

## Warning: Harriers Taking Off Team Wins Conference and District

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During the past few weeks the Harriers have been running wild and have made great strides since the beginning of the season. They blew by the competition at the Metro Catholic Conference meet and are the only SLUH team to win all their MCC titles. This streak was in jeopardy as the fifth ranked Junior Bills faced the number one team in the area, De Smet. No problem—final score: SLUH 19, De Smet 48, with all the varsity runners finished in the top eleven. The JV team barely won over De Smet. They were tied at 28 points after the five scoring runners had been totaled. It now came down to the sixth. The JV won because their sixth runner was in front of De Smet's. The Freshman did not fare quite as well. Three out of the top five runners were unable to

run because of injury.

Last Saturday, the Varsity traveled to McCluer North High School for the District meet. They continued their dominance as they outdistanced the nearest team by 50 points. All seven of the runners finished in the top ten. "Our pack is really starting to gel," added junior Ben Rosario who led the team for the first half of the race. Rosario finished 10th overall with a time of 17:46. John Christie, also getting All District honors, finished 9th. Sophomore sensation Ken "Phatty" Reichert continued to improve, finishing 6th with a time of 17:37. Finishing just in front of him was Chris Graesser. He medaled with a time of 17:33. Dueling it out for the third medal were Eric Monda and Jerry Fitzgerald. As they came down the stretch Jerry edged Monda with a time

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## Water Polo Prepares For Post-Season

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With victories in their last three games over MICDS, Lafayette, and Parkway West, the Polobills have maintained their perfect record and head into the District Tournament seeded number 1, ahead of arch-rival MICDS.

While most SLUH students were studying for their exams, the Aquajocks were battling with the Rams of MICDS. The Busenbills dominated play in the first half, outscoring CODASCO (Country Day School) 4-1. But the Jr. Bill effort collapsed during the third quarter allowing the Rams to knot the game up a four a piece. Late in the fourth quarter with less than a minute to go, Tyler Korte saved the game by blasting a shot past the

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## Martelbills Number One

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The varsity soccer team regained its status as the #1 team in the *Post-Dispatch* large school poll following C.B.C.'s loss to Lafayette 2-0 on Oct. 25 and the Jr. Bills' victory over Chaminade the same day. Since their loss to C.B.C. in the Granite City Tournament Final, the Jr. Bills have gone 5-0-1 bringing their record to 20-3-4. The team is eager to revenge their previous two losses to the Cadets, ready to prove their ranking as the real #1 team.

"Our play was off against Rockwood Summit," says senior defender Brian O'Neal, "but we picked it up against Rosary, and played well in the second half against Duchesne. C.B.C. will be tough—but I think we're ready."

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## District Rivalry Heats Up

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Two weeks ago, the Jr. Billikens lost a tough game to McCluer North, their starting quarterback, and their composure. However, they were able to rebound last Friday against DeSmet and gain their first district win, as well as their third in the MCC.

The Gridbills jumped on McCluer early from an outstanding first drive. After receiving the kickoff, the Bills drove down the field following the lead of running back Renato Fitzpatrick. Less than four minutes later, Fitz scored on a seven yard scoring run.

Near the end of the first quarter, the Stars countered with a touchdown to tie the game. The defense held McCluer's offense for the rest of the half, and linebacker Dave "T-Rex" Thielemier came up with an acrobatic and important interception to end a drive deep in SLUH territory. The Bills would also get another

touchdown in the second quarter to make the score 14-7 at halftime. After Fitzpatrick and captain Tayton "T-Bone" Fain took turns running the ball down the field, T-Bone would throw to flanker Josh "Jennings" Desfalvy for an 11 yard touchdown pass. Near the end of the half, quarterback Phil Winter's hand was hit while throwing a pass, breaking his middle finger. Winter ended the day completing 6-8 passes for 60 yards.

The Bills came out in the second half prepared to step up their play after their loss. SLUH scored midway into the third quarter on a 4 yard pass to junior tight end Bill Hippe from Fain, who had taken over for Winter. However, McCluer picked up a fumble by the offense inside the Bills' thirty-yard line. They capitalized, scoring on that possession, and with the two point conversion, the score was 21-15. The Gridbills ran into more bad luck when a fake punt failed inside their thirty-five

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The team has looked shaky lately, receiving tough competition from teams eager to prove themselves to the #1 Jr. Bills. Rockwood Summit tied the Jr. Bills 1-1 in the only game the Jr. Bills haven't won this year at home. An excess of fouls held back the Jr. Bills in one of the few games this year where they have been outshot and outplayed.

