

Soccer Team Upsets State Champs Overtime Goal Boosts Jr. Bills to Victory

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If the Varsity Soccer Team was standing on solid ground last week, then this week they began their climb towards the state tournament. By no means an easy ascent, the Jr. Bills made steady progress with victories over De Smet and Rockwood Summit, and a tie with Lindbergh.

The Jr. Bills faced a crucial contest last Saturday. After losing to the Spartans in last year's State Championship and again this year in the C.B.C. Tournament, SLUH finally beat them 1-0. The game was a hard fought battle dominated by tenacious defense on both sides. De Smet's best scoring chance came late in the first half on a penalty shot, but a dynamic save by junior keeper Brian Missey maintained the stalemate. SLUH senior midfielder John Sprengnether finally broke the deadlock with a goal in the

second ten-minute overtime period.

"We played as hard as we possibly could," said senior midfielder Bill Sommer, "but we had some trouble keeping the ball in their third of the field."

SLUH fans approved of the team's hard work, with senior Jamie Seitz calling it, "power-packed action."

"It ruled," exclaimed senior Matt Winkler, "It's the first time we've beat them since 1991—how could it do anything but?"

Propelled by their victory over last year's state champs, the Jr. Bills charged past Rockwood Summit 3-1 in their first game of the CYC Tournament at Soccer Park. Goals were scored by juniors Taylor Twellman and Tim Gibbons and senior Jamie Miller.

A tighter contest was played against a very fast, aggressive Lindbergh squad which reigned as state champs two years
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Gridbill Offense Blasts Beaumont

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For the second week in a row the gridbills posted a shutout, and this time the offense started to click. The huge crowd of painted Jr. Billiken fans saw a glimpse of what the SLUH offense could do as they racked up 40 points on an overmatched Beaumont. The scoring began early in the game as the defense quickly shut down the Bluejackets and forced them to punt. A good return by senior captain Tayton "T-Bone" Fain put the Bills offense inside their opponents twenty.

The footbills decided to go to the air quickly as senior quarterback Phil Winter connected with junior flanker Josh Desfalvy for a 14 yard touchdown pass. The Billikens jumped to a 7-0 lead but were unable to score again in the quarter. The defense continued to pound the Beaumont offense, keeping them from getting anything going on the ground.

The offense picked it up in the second quarter with Winter directing the offense to three scores. Senior running back Renato Fitzpatrick ran for tough yards, as the Bills marched to their second score. Fitzpatrick finished the game with 62 yards on 10 carries in just over a half of play. Coach Gary Kornfeld threw a little bit of trickery into the game as the Bills performed the quarterback throwback pass to perfection. Winter pitched the ball to Fain in the backfield as the footbills seemed to be running a sweep to the right. Instead, Fain stopped, set up, and turned the other way firing the ball to an uncovered Winter for a thirty-one yard gain as the Bluejackets milled around in confusion. That set up Fitz's seven yard touchdown scamper and seemed to give the Bills a boost offensively.

The SLUH offense quickly got the ball back as the defense again forced the Beaumont offense to punt. The passing of
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Harriers Level Manmaker at Sioux Passage

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This past Saturday, the Harriers ran at the Hazelwood Invitational at Sioux Passage Park to take on "Man-Maker Hill" and excellent teams like Jeff City, DeSmet, and Francis Howell.

The varsity team placed third out of 26 teams. It turns out that they had more to compete with than the hill and the competition. A broken shoelace five minutes before the race and a runner vomiting on the line had the team psyched out. When the gun went off, the team got down to business.

The Harriers took the lead early and stayed there for the first half of the race. As the team began to fade, junior John Christie picked up the pace to finish 18th with a time of 17:28. Right on his heels were Jerry Fitzgerald (21st), Chris Graesser (22nd), and Joe Donnelly (23rd) with times of 17:31, 17:32, and 17:33. Also medaling at 30th was Ben Rosario with a time of 17:42. Finishing sixth on the team in the varsity race was Eric Monda at 43rd place with a time of 18:07. "We had an outstanding Varsity pack," commented Coach Jim Linhares, "There were only five seconds from one to four on the team."

The JV and B teams also faced stiff competition and the wrath of the hill. Overcoming the obstacles, the JV team finished third and the B team second in a close race.

The top three runners on the JV level were juniors John Ramsey, 3rd in 18:18, Scott Lauer, 7th in 18:35, and Luke Voytas in 19:09. The B team was led by sophomore Ken Reichert running a gutsy race by vying for the lead and finishing third with a time of 17:52 earning him a spot on varsity this Saturday. Fellow sophomore Matt Schaeffer came in fourth
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Win With Winter

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Winter and the running of Fitzpatrick again led the Bills to seven, finishing with Winter's one yard sneak. The Gridbills seemed to be ready to go into the lockerroom with a comfortable 21-0 lead. However, thanks to the tireless efforts of the defense, the Jr. Bills regained the ball with under two minutes remaining in the half. Winter led the Bills' offense back down the field determined to score. Desfalvy made a great running catch that he seemed to pull off the ground to put SLUH deep into Beaumont territory. Winter then tossed a pass to Carroll in the corner of the endzone capping the drive. The 11 yard touchdown pass put the Jr. Bills up 27-0 going into the second half after the missed extra point. Winter would hit Desfalvy again for 19 yards and his third touchdown of the night.

