

## 3-1 Rout of Once Unbeaten Dragons Highlights 3-1 Week for Kickers

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The varsity Soccerbills experienced both sides of the soccer spectrum, losing to DeSmet, but defeating Mehlville, Oakville, and undefeated St. Mary's.

After seven straight games away from the friendly confines of SLUH stadium, the Jr. Bills finally had their homecoming last Thursday night against the Panthers of Mehlville, who were ranked ninth in the area (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*) prior to the contest. The Bills, paced by the play of the upperclassmen, decimated the Panthers in a 3-1 victory, lifting their record to 5-3.

The Soccerbills struck first when a scramble for the ball in front of the Mehlville net led to a point blank shot for John Sprengnether. The junior midfielder



wasted no time stuffing it into the webbing, putting SLUH up 1-0. With just a few ticks remaining in the half, junior Bill Sommer finished off a cross from senior Craig Standley, after slipping past the Panther defense. The lead was then chopped in half when Mehlville scored early in the second half. But midfielder Mike Amann, also a junior, put the game away, when he rifled a volley past the Panther goalie after a flurry of passes in front of the box by the Bills.

After the impressive win over Mehlville, Charlie Martel's boys traveled to arch rival DeSmet's stadium to take on the formidable Spartans, who had dealt the Bills what was their third consecutive loss just seven days earlier. In what was probably the team's poorest outing of the year, SLUH received a 3-0 see EXIT THE DRAGON, page 6

## Dominating Defense Compensates for Paltry Offensive Output in Gridbill Victory

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By concluding that this year's varsity football differs dramatically from last year's in areas such as the style of offense and the personnel on defense, it seems fairly safe to assume that the performance would be dramatically different, as well. However, after reviewing the Bills 2-1 record of this year opposed to their 2-1 record of last year, against the same trio of teams, you might be forced to revise the aforementioned assumption.

Despite the transition from a free-wheeling open air attack to a ball-controlling ground game and a major personnel overhaul on the defensive side of

the ball, the Bills once again are posting a 2-1 record heading into their MCC opener tonight against Vianney. Although the records are similar, the means by which the Bills have gone to achieving this 2-1 mark have differed greatly.

Behind the arm of Rob Jenkins, the Gridbills were tallying an average of 16 points a game last season as opposed to the ten they currently post. The major changes have come on defense. At this point last season, SLUH allowed almost 22 points a game on defense, making apparent the drawbacks of a quick strike offense. However, after a revamping of the offense, the defense has spent less time on the field resulting in an average of under twelve points a contest. "I'm see WOE TO GRIFFINS, page 7

## Harriers Capture 4th Place Finish at Hazelwood as Chik Shines

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The first thing that comes to mind when referring to the Hazelwood Central Invitational is the dreaded "man-maker hill," a massive hump on the course that twice must be overcome during the race. The Junior Bills Cross-Country team took on the hill in the invitational once again last Saturday, with all three levels racing very well. Many Harriers, in fact, had spectacular times despite the degree of difficulty of the course.

The varsity team placed 4th in the large field of teams. Although the team did not place as well as it would have liked, the team still showed enormous potential. Several excellent performances were turned in. Tim Chik, placing 8th with a time of 17:11, once again showed that he was an invitational class runner. Head coach Jim Linhares commented, "Chik ran a great race in terms of competing for places." Chik ran in the top 10 runners for the entire race. Ben Fanson also had an excellent race in terms of taking places. At the start of the race, he found himself boxed out, putting him in the back portion of runners going up the man-maker for the first time. But by the end of the race, he had battled his way up to the 19th place, finishing at 17:33. Following Fanson came the bulk of the Harriers: Ben Rosario 31st with a time of 17:51, John Flynn 37th with a time of 18:00, Joe Donnelly 38th, finishing at 18:02, Jerry Fitzgerald 40th at 18:06, and Tim Blessing crossing the line at 18:19.

When asked to comment on the team's performance, Captain Tim Chik said, "We could have placed higher; we had the potential, but we were still discovering how to run as a team." Coach Linhares wrapped up the meet by saying, "We can live with having Francis Howell beat us; they put a good pack together, and we know we will beat them later this year.