Rosary also gave SLUH some trouble in another physical match, but the Jr. Bills were determined not to have a repeat performance of the game against Summit. The Jr. Bills persevered a 2-1 win with the help of two goals by Taylor Twellman and strong play by senior defender Mike Adrian. The Jr. Bills went on to defeat Duchesne Wednesday 2-1. Pressure from Twellman resulted in a goal at 27:06 after dribbling around two defenders along the touchline, putting the ball in the lower right corner from about 2 yards out. Duchesne gave SLUH a tough first half, tying the game at 23:33 as the ball bounced around the goalmouth in the midst of a sea of players and was picked up by a Duchesne forward. SLUH turned it around in the second half, keeping play in Duchesne's third of the field. Pressure provoked a free kick which Twellman curved around the wall into the upper left 90 which proved to be the winning goal and Twellman's 32nd of the season.

Despite outshooting Francis Howell North 17-6, the Jr. Bills managed only one goal when senior midfielder Bill Sommer squeezed one in assisted by Dave Beck to give the Jr. Bills a 1-0 victory. The Jr. Bills also outplayed and outshot Belleville East 13-1, but only won 2-0. Aggressive play on both offense and defense by junior Joe Orso and senior Mike Adrian, helped power the Jr. Bills to victory, but not by much.

Another victory over Chaminade propelled the team back into their #1 ranking. Jamie Miller, developing a reputation for scoring in big games, picked up his fourth goal, and Twellman added yet another, giving SLUH a 2-0 victory. Midfielders John Sprengnether and Dave Beck, playmaker masters, provided assists in the game.

The Jr. Bills will face C.B.C. Saturday at C.B.C. in what could be considered the pre-state championship. "Our stats look pretty good," says junior statman Trey Sawyer, "there's no reason we shouldn't win."

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of 17:26. Joe Donnelly nipped Jake Beeman, of Hazelwood Central, at the sprint to finish first.

Most of the team ended their season this past Wednesday at the annual Finlay Invitation with many personal best times. The Finlay Invitational consisted of some of the areas top JV and Freshman teams competing in their final race of the year. The Freshman team was edged by rival De Smet but had some great individual performances. Dan Westlund finished second overall with a time of 18:27. Murphy O'Brien, who led most of the race, finished fourth with a time of 18:32. Ted Snodgrass came through with a 6th place finish. Other freshman with strong performances were Dan Graesser, Jim Moran, and Matt Solberg. This last race

shows promise for the next few years.

The JV dominated the competition and once again showed the great depth that this cross country team possesses. Many of these guys would be Varsity runners on other teams. Winning the 3.1 mile race with a time of 17:16 was Junior John Ramsey. Ramsey smashed his personal best by 45 seconds. Luke Schulte finished third with a time of 17:31. Scott Lauer, Tim Blessing, and Matt Schaeffer finished 5th, 6th, and 7th respectfully. Earning Varsity letters for the first time were John McGinnis, Greg Leuchtman, and Sean Burns.

This Saturday the varsity makes one more stop along the way to the State Meet. They square off against top-ranked Parkway West and Parkway South at 10:30 at Sioux Passage Park. They will encounter 8 other top teams and try to take revenge on "Man Maker".

## T-Bone

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yard line. Defense penalties and mental errors aided the Stars' offense to a nine play drive that ended in a touchdown.

The Bills' offense drove down the field as time wound down. Winter's thirty-seven yard field goal with less than half of a minute to go was blocked. The Billikens' hopes were dashed, and they dropped to 5-2 with the 22-21 loss.

Last Friday, SLUH was determined to bounce back from the tough loss and slam MCC-rival DeSmet. DeSmet had problems scoring as the SLUH defense posted its fourth shutout of the season. The Gridbills went up 14-0 in the first half. Junior split end Jimmy Vreeland caught a five yard scoring pass from Fain in the first quarter. Fain hooked up later with "Jennings" Desfalvy on a pass down the sideline. Desfalvy would break two tackles and speed down the field for 67 yards and a touchdown. In the second half, strong safety Matt "El Diablo" Orso would intercept the Spartan quarterback and go 81 yards for his second defensive touchdown of the year. Leading 21-0, SLUH methodically drove down the field

behind the running of Fitzpatrick in the fourth quarter. Fitz's 12 yard touchdown run capped the scoring and sealed the game for the Bills. Fitzpatrick trampled over the overmatched Spartans for 118 yards on 19 carries.

Thielemier capped the day with 19 tackles, bringing his two game total to 35. Orso and fellow linebacker Mark Shea helped out as well, posting 9 and 12 tackles respectively. Junior defensive lineman Jim "Valentine" LaBarbera would pick up the Bills only sack and play a good game in the trenches.

With the momentum of this first and decisive district win, the Gridbills look to attack their last two district opponents in their quest for the playoffs. Be sure to be at the big game tonight in the stadium where SLUH faces off against district opponent Gateway Tech at 7:30. The man, the myth, the legend, senior cornerback Tom Pettit states that, "We have to build upon our good play in the first game and play our best football now during district time." Also, a reminder to all SLUH football fans: buy your tickets now for the SLUH vs CBC football game next Friday. If the game hasn't sold out already, IT WILL. Don't be left out.