

5Kbills fall in MCC for first time ever

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Reporter

Coming into this year's Metro Catholic Conference meet, the SLUH varsity cross-country squad had been undefeated in the six years of the conference's existence.

This year, however, the continuation of that streak of victories would be challenged as it had never been challenged before. Going into the meet, the Jr. Bills

knew that they would be confronted with the number one and two teams in the area in CBC and DeSmet. From the starting line, the Jr. Bills were pushed to the back of the pack and had to make their way to the front throughout the first mile. The race was relatively fast due to the excellent weather conditions and the fairly flat course in Forest Park.

Junior Ted Snodgrass, proving once again that he is among the elite runners in the area, led the way to the finish line for

the varsity with a fourth place finish. He was followed by fellow junior Murphy O'Brien, who also garnered all-conference honors with a sixth place finish.

Next to finish were senior Ken Reichert in ninth and juniors Mark Monda and Nathan Tower in eleventh and twelfth places, respectively. Tower and Reichert both displayed commendable finishing kicks as they moved up at the end of the race despite various physical ailments.

Monda, along with junior Tim see **THERE'S ALWAYS A FIRST, 7**

POLO WIN

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The Bills came out firing up and took the early lead, but the Country Day Rams were not going to give up easily. Goals by John Penilla (3), Jack Wideman (1), Pat Mullen (1), Aaron Christoff (1), Kevin Rose (1), and Ryan Keefe (2) helped keep the Bills ahead.

After back and forth battling all game, the Polobills clung to a two-goal lead with less than two minutes to go.

At this point captain Ryan Keefe fouled Ram Dickie Lammert, giving the Rams a four meter penalty shot. The foul was Keefe's third, and he was out for the game.

The MICDS player barely found the back of the net, and now the Busenbills were only up by one, with plenty of time to go. But SLUH's proved to be too much as on the next plays the Rams were unable to get a shot off.

As the buzzer sounded and Penilla threw the ball into the air, the Bills again had defeated the defending state champions.

Goalie Nick Bellon thwarted twelve of the Rams twenty shots, good enough to keep the Bills ahead of the Rams.

Captain Christoff commented on the game saying, "It's always a big win when we beat Country Day, but it's going to be tough to recover to play Oakville and Chaminade."

After a relaxing break period at Penilla's house, the team returned to play the Oakville Tigers, one of the top four teams in the preseason polls.

Before the MisterB.bills could find their groove, though, Wideman was ejected for talking back to the ref. This was a blow to the team, as many of the players were tired, and Wideman has been one of the few players this season who can go a whole game without rest.

The Aquabills pulled away early, but after a half their offense seemed to disappear.

Senior Christoff was also ejected from the game for receiving a third kickout, a problem that seemed to plague the Jr. Bills throughout the tournament.

Late goals by Keefe helped put the Tigers away, and the Billikens remained undefeated for the tournament. In this battle, senior captains Penilla and Keefe led the way with three goals apiece, and Penilla also contributed three assists.

The tournament now came down to the final two games; a win for SLUH would put them at the top, but a loss could possibly slip them into a tie for first. After seeing Chaminade defeat MICDS, the Bills knew it was not going to be an easy game, especially with Wideman still gone due to his conduct during the previous game.

But Chaminade was no match for the Aquabills, and SLUH captured the first ever MICDS Invitational. Goalie Dave Nahm stopped eight shots, while Mike Murphy (2), Christoff (1), Penilla (1), and Keefe (3) all tallied goals. Assists were credited to Matt Birke (1) and Christoff (3).

Penilla said, "It's always good to win games when you're tired or missing play-

ers. It really shows that we can use our bench and still win big games."

After capturing the tournament crown, the Chuckobills turned around and played the Chaminade team again on Tuesday night.

The team came out flat after a long day off for the seniors due to PSAT day. But the juniors were ready to play. Matt Birke scored a goal and added an assist, while fellow junior Murphy led the team with four goals.

Keepers Nahm and Bellon split time between the posts, each allowing only two goals. Junior Anthony Casalone was credited with two assists, and after goals from Wideman (1), Penilla (1), and Keefe (3), the Bills had once again defeated Chaminade.

The coaches were displeased with the team's performance, however, citing a lack of consistency from game to game.

"I think we will have problems in the state tournament if we keep this up, because we have to play four games in one week. If we are forced to play our starters a lot on Friday night in the semi-finals just to get to the finals, then it will be hard to keep up with our opponent," commented captain Keefe.

SLUH has now upped its record to 15-1, with a couple of its tougher games coming up next week against Oakville and Parkway South. Those games will determine how the teams will be seeded for the state tournament. With the many evenly-matched teams this year, that seeding could greatly influence who wins the title.

Footbills MCC co-champs, on to districts

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Reporter**

The varsity football team headed west to Ladue two Saturdays ago, intent on spoiling the Rams' homecoming, which was not a problem.

