

## Soccerbills Fall Victim to Vianney 2-0; Continue to Struggle with MCC Rivals

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Through 16 games in the 1995 season, the SLUH soccer team had compiled a record of 10-6. All ten of the Bills' victories have come against non-conference teams, while five of the six defeats have come at the hands of traditional MCC rivals CBC, DeSmet, and Vianney. In the seventeenth contest of the year, the Martelbills were given an opportunity to improve this statistic, when they traveled to Griffin stadium to challenge Vianney.

In the first meeting between the two area powerhouses, taking place in the CBC tournament, the Griffins snuck away with a one-goal victory, despite being outplayed by the Bills. In their second shutdown of the year, Vianney topped the Jr. Bills by the score of 2-0.

SLUH nearly scored early in the match, when a Mike Amann shot was deflected away at the goal line. Minutes later, a throw in by junior Mike Adrian surprisingly landed in the net. Despite claims from the SLUH bench that it was

tipped in, the referee quickly called the goal back.

At the twenty minute mark of the first half, a Vianney striker managed to loft a shot over the arm of keeper Dave Jetton and into the goal giving the Griffins the advantage. Vianney doubled its lead when a pair of Griffins, left alone in the box, victimized a defenseless Jetton by punching the ball into the back of the net.

In the second half, SLUH pressured the Vianney defense, but came up short on several scoring chances. Taylor Twellman was literally inches from scoring on two separate occasions. The first shot skimmed the outside of the post as it zipped out of play, and the second, a headball, was deflected by a Vianney defender off the framework with approximately ten minutes remaining. The final score of the contest was 2-0, dropping the Billikens' record to 10-7.

Last season the Jr. Bills exploded in the annual Lotto/Pepsi-Cola Granite City tournament championship rattling off a 4-0-1 record in five games en route to Coach

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## Harrierbills Excel at Parkway West

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Hailed as "the best little meet in the state," the Parkway West Invitational played host to the Harriers on Saturday morning, with the boys in blue lining up against cross-country powers Francis Howell, Kirkwood, and Parkway West. The Harriers fared very well placing 2nd on varsity and 1st on the JV and Freshman divisions.

Head coach Jim Linhares described the varsity race as "the finest race of our season to this point." The Harriers as a team resurrected themselves in the last mile of the race and took enough places to defeat Kirkwood and Parkway West and place 2nd to Francis Howell. Leading SLUH was the pack of Tim Chik and Ben Fanson placing 12th and 13th with times of 17:04 and 17:05 respectively.

Next for the Jr. Bills was Joe Donnelly, placing 16th with a time of 17:14. Following Donnelly were Ben Rosario 21st with a time of 17:26, Tim see LEADIN' THE PACK, page 8

## Strong Defense Drives Hannickbills into Second Half of Season

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Despite a disappointing 4-4-1 record in the first half of the season, the C-Soccer team has high hopes for the remainder of the season.

The Froshbills, led by captains Greg Bierling, Matt Hicks, and Doug Kerr, have been plagued by injuries throughout the season. Fullback Nick Hunt went down with a broken foot, forward Jeff Brown with a broken thumb, and halfback Chris Keys was lost for the season with a broken leg.

Despite their record, the Hannickbills by no means have had a bad season. They have outscored opponents 12-6, including a 5-1 victory against Granite City. The team's defense, called by CBC's C team coach "the best defense he has seen this year," has allowed only six goals through nine games this year. In addition to the excellent defense, the team has been helped by standout goalkeeping from Kerr, who has posted four shutouts.

The C-Bills have endured several heartbreakers, including a 2-1 loss to Chaminade in the season opener and a 1-0 loss to CBC. Fullback Alec Frisch attributes the close losses to the team's "inability to finish" on scoring plays.

One of the personal highlights of the year was Bierling's two goals against DuBourg in SLUH's 2-0 victory. Bierling currently leads the team in goals with three.

Most recently, the freshmen Footballers tied Hazelwood Central 0-0 and lost to Francis Howell 1-0 in the DeSmet tournament, Sep-



Battling a Cav striker, Greg Bierling defends his home turf. September 30.

Next up for the C squad is DuBourg in the DeSmet tournament today at 3:30 at DeSmet,

## Puckbills Debut Early in Sunday Benefit Tournament at Kiel Center

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The hockey team will kick off its season unusually early this year as a result of the *Pucks of Power* tournament to be held at the Kiel Center on Sunday.

The tournament was organized by Lou Sengheiser, the father of Jason Sengheiser, a Vianney hockey player who was paralyzed after suffering a severe spinal cord injury during the summer of 1994. Proceeds from ticket sales will go to spinal cord injury research.

