

Varsity Soccerbills Begin 1994 Campaign With Solid 3-1 Triumph Over Fort Zumwalt

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For the fourth consecutive year, the Soccerbills have played and defeated the Fort Zumwalt Bulldogs in SLUH's season opener. Last year goals poured in as SLUH blanked the Bulldogs 9-0. And as hard as it is to surpass that outing, the '94 Jr. Billikens gave a good showing, defeating their opponent in commanding fashion with a score of 3-1.

The first half of the 80-minute game gave the Martelbills the opportunity to get situated in game play. Along with the Bulldogs, the Jr. Billikens got out to a slow start. The tempo picked up with two offensive streaks by senior midfielder Greg King as he dribbled down the middle of the field, through the permeable defense, and into the congested penalty box. His two shots both came to no avail.

A failed direct kick and a botched breakaway later, the Jr. Bills finally lit up

the scoreboard. A pass by King ended up at the feet of freshman forward Taylor Twellman, who was located just left of the top of the penalty box. Twellman went near-post with his shot and scored SLUH's first goal of the season at 32:20.

The half ended with a SLUH 1-0 lead but not before a volley by senior midfielder Paul Jost almost found the back of the net.

Egged on by the large and vociferous crowd, the Soccerbills displayed some exciting soccer. The Jr. Bills tallied another point from a direct kick just outside the box. Senior midfielder and co-captain Brian Haddock sent in a ball that bounced around in front of the goal. After the pinball action, senior fullback Mark Hoffmeister found the loose ball and placed the five-yard shot in the upper ninety of the goal at 63:28.

Just minutes later, SLUH's aggressiveness, which dealt them numerous fouls and three yellow cards throughout the

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Speedobills Poised to Defend District Title

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In 1994 the Jr. Bills hope to continue their domination of St. Louis water polo and to improve their record of 45-0. Seniors Kevin O'Sullivan, Mike Zimmerman, and Chris Leahy will lead the way for the Jr. Bills in the water, while senior John Young plans to keep every ball out of the net. Juniors Tucker Korte and Doug Maitz also will be starting this year, and look to be major contributors in winning a third-straight district title. Finishing out this year's starting line-up will be sophomore Tyler Korte.

Other returning seniors including Paul Donaldson, Kevin Rejent, Ed Rose, and Scott Kaintz will play a major role for the team this year and so will juniors Mike Hayes and Mike Keane. Fighting for the number two goalie spot are juniors Matt Fetter and Tony Paster.

A new feature for the SLUH program will be assistant coach Paul Baudendistel. Baudendistel was a graduate of the class of 1990 and started on the undefeated 1989 water polo team. He has an outstanding knowledge of the game and has the ability to improve the already excellent Jr. Bill squad.

The JV team hopes to have another good season, but may not have as easy a road to follow. Only five sophomores have returned out of the eleven freshmen on last year's JV team. Sophomores Matt Guerrero and Keith Mug will lead the way along with the help of freshman stand out Jeff Maitz.

Over the summer many of the Polobills spent a much time with the Daisy Water Polo organization, which is run by the head water polo coach at Country Day High School. All seven members of the starting line-up along with a few of the younger players on the JV team spent at least two hours a day in the water. They also attended a few local water polo tournaments, along with two others in Los Angeles Beach, California.

The District playoff format has changed somewhat from the 16 team single

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Blue/White Scrimmage Previews 1994 Footbills

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The varsity Gridbills gave the SLUH faculty and students a taste of what is to come in the season ahead last Friday at the annual Blue/White Game.

Despite extraordinary circumstances, which resulted in postponement of the game from its original Thursday night slot, the Bills provided an excellent show for all who were able to attend. One freshman was quoted as saying, "It was really exciting. I hope this will be a good year for SLUH football."

Despite the temporary loss of highly touted college prospect John McArthur, the game showed the level to which the Bills have developed their high-powered offense. Senior Rob Jenkins displayed his athletic ability by

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Intrasquad Prepares Harriers for Season

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With the return of four varsity runners having state experience, and a promising intrasquad race, the 1994 varsity Cross Country team is poised to improve on its ninth place finish at state last year.

Last Saturday's intrasquad race was used to determine the top seven runners at the varsity, junior varsity, and freshman levels. The top seven finishers who will run varsity for SLUH in the first race against Parkway South were senior tri-captain Kevin Myers (18:06), sophomore Eric Monda (18:07), junior Tim Chik (18:09), senior tri-captain Tim Denny (18:33), junior John Flynn (18:43), junior Joel Brown (18:44), and junior Ben Fanson (19:20). The times this year at intrasquad were considera-

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bly faster than last year with six of the top seven under nineteen minutes compared to only two in 1993.

