

## Harriers Place Fourth Amidst Strong Competition in Hazelwood Invitational

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The Harriers were unable to defend their title in last year's Hazelwood Invitational, but still placed a respectable fourth in the strong twenty-nine team field.

Senior Kevin Myers and junior Tim Chik led the varsity team with twelfth and nineteenth place finishes with times of 17:18 and 17:27, respectively, on the 3.1 mile Sioux Passage course that includes the infamous "manmaker" hill. Pat Hamel led the rest of the SLUH pack and grabbed the last medal with a thirty-fifth place finish in a time of 17:52. Following closely behind Hamel were Ben Fanson (17:59), Tim Denny (18:08), Joel Brown (18:14), and John Flynn (18:15).

The top five teams were Jefferson City with 52 points, Francis Howell (77), Columbia Hickman (127), SLUH (153), and Hazelwood West (193).

Head Coach Jim Linhares commented

that "the team wasn't sharp." He attributed the "flatness" to the fact that the team had not backed off on training for this meet and might be a little bit tired. Despite the small setback, Linhares is confident and explains, "The team is still looking to November."

The JV team was, however, in its usual brilliant form in leading the twenty-three team field. The junior varsity was not as deep as it usually is due to the top sophomore JV runners competing in the B division race. Senior John Weller led the JV team with a fifth place finish in 19:02. Rounding out the JV finishers were Keith Myers in eighth place, (19:07), Mark Bonk in ninth place, (19:16), Shannon Yates in sixteenth place, (19:58), John Johnson in twentieth place, (20:15), Jeff Merlo in twenty-eighth place, (20:46), and Paul Lotus in thirtieth place, (20:49).

The JV won with 58 points, followed see MANMAKER, page 6

## Collinsville Victory Highlights Otherwise Disappointing Week for Soccerbills

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Winless after six consecutive games, the Soccerbills finally triumphed over Collinsville, but not before tying Mehlville and losing to DeSmet and St. Mary's.

After ties in their previous two games, the Soccerbills looked to get back on the winning track against the Mehlville Panthers. But the Panthers had a different idea.

Just ten minutes into the game, Mehlville squeezed in on goal. Their first shot rattled off the far post, but one Panther directed the rebound into the goal.

The lead was not safe for long, though. The Martelbills retaliated just minutes later while Mehlville was on Cloud Nine. The determined junior Craig Standley finished off the assault when he connected on a shot from just inside the 18-yard line, to tie the game at one apiece.

Momentum shifted back and forth due to tight defense, but the Jr. Bills had one scoring opportunity later in the second half. Sophomore Mike Amann nearly put the Soccerbills into victory lane with a blast from just outside the penalty box. But the perceptive Panther goalie intercepted the ball as he dove to the ground for the save.

Both teams ran out of last minute scoring opportunities, so the score remained 1-1.

On Saturday, DeSmet came and went—and left the Jr. Bills in its dust. For the second time this year, SLUH lost its composure and fell to the Spartans.

Although DeSmet dominated play, the Ballbills managed to stave off the Spartan onslaught for twenty-three minutes. Then, DeSmet's Mike Brown capitalized on a SLUH defensive error that left see ON WITH THE SEASON, page 6

## Footballbills Suffer First Loss to Belleville East

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The Gridbills, after a superb start to their season, fell victim to the powerful running game of perennial rival Belleville East.

The Bills (2-1) began their season by soundly defeating the Pioneers of Kirkwood and the Panthers of O'Fallon, Ill. These victories boosted them to a third place ranking in the *PostDispatch* area poll before being upset by the Lancers of Belleville East by a score of 35-7. The Lancers, despite their twentieth place ranking in the *Post*, showed up with everything to gain and nothing to lose as the heavy underdog.

Senior guard Keith Gieseke summed up the general feeling towards this game, "We aren't playing to the ability that we are capable and last Friday showed." The game was equally discouraging for the fans who showed up in force for the home opener. Senior Chris Ryan noted that, "Things just didn't click this week. It was difficult to watch."

The Belleville East defense, apparently well aware of the potent Jr. Bill passing offense, came well prepared to defeat all Bill offensive efforts. The Lancer defense forced the Bills to attempt the pass all night long, leaving the talented Bill backfield idle. These efforts resulted in only ninety-two yards of total offense for the Bills. The Lancers kept the Bills on the defensive most of the night. The Bills had possession of the ball for approximately one-third of the game.

