

# Jr. Billikens nip Cadets at wire

## SLUH's Snodgrass wins individual title

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The winning ways continue for Ted Snodgrass and the rest of the SLUH cross country team.

### CROSS COUNTRY

It didn't come easy for either

Snodgrass as an individual and the Junior Bills as a team Saturday at the Class 4A sectional at Sioux Passage Park.

Rival CBC and its lead runner, Dan O'Brien, made things interesting for Snodgrass and the Junior Bills. Snodgrass won the individual race with a time of 16 minutes 50 seconds. That was just five seconds ahead of O'Brien.

The team race was even closer as SLUH won with 42 points. CBC was second with 43 points

(both teams will qualify for Saturday's MSHSAA meet in Jefferson City as the top two teams and top 15 individuals from each sectional go on to state).

"We had a lot of tight battles with CBC last year and a close one to start the year this year at McNair Park (in the First Capitol Invitational)," SLUH coach Jim Linhares said. "But since then we had handled them pretty handily. But they finished third in the state last year."

It was at that point that SLUH's Dan Westlund and Dan Leinauer made late moves to pick up position points.

Snodgrass was an all-state selection last year with an 18<sup>th</sup> place finish. He seems ready for an even better finish Saturday.

"I'm sure after his finish last year and the fact that he is a sectional champion that Ted would like to be in the top 10 this year," Linhares said.

Snodgrass is not the only Junior Bill looking to go out with a bang this season. The other top five runners, Nathan Tower,

Murphy O'Brien, Westlund and Tim Huegerich, are also seniors this season.

Linhares feels that Jefferson City, West Plains, Liberty and Lee's Summit are teams to watch from outstate Missouri.

The Junior Bills have qualified as a team every year since 1992. They came home with a trophy two years ago as they finished third but were a disappointing 11<sup>th</sup> last season.

CBC had two other runners in the top 10 Saturday. Tim Bradley was fifth (17:06) and Lon-Paul Laventue was eighth (17:14).

Parkway Central's Jamison Phillips was third (17:02) and Antonio Parker of DeSmet was sixth (17:09).

Erin Jordan of Parkway Central won the girl's event in 20:01. Lisa Lachky of St. Joseph's Academy was second (20:29). McCluer North and Hazelwood Central qualified as teams edging out Parkway Central, which was third, and fourth place St. Joseph's Academy.