Sports

Tourney, 8-2-2 in Last Twelve

by Dan Ehlman **Co-Editor**

The Granite City Tournament has done wonders for this year's varsity Soccerbills. Entering the tourney, SLUH had tied four games, lost five, and won only four. But since the "Great Awakening," the Jr. Bills flaunt a 8-2-2 record. This record includes, during the last two weeks, five wins, a tie, and a loss, climaxing when SLUH soundly defeated St. Mary's to become the champion of the Granite City Tournament of Champions.

SLUH began this two-week roll by outscoring opponents 7-1, four goals coming from senior Greg Rheinheimer, with wins over Bishop DuBourg and Francis Howell North.

Although the Martelbills had their heads in the game against

DuBourg, goals did not come until the second half. Rheinheimer headed in the first one with an assist from junior Pat Boyce. Senior Doug Schoenekase contributed a goal with his shot from 25 yards out, and then Rheinheimer added another header to give SLUH its 3-0, rather easy, victory.

But in a game in which Coach Charlie Martel thought would be tough, the Jr. Bills trounced Francis see GOAL, page 7



Jr. Bills Win Granite City Polobills Complete Another Flawless Regular Season

by Mike Sampson **Prep News Sports Reporter**

This week the SLUH Water Polo team was supposed to wrap up its regular season against Country Day and Parkway West. Unfortunately, both the Rams and Longhorns decided to forfeit their games against the "Intimidationbills," and thus, SLUH's 17-3 victory over Parkway South late last Friday night proved to be their last regular season win. O'Sullivan and Zimmerman again led the way with the usual support by Doug Maitz, Chris Leahy, John Young, and Tucker and Tyler Korte.

On Tuesday of last week, the team traveled to Eureka and left with an untarnished record and another mark in the win column. Next week the Jr. Bills will be defending their two-time

> District Water Polo Championships status in the District finals. The team will face an opponent early next week, but the time, date, and name of that opponent were not available at press time. If the Polobills win that game, they will advance to the semifinals witha61-Orecord. The match will be played at the new Recreational Complex for St. Charles County. The finals will be on the following day, Saturday, November 4.

Harriers Dominate MCC, Win District, Move to Sectionals by Jeff Merlo **Co-Editor**

After dominating the Metro Catholic Conference on all three levels the week before, the Harriers won the district title and advanced to the sectional meet, despite a lackluster performance.

The MCC meet was held at the Harrier's home course at Forest Park and the team definitely used it to its advantage. The varsity race featured the best battle for victory, between SLUH's Pat Hamel and CBC's Owen Donahue. After the first mile, it became a two-man race for the MCC champion. Hamel and Donahue battled back and forth, with the lead changing hands see GLOVES OFF, page 6 Footbills Win MCC, Stomp **Beaumont in District Opener** by Brent Coleman

of the Prep News Staff

The Jr. Bills continued their winning ways over the last two weeks with the completion of their third MCC sweep and a victory over Beaumont in district play.

Two weeks ago today, the Gridbills faced off against perennial rival CBC at Busch Stadium in what has become one of the greatest traditions in St. Louis high school football. As has been the trend this season, the Jr. Bills defense-in particular the line-was spectacular. Not only did the "D" crush all Cadet offensive endeavors, but it also scored a touchdown and set up a see SEEKING SUMNER, page 6

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several times. After the two-mile mark, Hamel showed he still had a lot left by throwing his gloves off and passing Donahue. With Donahue in front by about five meters, Hamel kicked in the final one hundred meters and blew past him, winning the race with a time of 16:28. Head Coach Jim Linhares said, "Hamel's race was a thrill."

After Hamel's exciting finish, SLUH's "pack" of senior Kevin Myers and juniors Tim Chik and Ben Fanson finished, grabbing third through fifth place. "I was pleased the way the team clumped up together," noted Linhares. All three ran their fastest times of the year—17:02, 17:05, and 17:19, respectively.

The entire top seven for SLUH medaled in the race including Joel Brown (17:37), tenth place, John Flynn (18:10), seventeenth place, and Tim Blessing (18:26), nineteenth place.

