

Busenbills Capture State

by Sean Zuckerman
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SLUH Water Polo has again established its dominance in the St. Louis area by defeating John Burroughs and arch-rival MICDS for the District Title (the equivalent of "State" for Water Polo).

Last Friday night the Polobills dominated the game against the Bombers of Burroughs at the Rec-Plex. SLUH scored first and jumped out to an insurmountable lead. Coach Charlie Busenhart commented "We went out, played great polo and allowed the non-starters to get plenty of playing time."

The Busenbills earned their tenth straight berth in the District Championships facing off against the Rams of Mary Institute Country Day School. The Speedobills jumped out to an early lead thanks to three goals by senior tri-captain Tyler Korte. However, the Jr. Billiken effort fell apart and MICDS came back to gain the lead going into the fourth quarter. The Aquajock's come back effort was

capped off with nine seconds on the clock when senior tri-captain Neil Asinger drew a four meter penalty shot which Korte converted to knot the game at seven. The Polobills had several opportunities with which to score but were characterized by senior tri-captain Matt Guerrierio, who narrowly missed three shots by hitting the bar. But despite the missed attempts, SLUH put the game away in sudden death after being deadlocked for an additional two periods when junior Justin Woodard converted on a six-on-five power play to give SLUH the win and the District Title. "Neil [Asinger] told us to pick up the intensity and make it the last period of the year," remarked Woodard. Fans also enjoyed the game as much as the players. Matt Zerega commented "It was the most exciting game I've ever been to."

SLUH Water Polo caps its perfect season this Sunday when they hold their annual banquet for players and parents where they will discuss this season and their hopes and dreams for next year.

Puckbills Fall to South

by Josh Hoeynck
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Last Monday night, the Jr. Bill Hockey team opened up their season against Parkway South at the Affton Rink. The Hockeybills were hoping to expand on their incredible performance in the Pucks of Power tournament only one week before the opening game.

The Jr. Bills came out flying against the Patriots in the first period. The Jr. Bills established the pace of the game on the first shift when the first line threw four consecutive shots at the Parkway netminder. The Bills held this pace throughout the first period, outshooting the Patriots two to one by the end of the period.

The Puckbills opened up the scoring in the first period on a power play. Senior captain Kurt Labelle slid a pass at the blueline to junior forward John Glennon, who then threw a pass to jun-

ior power-forward Jerry McNeive. McNeive then backhanded the puck past the Parkway netminder to put the Bills up 1-0.

However, in the second period the Hockeybills fell apart. The rest of the game belonged to Parkway South. A Parkway defender beat SLUH goalie Patrick Rogers when he shot a butterfly slap shot that fooled the entire SLUH team, evening the score at 1-1.

South continued to pummel the Bills offensively, scoring four consecutive goals against the Puckbills, ending the game with a 5-1 loss for the Bills.

Head Coach Mr. Charlie Busenhart was disappointed with the performance by the Bills. He said, "Our shifts were too long, we got too tired, and we didn't do anything right."

The Bills plan to redeem themselves next Saturday night against the Parkway West Longhorns. The game starts at 10:30 p.m. at the Affton Rink.

Mixed Results at State Meet

by Joe Donnelly and Matt Schaefer
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The Saint Louis University High School's Cross Country team's cinderella season came to an end last Saturday. The team started off the season quietly. Local papers focused their attention on rivals Desmet and Parkway South. The Harriers started off the season ranked eighth in the area.

About midway through the season, however, the team began to turn things around. Still, the outstanding team was turning few heads. "I would have thought that you were crazy if you told me this team was going to win sectionals," said assistant coach Greg Linhares. After a solid second place finish at the Parkway West Invitational, Coach Jim Linhares pulled the varsity team out of the next meet to train longer for the conference championships. The varsity was eager to race at the MCC conference meet and DeSmet had no idea of how talented the team was," said Linhares. The rest paid off as the 6th ranked Harriers mowed down the number one ranked DeSmet Spartans by a score of nineteen to forty-eight. The team also went on to blow away the competition at districts.

Despite their successes, the harriers were still not the top dogs in the area. They were ranked third and had to go up against Parkway West and Parkway South at the sectional meet, the top teams in St. Louis. At sectionals they came from behind to win the race, making see **SECTIONAL CHAMPS**, page 8



Luke Schulte, Luke Voytas, and Matt Nischwitz go crazy at State

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them number one in the area. "We were still not satisfied, and we began to focus on doing well at the state meet," said junior Ben Rosario. With the team on a winning streak and still improving, success looked achievable.

