

SLUH Cross Country Dominates Southpaw Invitational

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The SLUH cross-country squad last Saturday donned their new team warm-ups which proclaimed "They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength... They shall run and not grow weary." These words, from the prophet Isaiah, proved to foretell what coach Jim Linhares called "the team's best performance in thirty years" as the varsity and junior varsity took first in the Hazelwood Central Invitational at Sioux Passage Park.

The varsity team defeated area and state powers as junior Pat Hamel (17:36), junior Kevin Meyers (17:49), sophomore Tim Chik (18:08), senior Ray Griner (18:43), and sophomore Joel Brown (19:17) finished sixth, tenth, twenty-second, thirty-third, forty-eighth, fifty-first, and seventy-ninth out of a field of approximately 180 runners.

The team's score of 119 points gave SLUH first place by fourteen points over host Hazelwood Central. In addition, the team exacted revenge for a previous third-

place finish at Southpaw by defeating probable district contenders CBC and Webster Groves who finished fifth and seventh. The team also defeated perennial state powers Jefferson City and Jefferson City Helias who finished third and

fourth.

On the junior varsity level, the harriers performed an incredible feat by scoring a perfect fifteen points to sweep away the rest of the field. The top seven junior varsity runners, senior John Hunzeker (18:40), senior Dave Chilenski (18:54), junior Tim Denny (19:14), senior John Barrett (19:20), junior John Weller (19:21), senior Chris Jones (20:01), and junior Steve Schlitt (20:19) finished first, second, third, fourth, fifth, eleventh, and thirteenth respectively. The team's score left them well ahead of second place Jefferson City Helias' 73 points.

While the freshman-sophomore team did not emerge the victors of their race, gutsy performances by the young runners guided them to a sixth place finish. Freshman Eric Monda led the race for a brief time, and finished seventh with a time of 19:09. Sophomore Keith Meyers had what coach Jim Goeke would only call a "crazy" day, as he lost his shoe en route to a thirty-fifth place finish in 20:06. Sophomore see STATE POWER, page 6



Polobills Continue Championship Play With Tourney Title

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The varsity waterpolo team started the season last week with smashing success by winning the League Tournament. The outstanding offense and diligent defense of the Aquabills allowed them to capture their 6th consecutive pre-season championship.

Parkway South was the first test for the Aquajocks. Although the South squad possessed speed, they were young and inexperienced. SLUH played an excellent defensive game, stealing away many of their opponents' passes that could have led to goals.

Oakville was the second opponent during the Tournament. Although see UNDEFEATABILLS, page 6

Footbills Remain Undefeated With Win over Pioneers

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The Gridbills handled their first threat of the year easily last Friday. Going into the game with a few lingering questions, the Junior Bills left no doubt that they are true contenders after a 26-8 victory over the Kirkwood Pioneers.

Even with two victories under their belt, the Junior Bills still entered into the heart of their schedule with some skepticism. Worried about being able to contain the great speed of Kirkwood, the Gridbills worked hard on defense as well as sharpening up their potent offense.

Fortune was on the side of the Jr. see GAME OF THE WEEK, page 6

Soccer Team Goes 1-1-2 With Victory Over Chaminade

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After winning only one of the last four games, the Soccerbills (4-4-2) had high expectations this week of establishing a winning streak. However, this week's only victory came in the midst of two ties and a loss.

At home against Mehlville last Thursday, SLUH found that Mehlville did not waste time getting started. Four minutes into the game, the Panthers' Chris Carl scored on a breakaway at 36:39.

Play then bounced back and forth as both sides created scoring opportunities. The Jr. Bills' effort resulted in knotting the score at 19:21. Senior Tim see WORLD CUP ACTION, page 7

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more Mike Harvath (20:17), freshman Matt Donnelly (20:30), sophomore Francis Shen (20:31), sophomore John Emert (20:36), and freshman Tim Blessing (20:38) were the next five finishers in forty-fourth, fifty-first, fifty-second, fifty-ninth, and sixteenth place. Their score of 189 points left them well off Jefferson City's total of 66 points and placed them behind Columbia Hickman, Jefferson City Helias, Hazelwood Central, and Francis

Howell as well.

The victory of the varsity and the junior varsity's domination caused coach Charlie Merriott to note, "now, we must be considered an area powerhouse." Although Linhares added that we certainly had not established "a dynasty" as yet, the day was a "historic breakthrough," something which could set the tone for an extremely strong future.