The Bill defense played a deceptively good game. Although allowing thirty-five points, they also scored the only SLUH points. A careless pass by East's Mike Dori was picked off by senior defensive back Tim Cuneo who easily ran the sixty-five yards separating him from the end zone.

The Bills were also faced with a see NEW WEEK, page 6

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him open in front of the goal.

The Spartans secured their lead with few minutes remaining in the half. A shot from the left wing sneaked by junior goalie Dave Jetton at the near post.

In response to the Spartans' consistent attacks, the Bills placed more emphasis on defense. This constant defensive effort eliminated many chances to score.

The game finally came to its conclusion, but not before DeSmet added another goal, sealing its victory at 3-0.

Coach Charlie Martel could only say, "We don't remain disciplined against DeSmet."

The Jr. Bills carried their 3-2-3 record into Monday night for a physical game against the St. Mary's Dragons at the St. Louis Soccer Park.

Although it is well-known for soccer, the Soccer Park was severely damaged by the Flood of '93, presenting a poor setting for SLUH to play St. Mary's.

However, St. Mary's did not seem to mind the divots and uneven terrain. Instead, the Dragons stuck to their plan and initiated a very aggressive game. But the Jr. Bills did not play the physical game that the Dragons did and SLUH suffered the consequences. At 25:37 St. Mary's

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by DeSmet, Hazelwood West, Columbia Hickman, and Francis Howell.

The freshmen and sophomores also performed very well with a second place finish. Sophomore Eric Monda finished third in the very competitive B race and qualified for varsity with a time of 17:59. The rest of the top seven B team finishers were Tim Blessing (18:20), Joe Donnelly (18:24), Ben Rosario (19:02), Matt Nischwitz (19:13), Dan Range (19:59), and Tim Lescher (20:00).

Linhares felt the JV and B teams performances were a "tremendous accomplishment."

The varsity, JV, and B teams are in action again tomorrow in the Hancock Invitational at Jefferson Barracks Park.

Greg Thebeau pumped a shot from twenty yards out that deflected off a Jr. Billiken and landed in the net.

Although they became more physical, the Jr. Bills continued to force the ball down the middle of the field during the second half. Thus, the Dragons easily handled nearly every SLUH offensive opportunity.

Thirty-four minutes after a failed Dragon breakaway, the game ended with a SLUH loss, 1-0.

Although "the work rate is high and the intensity is still there," commented assistant coach Mr. Dan Coughlin, "I think we need to make two main adjustments. We need to maintain possession in the mid-field, and we need to finish our opportunities. I think if we make these changes, we'd be a much-improved team."

The Soccer Park's glowing green artificial turf breathed new life into the Jr. Bills two nights ago as they played possibly their best game of the season against the Kohoks from Collinsville.

The Soccerbills took control of the game early, but offensive breaks did not come their way until the end of the first half. With five minutes left in the first half, senior Rob Garagiola drilled a pass from classmate co-captain Brian Hadlock past the shocked goal keeper.

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tough opponent in Lancer running back Aaron Friedenber. According to several members of the SLUH defensive line, "We would stop him at the line, but he wouldn't stop. He kept finding a way through us." This comment comes from a line which had terrified backs in its previous two games.

"Games with East are never typical nor do they represent how the season will turn out for either team," stated one experienced SLUH upperclassman.

Senior Nathan Cook was "disappointed because we couldn't live up to others' expectations as well as our own." However, the team is looking for revenge this week against Vianney. The game will be at Vianney tonight at 7:00 pm.

Although SLUH scored, the game remained deadlocked at halftime because Collinsville counter-attacked and took advantage of Jr. Billiken defensive jumbings.

The Jr. Bills continued their "ball control" and "two touch passing," according to Martel, throughout the second half. But once again, scoring did not resume until late in the game.

First, senior Paul Jost assisted on another Garagiola goal. Minutes later, with about 90 seconds left in the game, the Kohoks connected from the top of the penalty box.

But the scoring continued. In the waning seconds of the game, SLUH sealed its victory. Senior Greg King started the attack and crossed the ball to classmate Doug Schoenekase, who passed to sophomore Mike Amann. Amann released a waist-high shot from the left side at the top of the box. The goal clinched SLUH's first victory in 7 outings.

"We had a few defensive lapses," commented Martel, "but overall, they played a good game."

Last night's game against Fox marked the last game of the CYC Tournament for SLUH. The Soccerbills resume their regular season next Monday against Hazelwood Central.

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