"The team almost had it all together," remarked Coach Linhares. "It was a breakthrough and a big shot in the arm."

The final team scores were SLUH23 points, DeSmet 41 points, CBC 67 points, Vianney 110 points, and Chaminade 130

Seeking Sumner

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The backfield, a stabilizing force for the Bills all year, led the offense throughout the game. Sophomore Renato Fitzpatrick led the backfield, thus establishing himself as a force in the area. Fitzpatrick rushed for 185 yards, garnering a nomination for the "Spotlight" feature in the *Post-Dispatch*.

SLUH's last MCC game of the season was a defensive test of wills for the rivals. However, the Cadets simply could not match the defensive might of SLUH. The Footbill defensive line shoved the disoriented Cadet backfield back and forced them to accept a humiliating two yard net loss. The secondary followed the line's lead by holding CBC quarterbacks Ross Terando and Jeff Clymer to a 32.5%

points.

The JV continued to stretch its unbeaten streak this year with a convincing win over the conference field. SLUH again had the individual champion in Keith Myers who won with a time of 17:54. The JV showed its depth by placing its top six runners in the top ten. John Weller finished second, Mark Bonk third, John Sauter fifth, Phil Kopf eighth, and Dan Range tenth. Joe Gianino rounded out the top seven JV finishers with an eighteenth place finish.

SLUH won with nineteen points, followed by DeSmet with 41, and CBC with 98. Chaminade and Vianney did not field a full team of JV runners.

The C team was no less successful than its varsity and JV counterparts as the top seven medaled and it defeated its conference rivals with a score of 24 points. Ben Rosario won in 18:36, followed by John Ramsey (18:50), Chris Graesser (18:59), ChrisLaRose (19:27), ScottLauer (19:40), John Christie (19:55), and Paul Lotus (19:56).

Coming off its impressive conference showing, the Harriers won the District at McCluer North by a narrow margin. The Jr. Bills placed four in the top

completion rating for a mere 159 yards on thirteen completions.

The game remained scoreless throughout the first half and well into the second half. At 9:00 of the third quarter, the Cadets were jarred from their false sense of security provided by the 0-0 score when senior John Klevorn intercepted a Cadet pass and returned the ball to the Cadet ten-yard line. Senior quarterback John McArthur followed his line into the endzone from the one yard line.

Following the SLUH kickoff, CBC's attempt to even the score was foiled by another interception, this one by senior Tim Cuneo. This time, however, the CBC defense could not catch up, allowing Cuneo to stroll into the endzone unopposed.

Although the Bills continued to control the Cadets, they were unable to score ten, but were not as impressive as usual in this weaker district.

The Jr. Bills' pack got off to a slow start due to a sharp hill at the start of the course, and found themselves boxed in at the back after the narrow first half mile. The top three got out and Hamel finished fourth in 17:12, Kevin Myers was sixth in 17:21, and Chik was seventh in 17:23. They were followed by Monda (17:36), Fanson (17:49), Brown, and Keith Myers.

The top four teams, SLUH, Hazelwood Central, Hazelwood West, and CBC, advanced to tomorrow's Sectional race along with the top twenty-five individuals.

Linhares commented, "The performance was understandable." He cited exams and a hard week of workouts for the team's flatness. However, he was "very pleased" that the team won.

In the final JV and C competition of the year last Wednesday, the JV was upset by Parkway South, snapping the JV's unbeaten streak of nearly two seasons. The C team placed a respectable second behind DeSmet.

The varsity will try to qualify for the State meet in its Sectional meet tomorrow morning at 11:00am at Sioux Passage.

again. Considering the 14-0 advantage enjoyed by the Gridbills, however, this lack of offensive production was a rather moot point.

The following week the Jr. Bills began district play against the Blue Jackets of Beaumont. This was the first of three district games which will determine who participates in post-season action. The Bills passed their first test with flying colors.

The Bills romped over the Blue Jackets 31-0. Both the defense and offense were excellent for the afternoon game.

The Footbills didn't strike until the second quarter when McArthur connected to senior David Ries for the first six of many points to grace the scoreboard that afternoon. Other contributors to the scor-

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