This Saturday the varsity, junior

varsity, and sophomore teams will compete at the Hancock Invitational at Jefferson Barracks park. This meet, arguably the largest and most competitive in the state excepting the state finals, will present the competition of the two-time defending state champions, the West Plains Zizzers, as well as other powerful area teams including Kirkwood, CBC, Mehlville, Webster Groves, and Northwest House Springs.

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Bills at the start of the first quarter. SLUH defensive end Rick Ulrich forced a fumble on the third play from the line of scrimmage. The offense set the momentum of the game with a quick drive down the field, even though a bad snap on a field goal attempt stopped the Jr. Bills short of scoring. After SLUH's defense stopped the Pioneers in the second series, Craig Sahrman ran back a punt reception 33 yards setting up his 3-yd touchdown run three plays later. The Bills' 7-0 lead was fleeting, as Kirkwood rebounded on the next series when the Pioneers' Kent Layman ran 59 yards for their only touchdown of the game. Montoi Dixon ran in the the two-point conversion to give the Pioneers an 8-7 lead.

The Junior Bills had to bring Jay Galli in to punt in the beginning of the second quarter, but their next series brought much greater success. Highlighted by Dave Ries' 31-yard reception, the Bills marched down the field for their second touchdown of the game. A missed extra point run attempt kept the score at 13-8. Craig Sahrman's interception of a misdirected Kirkwood pass and Montoi Dixon's fumble helped the defense keep the Pioneers at bay for the rest of the first half. At the end of the half, Chris Doll shook off four defenders to gain 34 yards on a pass from John McArthur to go down to the 13 yard line, but Meyer's 30-yard field goal attempt fell short.

The third quarter was scoreless for both teams. The Junior Bills almost scored after Ries made a spectacular 30-yard catch with two defenders pulling him

down, but the lone Gridbill turnover of the game stopped the drive.

Ries came back strong in the fourth quarter with two touchdowns to seal the game for SLUH. After two long running plays by Sahrman, quarterback John McArthur found Ries ten yards away in the end zone. The extra point was wide to the left, but the Bills still had a comfortable 19-8 lead. Ries' TD late in the quarter and Meyer's successful point after completely shutout the Pioneers from contention.

The lineman coach and defensive coordinator, Coach Mark Tychonievich, was especially pleased with the result of the game. "The offensive line," he commented, "played a good game giving John [McArthur] a lot of time to throw." Tychonievich also gained more confidence in the play of the defense, which only gave up 213 total yards compared to the 431 yards the Junior Bill offense racked up. "The down-linemen were crisp and aggressive which helped to take away the Pioneer's inside game." Joe Jost led the line with 6 tackles and 4 assists in a fine performance.

On Friday, the Gridbills will travel away from the friendly confines of SLUH for the first time this year. They hope to bring with them a big crowd out to Belleville, Illinois to see the undefeated Junior Bills, fourth-ranked in the *Post Dispatch*, take on the tenth-ranked Belleville East Lancers, who are also 3-0. The game will be played in Belleville Township stadium, which is next to Belleville West High School.

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SLUH struggled with sloppy play in the first half, the depth of the team pulled out another victory for SLUH.

The semi-final game matched up SLUH against Parkway North. It proved to be a rough match between two aggressive teams. During the first period, SLUH had many scoring opportunities, but their shots kept hitting the posts instead of the back of the cage. However, the Polobills' talent and experience paid off, and they were able to get some points on the board. The end result was a victory and another trip to the championship match.

In the finals, SLUH faced a powerful squad from MICDS. Although they have a different name and girls in their school now, the team played like the Country Day teams of the past. A great defensive showing from SLUH saved the game. The highlight of the game came when senior goalie Tom Rea made a splendid save while facing a 6 on 3 disadvantage. SLUH went on win the game 15-4 and bring home the tournament trophy.

Coming off the tournament win, the Polobills came home to FoPoCoCo to face the Lancers of Lafayette. The game was controlled by the Jr. Bills from the beginning minute in which Udell and Zimmerman combined for three goals. The Jr. Bills continued the dominant play throughout the rest of the game, which ended in a 19-4 victory.

So far this season, the varsity water polo team is an undefeated 6-0, outscoring their opponents 105-26. Senior Bill Udell is the team's leading scorer with 24 goals. The Untouchabills put their undefeated record and a 28-game winning streak on the line tonight against Lindbergh.