The defensive secondary for the Bills was the story of the game as Beaumont only completed two passes to their own receivers. However, the Bluejackets were intercepted three times by the Billikens, twice by veteran free safety Fain, and once by senior cornerback Tom "Petty" Pettit. Adding the play of senior strong safety Matt "el diablo" Orso and senior cornerback Victor Vigil, Beaumont could accomplish nothing through the air. It was fitting that the Bills' defense finished off the scoring as Jeff Moore picked up a fumble and returned it 35 yards for the score, blazing past potential tacklers as well as his own blockers. Winter commented that, "Although the offense did look better, the team can not afford the mental lapses against a tougher opponent." Orso added, "I'm still waiting for us to pick up our play to the level we can."

After the demolishing of Beaumont, the footbills will face their first MCC opponent in Vianney at the Stadium. The Jr. Bills look to start on the road to gaining back their MCC dominance tonight against the Griffins at 7:00 p.m. The gridbills thank the the huge number of students attending last Friday's game, and the team hopes for continued support against their MCC foe. The blue crew will be once again be in attendance to whip the crowd into a frenzy.

Pack Rats

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at 18:30. Running an impressive race for their first 5K were freshman Dan Westlund and Murphy O'Brien. Westlund finished with a time of 19:00 flat putting him tenth overall. Alex "the Dark Horse" Speiser came through with a big race. His time of 19:13 placed him 18th in the race and on the team's top fourteen. Donnelly commented, "Overall we showed we're ready to be an area leader."

This past Wednesday the freshmen Harriers ventured to Hazelwood East to maintain SLUH's annual dominance at the 18 team meet. SLUH came out unscathed as they demolished the competition. Despite starting from an unfavorable position, the squad made up the start and moved up throughout the race. Westlund led the team with his fourth place finish in 13:31 on the 2.2 mile course. O'Brien finished just 5 seconds behind Westlund in fifth place. Ted Snodgrass was the third Jr. Bill to finish in a time of 14:06. Mark Monda and Dan Graesser finished fourth and fifth on the team with times of 14:19 and 14:27, respectively. The team outdistanced the nearest competitor, De Smet, by 18 points, 63 to 81.

This Saturday the Harriers will travel to Jefferson Barracks park to take on state favorite Jeff City, perennial power West Plains, and rival De Smet in the largest race of the year.

Sudden Death

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ago. Lindbergh went ahead early. "They got pretty excited when they scored their first goal, I guess because they were beating SLUH," mused senior defender Brian O'Neal.

SLUH came right back though as Taylor Twellman found the back of the net to tie the game 1-1. With 13:46 left in the first half, Lindbergh went ahead once again when a free kick by senior captain Adam Welp from about 30 yards out was deflected by a Lindbergh forward's head through the hands of Missey into the goal. Lindbergh continued their high level of intensity into the second half, creating two close opportunities within thirty seconds of one another. About fifteen minutes into the half, two long sinking shots were barely deflected over the net by Missey.

SLUH dominated from then on, but still had difficulty penetrating the Flyers' defense. Their opportunity finally came with only 5:30 remaining, when a 30-yard shot from Sprengnether caught the keeper screened, forcing him to deflect the ball just wide resulting in a SLUH corner kick. Twellman met the corner kick as it sailed in and, in the midst of traffic, volleyed it into the goal. The Jr. Bills were forced to settle for a tie due to the lack of overtime play in the tournament. For a tournament update on last night's game versus St. Mary's, see the *PN* Nightbeat on page 4.

VOTE!!!

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Election time. While the rest of the country will go to the polls November 5 to vote for Democratic and Republican candidates, SLUH also plans to hold its own political process.

Next Wednesday and Thursday, the SLUH community will be greeted by two political representatives from local campaign offices.

On Wednesday, Mr. Ray Gruender, a SLUH grad and head representative of the Dole/Kemp campaign office, will be here during activity period to speak about the Dole/

Kemp campaign and answer any questions from students. On Thursday, a representative from the St. Louis area Clinton/Gore campaign office will be here during activity period to talk about the campaign and field any questions students might have.

Beginning Monday, October 14 and ending that Thursday, October 17, the Mock Election Committee will hold voter registration before and after school and during the activity and lunch periods. Students must be registered in order to vote in the election that Thursday. Actual voting booths and real ballots will be utilized to vote for the President of the United States and the Governor of Missouri.