Doing so wasn't a problem. Throughout the entire game, the Jr. Bills dominated both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball.

For the defense, the game marked nine consecutive quarters in which they did not allow a touchdown.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Jr. Bills' senior tight end Dan Parker, senior fullback Jordan Rouff, and junior split end Joe Thaman all received passes from junior quarterback Mark Kornfeld, making the score 20-0. One of the extra point attempts was blocked at the end of the half.

Although the second half was scoreless, the resulting 20-0 victory was sufficient enough for the coaching staff. Also, the second team defense came up with a crucial stop against a driving Rams offense. Junior Bill Bourne knocked down a pass in the end zone, which would have given the Rams an almost certain touchdown and momentum that could have changed the outcome of the game.

After their victory over Ladue, the Footbills set their sights on their last opponent in the Metro Catholic Conference this year, the DeSmet Spartans. A SLUH win against DeSmet and a loss by Chaminade to CBC would give the Jr.

Bills a tie for the conference championship with the Flyers.

The Jr. Bills did their part, defeating DeSmet, and so did the Cadets, creating the first co-champion in MCC history.

The rain kept many at home, but the Jr. Bills came to play, dominating the Spartans for all four quarters.



The first quarter was scoreless after a 42-yard SLUH field goal attempt was ruled wide to the left.

Despite this early setback, the Bills came out strong. Willard Payne dashed 12

yards into the end zone for his first varsity touchdown. Later, Jordan Rouff set a SLUH football record for the longest pass play by catching a 92-yard touchdown pass, making the score 13-0, after junior Justin Scott's extra point attempt failed.

DeSmet was able to find the end zone late in the first half, cutting the SLUH lead to 13-7 at the half.

In the second half, junior Evan Noetzel, filling in for injured running back Jae Philips, started the scoring for SLUH on a 56-yard touchdown run, but the two point conversion failed.

Mark Kornfeld scored on his own with a one-yard quarterback sneak. Fellow junior Joe Thaman later caught a 30-yard touchdown pass. Senior Pat Finney concluded the second half scoring for the Jr. Bills with a 22-yard run.

DeSmet also scored two touchdowns of its own in the second half, making the final score 40-21.

Coach Mark Tychonievich, though he missed the DeSmet game, was "very pleased with how the team played on both sides of the ball, especially in the second half."

For the game, Evan Noetzel rushed for a total of 219 yards, coming close to the SLUH record for rushing yards in a single game, a statistic that showed the dominance of the SLUH offensive line.

The victory marked the eleventh consecutive SLUH win over DeSmet.

The team will be back in action tomorrow at McCluer to begin the district portion of its schedule. Game time is set for 1 p.m.

THERE'S ALWAYS A FIRST

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Huegerich, who finished sixteenth, ran impressive races in which they led the secondary SLUH pack for much of the race. Rounding out the top seven was senior Matt Schaefer, who also medaled with a twentieth-place finish.

On this day, however, even these efforts were not enough; the team was defeated by CBC by a narrow six-point

margin, 36 to 42. The team actually tied with DeSmet for second, but as a result of Huegerich's victory over DeSmet's sixth man, the Bills earned second place honors. The varsity will begin the road to state on Saturday when they run at the district meet at Parkway Central.

The junior varsity also faced impressive opponents at the conference meet, and they proceeded to prove that they

were up to the challenge.

The Junior Bills stormed to the front of the pack from the beginning of the race and put the contest away by the end of the second mile.

Junior Dan Westlund won the race by a large margin over the rest of the field with a time that actually placed him in fifth place overall on the SLUH cross-
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Sports Matter

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JV Water Polo: record: 12-2-1

10/14 W, SLUH: 7 Ladue: 2

Charlie Maitz 3A; Zach Hartwig 2G; Nick Hellwig 2G; Sean Leahy 1G; Chris West 1G; Patrick Rosen 1G; Don DeSpain 1A; Mike Seger 1A;

10/15 W, SLUH: 6 Parkway South: 2
Charlie Maitz 1G, 3A; Zach Hartwig 1G, 2A; Nick Hellwig 1G; Sean Leahy 1G; Patrick Rosen 1G; Don DeSpain 1G;

10/17 T, SLUH: 3 MICDS: 3

Zach Hartwig 1G; Brendan Sanders 1G; Sean Reidy 1G; Charlie Maitz 1A;

10/17 W, SLUH: 10 Oakville: 0
Nick Crow 1G, 2A; Patrick Rosen 1G, 2A; Sean Leahy 2G; Mike Seger 1G, 1A; Nick Hellwig 1G; Brendan Sanders 1G; Matt Harrington 1G; Zach Hartwig 1A; Charlie Maitz 1A; Sean Reidy 1A; Kevin Price 1A; Greg Auffenburg 1G; Mike Peterson 1G; Shutout recorded by Greg Auffenburg, Mike Peterson, and Brian Rea