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# Racquetbills Prepare For 1995-96 Season in Search of New Blood

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With the loss of fifteen seniors from last year's state championship squad, most would assume that the upcoming racquetball season would be a rebuilding year; however, the 1995-'96 Racquetbills are confident that they can repeat as state champs.

During the present autumn session, players attempt to improve their games in intrasquad matches before formal competition in the winter season. Many of last year's freshmen and sophomores are eager to compete after getting a taste during stints on the JV and varsity squads.

With no cuts, everyone plays ladder games against other Racquetbills of simi-

lar ability, trying to grab the top spots for each match. In the upcoming winter season, over 27 players will compete on the varsity and junior varsity teams, with additional teams to be formed if more coaches can be found. Players of all levels of ability are invited to play in tournaments, regardless of the experience.

SLUH has developed the largest high school racquetball program in the nation and comes off last season clenching the state trophy.

Interested students should contact Coach Joe Koestner outside of the auditorium immediately after school on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Practices are held from 3:30 to 5:00 on these days at South Hampshire Racquetball Club on Heege Road.

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But we cannot be content with being beaten by DeSmet; they are a conference rival. If we have any hopes of doing well at state, we need to beat a team like DeSmet soundly."

In the J.V. race the Jr. Bills once again proved their dominance by winning with a score of 31 points. Joel Brown was the front runner for the Harriers in this race. Despite having to jump over a collapsed runner, shift his way through a pack of female runners in the girls' J.V. race running simultaneously, and dodging an ambulance for the aforementioned invalid, he still managed to win the race with a time of 18:21.

Following Brown, SLUH's J.V. pack attack was in full effect with Shannon Yates 5th, Ryan Monahan 7th, Matt Nischwitz 8th, Dan Range 10th, Mark Bonk 11th, and Francis Shen 12th, with times of 19:00, 19:10, 19:13, 19:39, 19:43, and 19:51 respectively. The J.V. team has proven itself to be the dominant J.V. team in the area

Along with the varsity and J.V.'s strong performance, the freshman/sophomore team put forth a solid performance placing 3rd to Jefferson City, who scored a shutout, and conference rival DeSmet. Leading the B team was John Ramsey finishing in 11th place with a time of 18:43. Following Ramsey was Scott Lauer 21st with a time of 19:15. Rounding out the top seven B team were Matt Crow 29th at 19:32, John Christie 33rd at 19:39, Mark Fingerhut 36th at 19:49, Matt Schaeffer 46th at 20:13, and John Ebel 52nd at 20:19.

The Harriers will be in action tomorrow at the Hancock Invitational held at Jefferson Barracks park.

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very happy with the way this year's defense has played," commented Coach Gary Kornfeld. "A lot of credit is due to the new [ball-controlling] offense."

The most recent of the two victories came last Friday night at Belleville East against the Lancers by a score of 7-0. Despite appearing to be a stellar defensive effort by both clubs, the Jr. Bill's proved to be the better of the two defenses by allowing a meager 74 yards of total offense. The Lancer's allowed 256 all-purpose Billiken yards. Junior sensation Renato Fitzpatrick led the offensive output with his strongest performance of the season, totalling 177 yards on 32 carries.

Junior quarterback Phil Winter posted another strong outing with 42 yards through the air on 7-14 passing and 28 yards rushing which included the only score of the game. A one-yard Winter sneak with just under five minutes to play in the first quarter began and ended all scoreboard activity for the evening. "We needed to capitalize on all of our opportunities; luckily we dominated on both sides of the ball," commented senior fullback Brad Pennington.

On defense, the Bills came out attacking the Lancer offense. For the second consecutive week, senior defensive end, Nick Sansone played a large role in containing the opposing offense. Tying the team high in tackles with five, Sansone was also impressive by making two of his tackles for losses and garnering one of the defense's two sacks. Pennington also posted five tackles in another strong effort for the senior linebacker.

However, it was the secondary which provided the most convincing evidence of SLUH defensive domination. Allowing just one yard through the air, the defensive backs effectively marked the secondary off-limits to any receiver who dared to retrieve a pass there. Once again heading the defensive backfield was Mark "The Sheriff" Delhougne, who posted three tackles while ridding the secondary of all evil-doers.

"The Sheriff" will lead his posse tonight against the Griffins of Vianney at 7:30 at the SLUH stadium. The Footballs begin their quest for a fourth consecutive MCC title in this conference opener.