

Gridbills Vanquish Vashon *Fitzpatrick Reaches 3000 yard Plateau*

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Friday night in the stadium, Renato Fitzpatrick became the first running back in SLUH's long football history to rush for 3,000 career yards. Fitzpatrick eclipsed this amazing mark in only the fifth game of the season, powering the Gridbills to victory. Vashon was unable to keep pace with the high powered Jr. Bills' offense that racked up 403 total yards. The Jr. Bills' defense shutout streak ended after 13 quarters as Vashon scored in second quarter on a 36 yard pass. However, the Gridbills' defense would hold the speedy Wolverines to only two touchdowns and make a couple of key stops in the second half. The defense left the rest of the game to Fitzpatrick and quarterback Phil Winter.

Fitz would lead the Bills' attack with 160 yards rushing on 28 carries for three touchdowns. He now has 644 yards rushing and 10 touchdowns for the season. Winter danced around Vashon's defensive pressure, throwing for 178 yards and a touchdown. The touchdown pass was a bullet over the middle to split-end Josh Desfalvy for 59 yards. A hook up between Winter and junior tight end Bill Hippe would go for 53 yards and set up a Fitzpatrick touchdown. Winter would also score the opening touchdown on a sneak from one yard. It was otherwise Fitzpatrick's game. Winter commented that, "Renato's second effort running ability is the best in the state. He just doesn't want to stop."

A seven play, 68 yard drive by the Bills that clinched the game was all Fitz. Behind the tough blocking of the offensive line, Fitz ran over Vashon defenders finishing with a 12 yard touchdown run for the final score. Kicker Taylor Twellman's extra point capped the scoring as the Bills won 37-16. Fitzpatrick would hit the 3000 yard mark early in the next offensive series. The packed house gave him a well deserved standing ovation as he was awarded the game ball.

On the other side of the ball the defense was able to shut down the Vashon offense in the second half after an early touchdown. Tayton "T-Bone" Fain made a huge interception, his third of the year, late in the third quarter to end a Vashon drive that had penetrated SLUH's 20 yard line. Captain Matt "El Diablo" Orso had six solo tackles playing strong safety. The two senior linebackers, Dave "T-Rex" Thielemier (9 tackles) and Mark Shea (11 tackles), helped shut down the Wolverines' rushing attack. Senior Mark Rachal (5 tackles) had another sack and played an overall solid game at defensive end.

After boosting their record to 4-1 with the victory over Vashon, the Gridbills are ready to improve their MCC record to 2-0 tonight at Chaminade. Take the trip out to West County and watch as Fitzpatrick looks to keep the Bills' offense running at full speed.

SLUH Soccer Raging Towards Title At Granite City

by Patrick Williams
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The varsity soccer team lived up to their #1 ranking this week by defeating Vianney 1-0 on Saturday and Aquinas-Mercy 4-1 Tuesday in the first round of the Granite City Tournament. The win over Vianney was an important prelude to the highly competitive Granite City Tournament used to gauge state champion contenders at mid-season.

Senior midfielder Jamie Miller scored the only goal of the game at 15:47 into the first half coming off a throw-in by senior defender Mike Adrian. The ball was bouncing around a Vianney defender when Miller stepped up and put it in.

"It was sitting there waiting for me," says Miller, "All that was left for me was to put it in the goal."

Though SLUH maintained possession of the ball throughout the game, there were relatively few chances to score. With

Harriers Head West to Success

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Last Saturday, the varsity Harrierbills took second place, losing to Parkway West at the Parkway West Invitational. At the same meet, the junior varsity team won first place, beating DeSmet and Parkway West. The freshman team earned second place, losing to DeSmet.

"It showed we can compete with good teams like Parkway West," commented sophomore varsity runner Ken Reichert.

Junior Ben Rosario provided a pleasant surprise for his teammates, leading the SLUH squad and finishing tenth overall at 17:13. Joe Donnelly followed at Rosario's heels in 11th place with a time of 17:15. Jerry Fitzgerald rounded out SLUH's top pack at 12th place with a time of 17:16. John Christie followed with a time of 17:23 at 15th place. Chris Graesser com-

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4:45 remaining in the first half, senior midfielder John Sprengnether passed to Taylor Twellman, who shot from about 25 yards out, banging the ball between the crossbar and the up-right. Vianney then started the second half strongly. At 2:45 into the second half, junior keeper Brian Missey made a tough save at his waist, coming off an attempted headball on a Vianney corner-kick. There were no other real chances to score the rest of the game for either team.

Despite the low score and few offensive threats, there were plenty of nifty moves for SLUH fans to cheer about. Twellman avenged Vianney defender Jeff Bell's violently physical play from the previous match up, by flipping the ball over Bell's head and then crossing the ball to junior forward Tim Gibbons. He later made a behind the back pass to Miller, completely fooling Bell. Nifty moves by

