

Busenbills Extend Two-Season Winning Streak With 3-0 '94 Record

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The SLUH water polo team started off its season with an impressive victory over Parkway North on Thursday of last week. Parkway North was SLUH's closest competition last year and the Vikings nearly upset the undefeated Polobills of '93. This year, however, Parkway North has been added to the SLUH's long list of blow-out wins after a 23-4 victory for SLUH. Senior Kevin O'Sullivan had a team-high six goals. Senior Chris Leahy and junior Doug Maitz both played well, scoring four goals apiece. Tyler Korte, Mike Zimmerman, and Mike Keane each had two goals.

The following day, Friday, the Busenbills returned home to Forest Park Community College to defeat Parkway Central 14 to 1 in front of a large and loud crowd. The Junior Bills jumped out to an impressive lead and never looked back. Zimmerman, O'Sullivan, and Maitz again led the SLUH attack and together scored

11 of the team's 14 goals.

Ladue was next to fall to SLUH. Despite an impressive starting line-up including excellent players Doug Miller and Blake Kotiza, the Rams could not compete with the Polobills. With help from senior goalie John Young, who stopped eight on-goal attempts, SLUH crushed Ladue 16 to 2, improving its record to 3-0 and the school winning streak to 45 games.

After Thursday's match against heavy underdog Chaminade, SLUH will play in the annual *Suburban Journal* Tournament. SLUH has not lost the tournament since 1988, when they lost in the finals to Mehlville—the same team they will face in the first round on Tuesday. The tournament will most likely be SLUH's first chance to play some of its toughest competitors, such as Parkway South and Country Day. The semifinals and final game will be played at Parkway South next Friday and Saturday. The team encourages all students to head west and cheer on the Speedobills.

Soccerbills Struggle to Produce Offense

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With the offense producing just one goal during the three-game week, the #4-ranked (St. Louis *Post-Dispatch*'s poll of large schools) varsity Soccerbills found difficulty in chalking up victories as they fell to DeSmet and tied both CBC and St. Dominic.

The CBC Tournament resumed last Thursday in double-header action. CBC took control of its 8:00 game against Vianney while DeSmet handled SLUH.

The Spartans entered the game looking for revenge after their loss to the Cadets on Tuesday, and took control of the game from the beginning. SLUH, on the other hand, never developed a solid

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Footbills Pummel O'Fallon Panthers

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The SLUH offensive backfield had a field day last Friday against the Panthers of O'Fallon, Illinois. Jr. Bill runners totaled one-hundred and eighty-six yards of offensive rushing in the 17-9 SLUH victory.

The backfield was led by senior running back Micah Taylor, who totaled one-hundred and eleven yards on the evening, capping it with a forty-one yard run in the waning minutes of the fourth quarter.

O'Fallon (2-1), ranked eleventh in the *Post Dispatch* poll, had obviously done its homework before meeting with the Gridbills in O'Fallon last week. They came well prepared for the aeronautic assaults which typically characterize the SLUH games and, as a result, allowed only thirty-seven yards on five passes. However, O'Fallon was obviously not aware of the dangers that awaited them deep within the SLUH

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Harriers Place Second Behind Defending State Champs in Northwest House Springs Invitational

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The Harriers turned in their best performance of the season so far by placing second in the extremely competitive Northwest House Springs Invitational last Saturday but suffered a one point defeat in the Eureka Invitational on Tuesday.

Defending state champion Springfield Kickapoo, who has returned nearly all of its top seven, was the only team to defeat the Jr. Bills on Saturday. Junior Joel Brown said, "Kickapoo was in our crosshairs." Senior tri-captain Kevin Myers led the team on the unorthodox 2.9 mile course with a time of 16:19 and a thirteenth place finish. Junior Tim Chik came in second for the team in eighteenth place with a time of 16:32.

The SLUH pack of Ben Fanson, Brown, John Flynn, and Tim Denny finished right behind Chik with times of 16:37, 16:40, 16:43, 16:44, respectively. Eric Monda finished out the top seven with a thirty-eighth place finish. SLUH's top six runners all medaled by finishing in the top thirty.

The top five teams were Springfield Kickapoo (52 points), SLUH (109), Lafayette (117), Marquette (117), and Eureka (195) in the seventeen-team field. Linhares summed up the team's performance saying, "It was an excellent all-around performance."

The JV team again demonstrated its depth by defeating the 21 team field. The JV team still prevailed despite Springfield Kickapoo having the first three fin-

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passing game. DeSmet scoured the Jr. Billiken defense for its weakness and took advantage of mistakes.

DeSmet saw its first opportunity midway through the first half. After a Billiken defensive mental lapse, Spartan John Benoist capitalized on a loose ball in the penalty box.

Shortly later, DeSmet's Ryan Werkmeister upped their winning margin to two goals on another SLUH defensive mistake.

