

#1 Ranked XC Targets State

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The top three cross-country teams in St. Louis according to the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* poll, Parkway West, Parkway South, and SLUH, clashed Saturday at Sioux Passage park. This Sectional meet, heralded as one of the toughest in the state, was the last race for the harriers before the State Championships tomorrow. SLUH arrived as the underdog, but came from behind in the last mile and a half to pull off a stellar victory.

The Harriers ran a terrific race, placing six runners in the top 25. Junior Ben Rosario grabbed 25th place in a time of 17:31. Fellow junior Chris Graesser ran his usual solid race, placing 19th in 17:22.

The top four runners all had outstanding races, conquering Manmaker Hill as well as Parkway West and Parkway South to bring home the Sectional plaque. Sophomore sensation Ken "Phatty" Reichert missed a medal by one second, finishing 12th in a time of 17:11. He also narrowly missed Coach Rob Behm's old sophomore record on the course. He was edged out for a medal by teammate John Christie, who ran through an illness but still finished 10th in 17:10. Seniors Jerry Fitzgerald and Joe Donnelly battled it out for the honor of leading the team. Donnelly narrowly edged Fitzgerald at the line for a 7th place finish in a time of 17:05. Fitzgerald finished in 8th at 17:06.

This victory extended the Harriers winning streak to three and solidifies their status as candidates for a state trophy. Senior Eric Monda, who finished 34th at Sectionals, commented, "I think if we run like this at state, we're going to be pretty hard to stop."

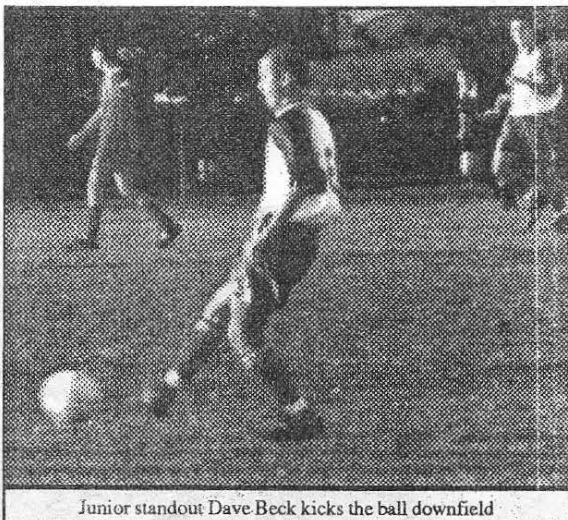
Varsity Soccer Rolls Into Postseason With MCC Title

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The 1996 varsity soccer team experienced their finest hour and twenty minutes Saturday when they clinched the MCC crown with a 1-0 victory over C.B.C. This triumph vaulted the Jr. Bills into postseason play with a solidified #1 area ranking.

At 19:38 of the first half, Taylor Twellman fed a through pass to junior Dave Beck, who left-footed the ball into the lower right corner of the net. Senior captain Mike Amann, playing midfield, had initiated the play with a pass to Twellman.

"It was easily our best effort of the year," exclaimed Martel. "It was just fantastic! We came through under pressure and jumped on them in the first twenty minutes—something we've been working on all year. One of the major reasons we did well was that we won the 50-50 balls."



Junior standout Dave Beck kicks the ball downfield

Martel's strategic positioning of both Beck and Amann up front paid off. Extremely strong play of late by SLUH's defense, lead by the stellar example of senior Mike Adrian, has enabled Martel to move Amann up front for more scoring power. As a result, SLUH clearly dominated play in the first half as a very tight, cohesive SLUH offense kept constant pressure on the Cadets.

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Polobills Hungry For Crown

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Tonight, while most SLUH fans will be cheering on the football team against CBC, the Busenbills will be battling Marquette for a berth in Saturday night's district championship game.

Monday afternoon the Speedobills squared off against the Wildcats of Eureka. SLUH dominated the game thanks to strong play from the entire team. Juniors Matt Arnoldy, Brendan Gates, Tony Erker, and Mark Schrewe all made important contributions to guide the Polobills to an easy 17-5 victory. The Junior Bills were also supported by strong

goaltending from junior Tim O'Connell, who snuffed several late Wildcat comeback attempts. Gates commented, "We all played well and everybody was able to make a contribution."

For the third time in as many weeks, the Aquajocks jostled with the Lafayette Lancers yesterday. SLUH scored first and put the Lancers down three nothing early in the first quarter, but Lafayette's physical style of play demanded attention. SLUH still controlled most of the game, however. The Busenbills shut down Lafayette's offense by forcing turnovers and poor shots and then capitaliz-

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