



Harrier Ben Rosario huffs and puffs his way to the finish line at Sioux Passage.

Fanson and Super Seven Succeed at Sioux Sectional; Jeff City Awaits

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The Cross Country Bills competed for the sectional title last weekend at Sioux Passage in North County, a course known as one of the most grueling in Missouri because of its infamous "man maker" hill and a back course loop that all cross country runners dread.

The Harrier bills, fueled by coach Jim Linhares' pep talk and cooking on Friday, raced to a second place finish which qualifies the team to race at the state meet in Jefferson City.

The team was able to come within one point of the sectional championship, won by Parkway South, even though SLUH did not race to its full potential.

Although ultimately disappointed with the performance, Linhares was able to put the race in perspective, saying, "Our one point loss on Saturday is going to fuel us to excel at the State Meet."

Leading the Jr. Bills was senior Ben Fanson who stepped to finish 11th with a time of 17:39. Following Fanson came junior Eric Monda at 16th with a time of 17:42.

The next two Harriers to cross the finish line were junior Joe Donnelly and senior captain Tim Chik, with times of 17:48 and 17:49, respectively. Sophomore Ben Rosario was the next best Jr. Bill finisher in 31st place with a time of 18:09. Expressing the sentiment of the team, Rosario noted, "It was very encouraging that even though we had bad times, we were still able to place second in the meet." Following Rosario was team mentor John Flynn, placing 36th with a time of 18:15. Rounding out the Top Seven was senior Joel Brown placing 40th with a time of 18:24.

Brown commented, "I saw in our [disappointing times] the hope of succeeding. We were [rather far] back in the race, but we were a pack. If our pack moves up, we will succeed." Optimistically, Tim Chik added that "this past Saturday's performance was disappointing because we had higher goals. But, we will make up for that at the State meet."

Tomorrow the SLUH Harriers will be racing against the top teams in Missouri at the State Cross Country Meet in Jefferson City.

Bulldogs Chew up Gridbills 26-0; Playoff Hopes Dashed

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What do Renato Fitzpatrick's 113 yards rushing, Brad Pennington's 16 tackles, Nick Sansone's first interception of the season and the shade of crimson on coach Gary Kornfeld's face have in common? They were the only bright spots prevalent at last Saturday's 26-0 district loss to the Bulldogs of Sumner, a loss which proved to be the worst since last season's 35-7 shellacking at the hands of Belleville East. However, unlike last year's loss to the Lancers, this defeat effectively knocked the Bills out of the

running for the district title and any shot at making the playoffs.

"The way we look at [our situation now] is that we get a chance to end our season on a high note," commented Kornfeld, referring to the possibility that SLUH, unlike in playoff years, could finish the season with a win when the team faces Roosevelt.

Heading into last Saturday's contest, a close game was expected as the 10th ranked Junior Bills squared off against the 13th ranked Bulldogs (*Post-Dispatch*) at the unfamiliar confines of Gateway Tech. Missing Tom Shaner see **ENDLESS SUMNER, page 6**

NIGHTLIGHTS

SOCCER: After trouncing Gateway 9-0, the Martelbills captured their District with a 4-2 win over DuBourg last night. Seniors Matt Powers and Craig Standley each netted a goal, and junior Jamie Miller also tallied a score. But senior Kevin Hogan was the star scoring his third goal in two nights and adding two assists. Next up for the Bills will be the winner of District 10, Tuesday at SLUH, at 7pm.