The Pucksters will take the ice at 10:30 a.m. against Jesuit Cup rival DeSmet. Led by senior captain Jason Kempf, the Busenbills will attempt to cope with the loss of ten key seniors from last season's club which reached the final four in the

state playoffs. Key returnees include Kempf, junior Kurt Labelle on the blueline, and a collection of forwards dominated by sophomores and juniors. Senior Ryan Zacher is the lone contributor up front from last year's squad. Juniors Mike Ciapciak and Mike Leinauer also expect more significant assignments.

The goaltending, however, isn't surrounded with as many questions. Senior John Rieker and junior Pat Rogers, both veterans of last year's squad, plan to split time between the pipes.

"We're small, but fast, and it'll be a good contest because it's us and DeSmet," commented Kempf. Tickets will be on sale today outside of the cafeteria for \$10.00. Come support the Hockeybills as they attempt to avenge last season's loss of the Jesuit Cup.

## Leadin' the Pack

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Blessing 24th, 17:33, and Joel Brown 31st with a time of 17:53. The varsity team was without Gerry Fitzgerald, who didn't race due to a minor injury. Linhares summed up the varsity team's performance by saying "this was another confirmation that we are making steady improvement. We beat Kirkwood which was very important because we want to be the best team in St. Louis, and we hadn't beaten them yet this season. It was an important milestone."

Once again the JV team destroyed all the competition by winning with a low score of 19 points. John Flynn led the pack of J.V. Harriers by winning the race with a time of 17:40. Eric Monda captured 2nd placing by racing to a time of 17:52. In 4th place with a time of 18:20 was John Ramsey, followed by Shannon Yates who placed 5th with a time of 18:28. Rounding out the top seven J.V. were Chris Graesser 7th, Ryan Monahan 11th, and Dan Range 12th with times of 18:31, 18:36, and 18:37 respectively. The JV had an absolutely phenomenal day in the quest to redeem

themselves from the upsetting loss to DeSmet the previous week.

The Freshman team also fared very well by winning the invitational. Their victory can be directly attributed to their effective pack running. The freshman Harriers captured 5th through 8th places. Leading the freshman team was Matt Crow, 5th, with a time of 19:17. Following Crow were Greg Leuchtman 6th, John Senn 7th, and Matt Schaefer respectively. The Harriers also had powerful performances by Phil Rutterer 13th at 19:39, John McGinnis 16th at 20:05 and John Crane 19th at 20:13. Linhares was very pleased with the JV and freshman teams' performances, "We totally dominated; we had great pack running, and we had a lot of personal bests."

On Tuesday, the team had the opportunity to race at the DuBourg Invitational. The JV team was entered into the varsity division and raced against varsity teams. The Harriers won the race soundly with a score of 40 points. Leading the Harriers was Eric Monda placing 4th with a time of 18:27. Following Monda, in 5th place was

## JV Polobills Out-Think Opponents

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With sophomore sensation Jeff Maitz starting on varsity and lost to the JV team for the season, coach Paul Baudendistel was guarded with his expectations of the team's chances. "We can't out-muscle or out-swim the other teams," he stated, "so we have to out-think them. We accomplish this by playing together, as a unified team." Eight games into the season, heads-up and coherent play have proven to be the JV's strengths and have given the team a respectable record.

After a heart-breaking season opening loss to Parkway North which Baudendistel deemed a "wake up call," the Polobills posted six straight wins over Parkway Central, Ladue,

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Ryan Monahan finishing at 18:45, and in 7th place Brian Burns with a time of 18:52.

SLUH also received strong showings from Dan Range 10 at 18:59, Matt Nischwitz 14th at 19:05, Luke Voytas 16th at 19:10 and Mark Bonk 19th at 19:14. Linhares calls it "quite an accomplishment. There were varsity teams there," [so our success] can be credited to the depth of our team."

On the eight-team level, total domination is the term that best describes SLUH's performance. John Ramsey won the race finishing with a time of 18:20. Unfortunately, during the race, runners became confused about the course layout. Ramsey was the only runner to run the course correctly, so the times for the rest of the runners could not be recorded. Following Ramsey was Chris Graesser 3rd, John Christie 4th, Scott Lauer 5th, Matt Schaefer 6th, Matt Crow 7th, and Mark Fingerhut 8th. It was a remarkable day on both levels.

The Harriers will be in action again today at the Metro Invitational held at Jefferson Barracks beginning at 4:00.