Myers commented on his race saying he had "a pretty good day," and he hopes "we'll all be that close together at the end of the season." Chik said he is "very excited about the [team's] great potential for the season."

This year's team has plenty of previous varsity experience. Myers, Chik, Denny, and Fanson all ran at the varsity level last year. Monda, Flynn, and Brown were top JV contenders and look to do well on varsity.

Head Coach Jim Linhares was "very impressed with the depth the team showed." He feels that it will take a "great performance" to make top seven on the team.

The team will receive a boost with the return of senior tri-captain Pat Hamel, last year's top varsity runner, who could not compete at intrasquad due to injury. Hamel hopes to return for the second or third meet of the year.

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of these promise to be exciting contests, as will be most every game of the 1994 edition of the B-Football team.

While May is working with the B team, Coach Matt Sciuto enters his fifth year of coaching freshman football with a sense of optimism. Using words like "size, strength, and good speed," to characterize this squad of fifty, one may get the impression that Sciuto seems a bit too confident about his chances this year. However, he remains skeptical as any freshman coach should.

It is apparent that Sciuto realizes his responsibility as a coach is to prepare his players for the next level. The freshmen are expected to adopt a varsity-style offense consisting primarily of an aerial attack. Sciuto admits to the complexity of the varsity offense and figures it will take at least three or four games before everyone becomes comfortable with the sys-

The competition did not get any easier for the top seven junior varsity spots. The top seven JV finishers were Keith Myers (19:36), Tim Blessing (19:46), John Weller (19:54), Matt Nischwitz (20:06), Dan Range (20:21), Joe Donnelly (20:25), and Shannon Yates (20:30).

The freshman raced a two mile course instead of the standard 5,000m (3.1 mile) distance that the varsity and JV run. The top seven freshman were John Christie (13:40), Ben Rosario (13:52), John Ramsey (14:01), Chris Larose (14:04), Mark Fingerhut (14:06), Paul Lodes (14:06), and Noah Ruddy (14:07). Linhares felt the top three freshman "really distinguished themselves from the pack."

Linhares is happy with the high turnout of runners and likes the large number of new runners. His main goals for the season are doing well in the final meets and peaking at the right time. Linhares hopes that the team can "make a major impact at State" this year.

The varsity and JV teams open the season with a tough dual meet against '93 Sectional runner-up Parkway South on Tuesday at Parkway South Junior High at 4:00 p.m.

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In the meantime, the freshmen will most likely keep the ball on the ground with an emphasis on blocking and backfield speed. Line coach Steve Kuensting will have an important task as his line could hold the key to SLUH victories in the first month of competition.

Defensive coordinator Tom Wilson enters the 1994 season with the same cautious optimism as Sciuto. His main hope this year is that his players will "learn the game of football and improve." Expect to see Wilson run the "standard SLUH defense" which emphasizes strength and quickness on the line along with speed and agility in the secondary.

As is the case with every freshman team, a brand new team will take the field this year, and there is no way to determine who will be strong. Due to this fact, Sciuto is not concentrating on any one particular game; however he does "look forward to the conference games."

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filling the huge hole at quarterback and completing ten of eighteen passes for one-hundred and fifty-one yards, two interceptions, and a touchdown.

As for the rest of the Blue team, senior Micah Taylor, on six carries, rushed for forty-five of the team's forty-eight yards. Leading the receiving corps, senior Dave Ries ended the game with ninety-three yards on four receptions for one touchdown.

While the Blue team attacked from the air, the White team launched its offensive from the ground. Spearheading the assault was Senior Jason Williams who gained sixty-six yards on nine carries. Williams also caught a pass for one of two White touchdowns.

Rounding out the scoring for the White was senior Tim Cuneo who reached the endzone on a thirty-five yard run. The other two Blue touchdowns came courtesy of juniors Renato Fitzpatrick and Brad Pennington.

Head coach Gary Kornfeld is optimistic about the season, but is tentative about reading too much into Blue/White. "It's good to get game experience, but it is difficult to tell how you will do against other teams since you are playing yourself," said Kornfeld.

Senior kicker Chris Calsyn stated, "It was a good learning experience. We saw what we needed to work on and I think we'll be ready for Friday night."

All students and faculty are encouraged to travel out to West County to see the Footbills face off in their season opener against the Pioneers of Kirkwood.

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round elimination tournament. The divisions are based upon last year's results. SLUH water polo fans should expect Parkway South or Country Day to be SLUH's main competition. The Jr. Bills open their season next week at Parkway North with the JV game at 4:00 p.m. and the varsity game at 5:00.