

#1 Ranked SoccerBills Take CYC Tourney Title

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The varsity soccer team's "refuse to lose" approach has kept them undefeated since September 12, going 6-0-3 and earning them the #1 ranking in the latest *Post-Dispatch* large school poll. After a frustrating tie with Lindbergh last week, the Jr. Bills went on to dispose of three teams in three days winning the 42nd CYC/Bob Guelker Memorial Soccer Tournament.

"We're a blue-collar team. On six different occasions in the last week we have needed to score, and the team has got the job done. This team responds to adversity better than any team I've had," head coach Mr. Charlie Martel commented on his team's outstanding work ethic.

The Jr. Bills won 3-2 over St. Mary's,

powered by a junior Taylor Twellman hat trick. His third goal came with only 20 seconds left to play, breaking the deadlock and advancing SLUH to the semifinals. Not advancing to the semifinals was C.B.C., who lost to Mehlville 3-0 (a team SLUH beat 2-0).

The Jr. Bills then triumphed over Aquinas-Mercy, ranked #1 in the small schools poll, in the semifinal game by a score of 2-1. Two more goals were tallied by a more heavily defended Twellman, both in the first half from headballs. The Jr. Bills staved off a number of chances by a physical Aquinas-Mercy squad in the second half, allowing only one insignificant goal.

The "big game" came against large

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Harriers Pick Themselves Up at Hancock Invitational

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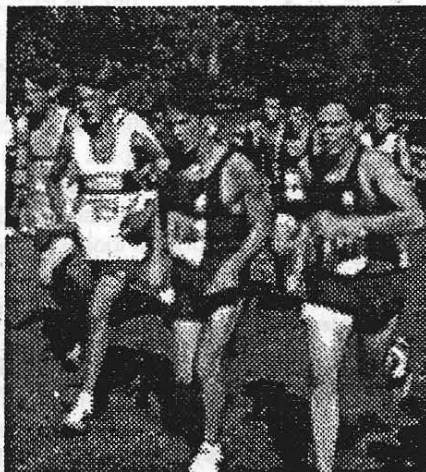
Last Saturday the cross country team ran in the largest meet in the state. In all, over 1800 racers covered the new 3.1 mile course at Jefferson Barracks park. Over 40 teams competed, including State favorites Jefferson City, Parkway West, and West Plains.

The Varsity was the first SLUH team to race the new course. About 100 yards into the race the runners bottlenecked as they funnelled through a narrow spot on the course. There was a lot of pushing and elbows being thrown as the members

of the crowded field jockeyed for position. Four out of the seven SLUH varsity

runners fell. They had to lay there and get trampled until the field passed. When they finally got up, they found themselves punctured by long 3/4 in. spikes that the wet course required. After the starting official refused to restart the race, the team brushed themselves off and tried to recover from their dead-last position

out of over two hundred runners. "That see TRIPPED UP, page 8



Jerry Fitzgerald and Joe Donnelly move up in the pack
photo by Ben Caldwell

Waterpolo Wins Suburban Central Championship

by Sean Zuckerman
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SLUH Water Polo has been rolling over its competition lately. Last week the Polobills participated in the Central Conference Tournament at Mary Institute Country Day School and the Rec-Plex in St. Peter's. The first opponent to face SLUH was arch-rival DeSmet. The Busenbills jumped out to an early lead and never looked back despite the efforts of DeSmet's star, Luke Moran.

In years past SLUH has always squared off against MICDS in the finals, however, this year the Aquajocks had to play them in the semifinal round. The team knew that this game was one of the most important games of the year and they came prepared. SLUH scored first and took an early lead. MICDS refused to give up and came back to overtake the Jr. Bills. Finally, when SLUH pulled even with MICDS in the fourth quarter, disaster struck. Junior Jeff Maitz was ejected from the game for having 3 kick-outs. To make matters worse, senior tri-captain Tyler Korte was also ejected which thus eliminated two of SLUH's stronger players.

Despite the loss of the key pair, the team would not let the game end that way.

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Tyler Korte and Jeff Maitz share a laugh during a recent WP game.

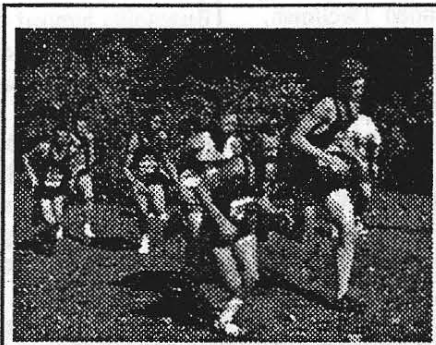
photo by Mr. Charles Woodard

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physical as cross country gets!" said junior runner Ben Rosario.

