play moved back and forth until sophomore Matt Powers passed the ball by the goal keeper on a breakaway at 12:35. Within two minutes, Powers again beat the goalie only to be tripped from behind by a Bulldog in the penalty box,

but he took revenge by capitalizing on the penalty shot. Junior Brian Haddock ended the Jr. Bills' rampage when he scored in the final minutes of the game.

This game did not come without some loss because of injuries to senior co-captain Tim Murray and junior Matt Balossi. Also, previous injuries have sidelined juniors Mark Fesler and Greg Rheinheimer.

Krafcik commented, "We played well as a team. Putting the team first and individuality second brought the team success." Martel "was worried that we weren't going to be able to score, but I think they put that to rest."

## Big Guns

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Mention All-Metro selection last year, and senior Jeff Hurst will start in the very important linebacker positions. Tackles Wyrsh and Jost come back for their second year accompanied by senior nose tackle Bill Wild to lead yet another strong SLUH defensive line. Seniors Mike Hurley and Rick Ulrich will give the defense great support at the end positions. The secondary will consist of Sahrman, Watson, and seniors Ryan Shassere and Dan Schlesinger.

Many coaches and players feel that

the success of a football team comes down to the kicking game. The kicking services of senior punter Jay Galli and senior placekicker Adam Meyer are vital to a successful season and definitely will not go unnoticed.

Though the Junior Bills may feel some pressure to succeed, their focus is on the job they have to do tonight against Taylorville—no mention now of polls or playoffs. Doll commented, "We have a lot of optimism for the season, but from here we take it one game at a time."

## Big Strides

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Hamel, who finished first in 18:39, as well as senior Ray Griner, junior Kevin Myers, and junior Matt Schuckmann, who respectively finished second, third, and sixth are all runners returning from last year's varsity. On the other hand, senior J Hunzeker, sophomore Tim Chik, and senior Dave Chilenski, who finished fourth, fifth, and seventh, are newcomers to the top seven. Despite the stress Coaches Jim Linhares, Tom Flanagan, Jim Goeke and Charlie Merriott placed on summer running during the May team meeting, these seven started August 12th with a

wide range of miles logged, from three hundred seventy-five to a mere sixty miles.

The second seven finishers in Saturday's race, senior Jack Kennebeck, junior John Weller, sophomore Ben Fanson, sophomore Joel Brown, freshman Eric Monda, senior Chris Jones, and senior John Barrett finished eighth through fourteenth, respectively.

Not only do returning experienced runners promise an exciting season, but an exceptionally large freshman turnout of about thirty runners builds hopes for the future.

## SLUH Supreme

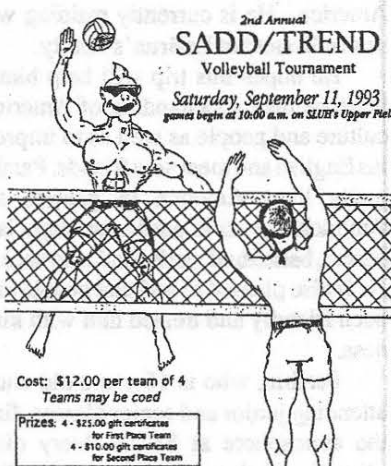
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The efforts of the cross-country, football, swimming, and golf teams, who all finished first in their respective leagues, were particularly critical in winning the trophy. The baseball and track teams also played a significant role by attaining second places in their leagues.

Wehner feels the trophy should be "a tremendous source of pride" for the school, though he regrets that "last year's seniors—the class of '93—who had a big hand in earning this...aren't here to appreciate it."

2nd Annual  
**SADD/TREND**  
Volleyball Tournament

Saturday, September 11, 1993  
Games begin at 10:00 a.m. on SLUH's Upper Field



Cost: \$12.00 per team of 4  
Teams may be coed

Prizes: 4 - \$25.00 gift certificates for First Place Team  
4 - \$10.00 gift certificates for Second Place Team

Tournament T-Shirts will be available for \$5.00  
Refreshments will also be available

For more info, or to sign up, See Mr. Hannick in HR113

The Sadd/Trend Volleyball Tournament is in its second year running. The goal of the tournament is to show area high school students a way to have fun drug and alcohol free. The tournament is open to all who enjoy playing, beginner to experienced. The games begin at 10:00 a.m. on the SLUH upper field.

## Quote of the Week

"Where the hell are the singin' cats?"

-Paul Newman

*The Late Show with  
David Letterman*