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JV Cross Country: Oct 5: Parkway West Invitational: finished first of 9 teams
C Cross Country: Oct 5: Parkway West Invitational: finished second of 9 teams
B Football (3-2): Oct 3: SLUH 3, Vashon 6; scoring: Dwivedy 25 yd. FG
C Football (1-3): Oct 5: SLUH 7, Belleville East 8; scoring: Kornfeld 1 yd run (kick good)
B Soccer (11-0-3): Oct 2: SLUH 3, Aquinas-Mercy 1; scoring: Warwick, Devereux, and Neary
 Oct 4: SLUH 0, DeSmet 0;
 Oct 5: SLUH 1, Vianney 0; scoring: Ehmke
 Oct 7: SLUH 5, Collinsville 0; scoring: Cerny, Neary, Brown(2), and Schaper
 Oct 9: SLUH 1, CBC 1
C Soccer (11-0): Sept 27: SLUH 1, Granite City 0; scoring: Vigil
 Oct 2: SLUH 1, CBC 0; scoring: Vigil
 Oct 3: SLUH 2, Duchesne 0; scoring: Vigil(2)
 Oct 5: SLUH 2, Hazelwood Central 0; scoring: Sebek and Allen
 Oct 5: SLUH 1, Francis Howell 0; scoring: Sebek
 Oct 8: SLUH 2, DuBourg 0; scoring: Pope and Sebek
JV Waterpolo (7-0): Oct 4: SLUH 7, Chaminade 2; scoring: Wideman(3), Ziegler, MULLEN!!, Penilla, Lubbert
 Oct 8: SLUH 9, DeSmet 5; scoring: Wideman(3), Mullen, Penilla(2), Christoff(2), Casalone

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senior Bill Sommer and expert control by Sprengnether reflected the high skill level of this year's team.

The team defeated Aquinas-Mercy for the third time this year 4-1 in the first round of the Granite City Tournament. Granite City re-sodded the formerly rough and hard playing surface and painted a soccer ball in the center of the field to prepare for this year's tournament. Twellman netted two goals, and both Tim Gibbons and Dave Beck added one goal apiece in the conquering of Aquinas-Mercy. The Varsitybills continued their success by topping Rosary 5-3 on Wednesday.

SLUH soccer has shown total domination on all levels in the '96 season. Not only is the varsity team ranked #1, but the C-Team and B-Team are undefeated. The B-Team is 11-0-3, and won the SLUH Tournament by tying CBC 1-1. The team beat Vianney on Saturday 1-0, and Collinsville on Monday 5-0. The freshmen team is 11-0, defeating MCC powers CBC 1-0, Vianney twice 1-0 and 3-1, and Chaminade 5-0 over the course of their season. This week, the team beat Hazelwood Central 2-0 and Francis Howell 1-0 on Saturday and DuBourg 2-0 on Tuesday, advancing to the semifinals of the DeSmet Tournament tomorrow.

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pleted the top five at 16th place with a time of 17:32. Eric Monda came in sixth for the team with a time of 17:36 at 20th place. Rounding out the top seven was Ken Reichert with a time of 17:44 at 22nd place.

The JV team practically dominated the field taking 13 of the 20 medals. Luke Schulte took the lead early and ran away from the field, finishing in a time of 17:52, 15 seconds ahead of second place. John Ramsey placed second, providing a strong one-two punch with Schulte. Scott Lauer and Matt Schaeffer also finished in the top five overall with times of 18:12 and 18:16, respectively.

Both the varsity and the JV teams captured a first place finish at the DuBourg Invitational meet this past Tuesday at Wilmore Park. Sophomore Matt Crow led the team with a second place finish. Luke Voytas took third place with a time of 18:09. Both earned their varsity letters by breaking 18:15 on a 3.1 mile course. In the JV race, Ryan Monahan won in a time of 18:10 also earning his varsity letter. "I just felt good and went out there to win," explained Monahan.

The team will compete this afternoon in the Metro Invitational Meet at Jefferson Barracks in south St. Louis. It is the last large invitational before the state championship and will include many of the best teams from both sides of the river.

B-Gridbills Find Victory

by Robert Hutchison

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After defeating Beaumont 18-0 two weeks ago, the B-Footbills were looking for another win as they traveled to Vianney.

After a scoreless first quarter, the B-Gridbills got things going in the second quarter with a 39 yard touchdown pass from quarterback Dave Iverson to tight end Dan Parker. A converted extra point by kicker Sanjay Dwivedy put them ahead 7-0. The Vianney offense then struck back by scoring on a 30 yard touchdown pass.

With the end of the first half nearing, SLUH began another drive down field. Hoping to catch the Vianney defense off guard, SLUH faked a run to Jordan Rouff, who then threw a 45 yard pass to a wide open Will Schmitt for another SLUH touchdown. The extra point failed, but the B-Footbills had regained the lead and held on to win 13-7.

"Both touchdowns were set up by the great running by the backs," said offensive guard Matt Harrison.

Despite the low-scoring game, the B-Footbills had 39 carries for 216 yards and completed three of five passes for 86 yards and two touchdowns. "The offense moved the ball well, thanks to the big holes provided by the line," stated fullback Chris Keevan. Tim Craft added, "We played a great game because we finally played as a team."

After the win over Vianney, the B-Gridbills came home to take on the Wolverines of Vashon. SLUH took the lead in the first quarter with a 27 yard field goal by Dwivedy to make the score 3-0.

Both teams battled back and forth, with neither team scoring until the fourth quarter. Vashon's hopes were renewed when Iverson's pass was intercepted by a Vashon cornerback for a touchdown. They tried for the two-point conversion but failed. The damage had been done, however, with Vashon taking the 6-3 lead. SLUH regained possession with five minutes remaining. Their drive was rekindled by the running of Jae Phillips and Pat Finney. It fell short, however, as Vashon's defense shut SLUH down. The game ended with a 6-3 Vashon win. Consequently, the B-Team's record fell to 3-2.

Tomorrow the team will try to avenge its record against the Chaminade Flyers.