10/17 W, SLUH: 8 Chaminade: 2

Zach Hartwig 5G; Nick Hellwig 1G, 3A; Charlie Maitz 1G; Sean Reidy 1G; Patrick Rosen 1A; Brendan Sanders 1A

10/20 W, SLUH: 5 Chaminade: 2

Zach Hartwig 1G, 1A; Nick Hellwig 1G; Nick Crow 1G; Greg Szewczyk 1G; Brendan Sanders 1G; Patrick Rosen 1A; Don DeSpain 1A;

B-Soccer: record: 12-2-1

10/17 W, SLUH: 5 Parkway South: 0

Kevin McCarthy 2G; Tim Fetter 1G; Ian Mulligan 1G, 2A; Eric Enright 1G; John Doyle 2A; Shutout recorded by Mark Valdez and Mike Kutz

10/19 W, SLUH: 4 Granite City: 0

John Doyle 2G; Tim Fetter 1G; Tim McNutt 1G; Tony Albrecht 1A; Kyle Ottwell 1A; Kevin McCarthy 1A; Dan Jaycox 1A; Shutout recorded by Mark Valdez

C-Soccer: record: 7-5-1

10/13 W, SLUH: 1 DeSmet: 0

Craig Senciboy 1G; Shutout recorded by Pat Meyer

10/15 W, SLUH defeated Granite City by forfeit

10/16 W, SLUH: 1 St. Mary's: 0

Ian Walsh 1G; Phil Vatterot 1A; Shutout recorded by Pat Meyer

10/18 L, SLUH: 2 CBC: 3

John Beck 1G; Jason Gray 1G

B-Football: record: 6-1

10/15

SLUH 13 0 0 0 13

DeSmet 0 14 0 7 21

SLUH-Schmitt 1 yd. run (Scott kick); SLUH-Eggleston 12 yd. pass from Vreeland (kick failed); DeSmet-27 yd. run (kick good); DeSmet-15 yd. run (kick good); DeSmet-30 yd. run (kick good)

C-Football: record: 7-0

10/15

SLUH 14 17 0 7 38

DeSmet 0 0 8 14 22

SLUH-Chris Finney 25 yd. run (Drakesmith kick); SLUH-Mike Wolf 5 yd. run (Drakesmith kick); SLUH-Langston Miller 3 yd. run (Drakesmith kick); SLUH-Brad Drakesmith 26 yd. field goal; SLUH-Chris Finney 12 yd. pass from Joe Devine (Drakesmith kick); DeSmet-3 yd. run (2 pt. conversion); DeSmet-4 yd. run (2 pt. conversion); SLUH-Mike Wolf 63 yd. run (Drakesmith kick); DeSmet 1 yd. run (conversion failed)

DAVE RUN

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juveniles, catching them just past Compton Drew Investigative Learning Center.

"I saw them damaging one of my fellow students' cars and out of pure rage my instinct told me to chase them down," explained Nahm.

When Nahm caught up to one of the suspects, he grabbed the back of his shirt and picked him up by his collar. Since his friend was much farther away, Nahm threatened taking the apprehended burglar to the police, unless he called his friend back. Fortunately, the boy complied.

Questioned about the situation, the two accomplices claimed that they only took a bag of chips, which was in one of the suspects' hands. After patting the two young children down, Nahm let them go knowing that they had nothing of value.

Nahm threatened them with the comment, "If you ever come back to this parking lot, I am going to have to report you."

Later, Garrison discovered his car radio on the passenger seat with only a few cords still attached.

Dean of Students H. Eric Clark told Nahm that the school would have to file a police report about the incident, and that he might also need Nahm to take a look at some kids who have had problems in the neighborhood.

AND A SECOND

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country team.

Following him in second place was junior Matt Brice, who narrowly outsprinted senior Matt Crow, who finished in third place. Next came junior Bill Freeman and senior Chris Abbot, both of whom had breakthrough races.

Rounding out the junior varsity top

seven were senior John Crane and sophomore Dan Leinauer.

The team easily outdistanced rival DeSmet by a score of 19 to 46.

Most of the junior varsity runners will end a very impressive season at next Wednesday's Findley Invitational at Forest Park.

The freshman team also made an impressive showing at the conference meet. The freshman used a solid pack and excellent depth to move up throughout the race.

The freshman team was led by Patrick Leinauer, who finished in fourth place overall. Next came Tipper O'Brien in ninth place and Ken Chik in thirteenth. Rounding out the top seven were medalists Bobby Lachky, Pat Kim, Andy Skosky, and John Parr.

These efforts were enough for the team to retain the team title for the second straight year and to defeat rivals DeSmet and CBC by a fairly large margin.