SLUH could not produce many scoring threats, but its defense held DeSmet to the two goals for the rest of the half and game.

Senior Paul Jost commented, "It was our first experience against a really good team. We were really nervous. So now we need to work on holding on to the ball longer and looking for better passes."

Coach Charlie Martel said, "Our transition from defense to offense was not there. We weren't maintaining possession of the ball. We were basically chasing them most of the game."

The Jr. Bills took their 1-1 tourney record into their game against CBC. Going into the match, SLUH knew that in order to win the tournament, it would have to maul the Cadets. That did not happen.

Play and offensive breaks bounced back and forth for the two teams during the first half, but SLUH found the back of the net first. Thirty-two minutes into the game, a cross was directed toward Jost who waited for the bounce and volleyed the ball from about twenty-five yards out. Jost had hammered the ball so hard and placed it so well that it flew into the upper corner of the goal, leaving the Cadet goalie virtually helpless.

The half ended with Jost's shot being the only difference in the score.

During half-time, CBC planned and coordinated an assault whose bombardment climaxed in the final minutes of the contest.

At 68:18, the Cadets connected on a 22-yard direct kick. In preparation, SLUH erected a human wall in order to block half of the goal, so that junior goalie Dave Jetton could concentrate on the other half. The plan backfired when CBC's Ed Sch-

oenbein powered the ball between SLUH players in the wall and into the net.

CBC continued to apply pressure, but Jetton flustered any chances, even a breakaway. The game ended in a 1-1 tie, but the Cadets had enough points to win first place in the tournament. DeSmet, SLUH, and Vianney placed second, third, and fourth, respectively, in the four-team tournament.

Commented Jetton, "The way we played in the first half proved we can play with CBC, but it was kind of frustrating to see them come back and dominate us the way they did."

Martel summed up SLUH's play in the CBC Tournament: "I was extremely happy with the CBC Tournament. [The team] showed a lot of character and mental toughness, with some exceptions. Overall, it was a good weekend."

After three games abroad, the Soccerbills returned home last Tuesday to confront the Crusaders from St. Dominic for their third game of the regular season.

SLUH began and ended the game in the same fashion, with complete dominance. The Martelbills and their 44 shots (to St. Dominic's four) had everything working, except scoring. They dribbled around, through, and between their foes. SLUH's two-touch passing earned two thumbs up.

The whistle after 80 minutes of play signalled the extension of the grossly one-sided soccer game into overtime. Yet, the Jr. Billikens still could not buy a goal in the extra period.

The 0-0 game ended in unusual fashion as senior Greg King was red-carded just seconds after the final whistle of the game for commenting on the referee's officiating. The red card gave King a bench view of yesterday's game against Mehlville.

Martel liked what he saw on the field but noticed that his team needs more "composure in front of the goal."

"Despite our inability to finish," said senior co-captain Pat Feagan, "we still played a good offensive game. We kept the ball on the ground and made good, sharp passes to control the game."

The Soccerbills (3-1-2) will play DeSmet again tomorrow at 7:00 at home.

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ishers. Sophomore Tim Blessing finished fifth with a time of 17:30. The rest of the top seven JV finishers were Keith Myers, eighth place, Joe Donnelly, tenth place, Shannon Yates, thirteenth, John Weller, eighteenth, Mark Bonk, twentieth, and John Sauter in twenty-fifth. Six SLUH runners medaled with top-twenty finishes.

The freshman also turned in a good performance, finishing second only to Parkway South in the sixteen team field. Ben Rosario again led the SLUH pack with a time of 13:18 on the 2.1 mile course. The rest of the top seven freshmen closed the gap in time and tightened their pack up. Rosario along with John Christie, John Ramsey, and Chris Graesser picked up medals for their efforts with top twenty finishes. Rounding out the top seven were Paul Lodes, Mark Fingerhut, and Scott Lauer with times around the fourteen minute mark.

The varsity followed up their second place finish at Northwest with a disappointing second place finish at the Eureka Invitational. The team did not get out well in the first mile, but Chik took charge and finished fifth with a time of 17:21. Kevin Myers finished ninth in 17:32, followed by Brown (17:38), Pat Hamel (17:40), Flynn (17:45), Denny (18:07), and Fanson (18:17).

Linhares was happy with Hamel's first race this year, but felt "the team just didn't get it done."

The JV team brought out the broom with a sweep of the first five places to shut out the field. The top seven runners were Monda (17:57), Donnelly (18:40), Blessing (18:56), Yates (19:03), Weller (19:05), Bonk (19:07), and Keith Myers (19:20) who all finished in the top ten.

The freshmen did not compete at Eureka but defeated DeSmet by two points in a tri-meet including CBC. All top seven finishers broke fourteen minutes despite the ninety-five degree heat on Wednesday.

The varsity, JV, and B teams are competing tomorrow in the Hazelwood Invitational beginning at 9:45 am.