The SLUH team was able to regroup and get back into the race. Joe Donnelly, who was not involved in the pile up, finished first for SLUH covering the course with a time 17:33. That was good enough for 22nd place. Chris Graesser was the next SLUH finisher with a time of 17:56, putting him at 46th place. Sophomore Ken Reichert, running his first Varsity race, ran back through the pack after falling down to take 49th place finishing just under 18 minutes. Ben Rosario and Jerry Fitzgerald rounded out the top five with places of 54 and 56. Senior Eric Monda finished 61st with a time of 18:12. Junior John Christie, who was at the bottom of the pileup, came across the finish line with a time of 18:13, placing him 62nd in the field of over 200 runners. Even after the rough start, the Varsity Team was able to pick up fifth place behind rival De Smet, who finished third. Jefferson City won the race followed by West Plains. Parkway West would



have won the race if their top racer had not cut short the course.

The JV was next to tackle the course. They faced equally stiff competition but rose to the occasion to finish second to the mighty Jeff City Jays. They were led by Junior Luke Schulte's sixth place finish. John Ramsey was next at 8th with a time of 18:40. Senior Luke Voytas finished 10th with a time of 18:54. Scott Lauer placed 12th with a time of 19:04.

The B team kept Jeff City from sweeping the boys meet by winning their race. They were led by sophomore Greg Leuchtmann who finished 11th with a time of 19:03.

Matt Schaefer and pack were to soon follow. Schaefer finished 12th with a time of 19:05. He was followed closely by Alex "the Darkhorse" Spieser and freshman Murphy O'Brien. They placed 14th and 15th, respectfully. The B team proved again that they are one of the top teams in the state.

The Harriers go up against top ranked Parkway West this Saturday in the Parkway West Invitational

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school contender Chaminade in the tournament final. In years past, Chaminade has traditionally been known as the weakest of SLUH's MCC opponents, but this year they carried a 10-1-2 record into the final and a #6 ranking.

"I think they're good," says Twellman, "They hold the ball well. They're young but that doesn't matter. It seems like the MCC teams are pretty even this year."

Twellman didn't score in this game, but unfortunately his cousin Scott Twellman did, giving Chaminade a 1-0 lead at the half. Senior captain Mike Amann tied the score ten minutes into the second half after a run down the left side and a tough-angle shot. Both teams had chances to go ahead in regulation. After a streak up the middle, Chaminade's Joe Marshall fired his shot wide. SLUH senior midfielder Jamie Miller also came close to scoring, with a hard high shot tipped over by Chaminade's keeper.

At last the time came. Four minutes and nine seconds into the first ten-minute overtime period, the now-renowned defender senior Jason "The Beav" Struttman scored his first SLUH goal.

Capturing the four-foot tall tournament trophy did not guarantee an easy future for the Jr. Bills. No doubt a little tired from the tournament, they battled Hazelwood Central who was ranked #1 on Monday. SLUH went ahead in the first half with a goal by Twellman which initially appeared saved by the keeper but rolled past him and over the line. Hazelwood came back with a goal of their own late in the second half as a Hazelwood forward took advantage when senior defender Mike Adrian slipped, lifting the ball over keeper junior Brian Misse's leg. With about three minutes remaining, Hazelwood had another chance to score, but the shot banged off the crossbar. SLUH came right back a minute later, but a goal by Amann was disallowed because of a penalty called on sophomore Ryan Ossola behind the play. Poor officiating characterized the game and unfortunately, forced the Jr. Bills to settle for a 1-1 tie.

On A Roll

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The Deadlockbills came together and fought hard until the end when senior tri-captain Matt Guerrerio connected with a wide open Neil Asinger who put the ball in the goal and ended the standoff in sudden death overtime by a score of 7 to 6. "It was more evenly matched, but we triumphed in the end," com-

mented junior goalie Tim O'Connell who played an outstanding game shutting down the foe.

Last Saturday the Busenbills took on the Rams of Ladue in the all deep waters of the St. Peter's Rec-Plex. Despite some trouble early in the game, SLUH easily won by a score of 14 to 7, thus making them the Central Conference champions for the '96 water polo season.