

Speedbills overrun Patriots in opening XC meet

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With an impressive victory over Parkway South Wednesday at Forest Park, St. Louis U. High's JV cross-country team has begun what hopes to be a year of area-wide domination.

Despite a recent rash of injuries and a crowd of 17 SLUH runners sitting out for Friday's Sportshake meet in Columbia, both the JV and freshmen outran the Patriots' top JV athletes.

Coach Pat Hamel, who is taking over for Craig Maliborski as the distance track coach, commented, "this race just shows what incredible depth we have on our team this year."

Junior Matt Brice, who sat out the last half of the 1997 season due to stress fractures, won the race in a time of 18:34. Sophomore Jason Roehr finished third at 18:34.

In addition, a pack of five seniors running within ten seconds of each other finished in places five through nine. John McGinnis led the pack at 19:07, followed closely by Eric Grunzinger (19:09), Chris Abbott (19:12), Phil Rutterer (19:14), and Nick Hilliard (19:17).

The freshman squad's depth also showed Wednesday with an incredible line of XCbills finishing in places three through nine. Tipper O'Brien and John Par led the string of runners on a 2-mile course with times of 11:59 and 12:06, respectively. The top 7 freshman all finished faster than thirteen minutes, with Pat Kim at 12:09, Pat Leinauer at 12:16, Bobby Lacky at 12:33, Steve Armstrong at 12:38, and Richard Spicer at 12:40.

Buoyed by this initial victory by the JV and C squads, the Varsity will open season with a huge race at Mizzou's High School Invitational, a meet which features most of the top teams in the state.

Soccer falters with two losses

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After a promising start, the varsity soccer team falters this past week, playing hard but losing out to Belleville East and CBC.

On Saturday evening, the squad from Belleville East traveled across the Mississippi for a showdown in the SLUH stadium.

The opposition got a quick jump on the Jr. Bills and scored the first goal of the game. Going into the second half with a one goal deficit, SLUH looked to get an equalizer. Belleville East scored another goal, however, which put the team down by two.

With enough time left to still make a solid comeback run, head coach Charles Martel decided to "move size up top and quickness in the midfield."

The new strategy seemingly paid off

as junior midfielder Steve Elias beautifully deflected a corner kick into the back of the net.

The late surge was not enough to topple the Belleville East team though, and the Jr. Bills recorded their first loss of the season.

Senior John Antal made his first appearance of the season, playing a stellar game in net until he had to leave late in the game because of an injury.

The most disappointing part of the game, according to Martel was that "we were out hustled and outworked."

Heading into the first game of the CBC tournament Wednesday night and playing against the host, SLUH looked for redemption from Saturday's loss. The game turned out to be nearly more exciting than watching Mark McGwire's sixty-second home run; both teams played with

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B-Soccer: record: (3-0)

9/1 W, SLUH: 4 St. Mary's: 0

David Brooks 1 G

John Doyle 2 G

Ghassan Mohsen 1 G

Mark Valdez recorded the shutout

9/5 W, SLUH: 5 Belleville East: 1

John Doyle 1 G

Eric Enright 1 G

Kevin McCarthy 1 G

Ian Mulligan 1 G

Kyle Ottwell 1 G

9/8 W, SLUH: 6 DuBourg: 0

David Brooks 1 G

John Doyle 1 G

Tim Fetter 1 G

Ian Mulligan 1 G

Kyle Ottwell 1 G

Ross Taylor 1 G

Mike Kutz recorded the shutout

C-Soccer: record: (0-1)

9/8 L, SLUH: 0 Vianney: 1

B-Football: record: (1-0)

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SLUH 0 19 3 7 29

Gateway 0 0 0 0 0

SLUH-Eggleston 14 yd. pass from Vreeland (Scott kick)

SLUH-Durbin 47 yd. pass from Vreeland (Scott kick)

SLUH-Busakino tackled Gateway QB in end zone for safety

SLUH-Scott 35 yd. field goal

SLUH-Scott 45 yd. field goal

SLUH-Hahn 38 yd. pass from Behr (Scott kick)

JV Water Polo: record: (1-0)

9/9 W, SLUH: 7 Mehlville: 3

Zach Hartwig 3 G, 1 A

Sean Leahy 2 G

Charlie Maitz 1 G, 1 A

Kevin Rose 1 G, 1 A

Greg Auffenberg 6 S, 1 A