"We tried to put the past behind us," said captain Eric Monda, speaking of the Junior Bills' traditional short-comings at the state meet. "It was hard not to notice what the other teams and especially *The Post* were saying about us," commented Monda. The team left for State with the goal of exorcising the demons of the past and bringing home a trophy.

The team awoke Saturday to find it cloudy and below freezing outside. By the time the race started, it had warmed up slightly. Nevertheless, it began to snow as the team headed to the starting line. Even though Jerry Fitzgerald slipped on the line, the Harriers got out to great start. All seven runners were in the top fifteen by the 800 meter mark. By the mile mark, the team had spread out. "The cold was starting make my lungs burn," Graesser added.

The team's quick start began to affect them as the race went on. The Harriers did not pack together as they had done in their previous wins. The team finished the race 9th overall, five places behind their goal. Donnelly finished 19th overall. Next for the Junior Bills was sophomore sensation Ken "I'm Phat" Reichert, finishing 37th overall with a time of 17:22. Senior Jerry "Ironman" Fitzgerald finished 55th, with Eric "Honda" Monda crossing the line next for the Fleet-of-Foot Bills. After passing thirty-five runners in the last half mile, he finished 71th. Rounding out the top five was Chris "The Man Of One Million Stretches" Graesser, finishing 117th. A few steps back was John Christie at 120th. Junior Ben Rosario capped off the top seven with a 131st placing.

The team did not do as well as they had hoped, but the season will never be considered a failure. "This is the best team, by far, I have ever coached in my thirteen years," said Linhares. The team

would also like to thank all those people who traveled all the way down to state, cheered them on, and all those people who baked those delicious cookies. They would also like to very much like to thank the members of the Rob Behm Orange Crush 69ers fan club who painted signs as well as their shirtless bodies in the freezing weather at the State Cross Country Meet.

Racqueteers Get on Track

by Mr. Frank DelRosario
Special to the Prep News

As the football and soccer teams remain in contention for the state title, SLUH's racquetball team has just kicked off its season at Concord Racquetball Club in fine fashion.

The varsity Racqueteers faced off against rival Kirkwood last Tuesday, defeating them handily in six out of the seven matches. The winning members are the following: Jeff Rombach (seed one), Jason Schlude (seed two), Kevin Sinnwell (seed four), Jason Stockman (seed five), Tim Dickmeyer (seed six), Ted Norwood and Brian Borgmeyer (doubles). The third seed, Tim Hodits, played a grueling match, but was eventually overwhelmed. The JV1 team, led by Scott Ziegler, also humiliated Kirkwood at Concord Racquet Club on Tuesday by winning all five matches.

With this smashing victory under the varsity Racquetbills' belt, the JV2 and JV4 squads both stormed out and defeated their respective teams of DeSmet the next day at Concord also.

The JV4 team, composed of Bart Cicuto, Todd Barrett, Dan Moore, Curt Williams, and Ken Nesmith, earned a superb victory of five matches to none..

The JV3 team had as well played on Monday of last week at Richmond Heights, beating Parkway West's JV2 team four games to one. Overall, the Racquetbills look promising.

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impressive running of both Keegan and O'Neal.

The team came back home for its game against Beaumont. Their 18-0 defeat of Beaumont was marked by two safeties. One occurred in the third quarter by Joe Donley and the other during the fourth quarter by Dan Parker.

The B-Gridbills then went on another road trip, this time visiting Vianney. All of SLUH's points were scored in the third quarter as the Jr. Bills defeated Vianney 13-7. The Footbills then returned home for a game against the Wolverines of Vashon. Although SLUH's lone score came on a 25 yard field goal by Dwivedy, the game was marked by the impressive running of Pat Finney and Jae Philips. A five yard touchdown run by Vashon made the score 6-3 as the Wolverines handed SLUH its second loss of the season.

Regaining their composure, the sophomore team walloped Chaminade 21-6, improving their record to 4-2. SLUH then traveled to McCluer North, where they won 19-7.

The B-Gridbills' next stop was DeSmet where they played one of the best games of their season. The stellar running of 132 yards by Philips pushed SLUH past DeSmet 14-12. The team ended its three game road trip with a 27-8 mauling of Gateway.

Season statistics show that the team's rushers gained 1,686 yards on 325 carries. "The great ground attack was made possible by the big holes created by the line," said Philips. SLUH's passing game consisted of 31 completions in 84 attempts for 417 yards and 12 interceptions. Commenting on the season, center Nick Wade said, "It was a great improvement from last year, but we can still get better for next year."

PN Nightbeat

Varsity Soccer: Twellman-4
Hazelwood West-2

CBC's 1-0 win over DeSmet means SLUH will meet CBC Saturday at the Soccer Park for the Semifinals.