

Number One Harriers Soccerbills Look To Hancock Invitational Rage Through CYC Tourney

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This past Friday, the SLUH cross country team traveled north to compete in the Hazelwood Invitational and take on the infamous "Manmaker" hill.

However, as the Jr. Bills stepped to the starting line they realized that they would have to contend with more than just the hill. Suffocating heat and humidity quickly sapped the energy from their bodies. Slow times reflected the difficulty of the course and the conditions, but the times became irrelevant as the race became a battle to survive.

The varsity raced without five of its top seven runners who elected to train through the meet in order to prepare for more important races later in the season. The remaining runners stepped up to lead the team against CBC and defending state champion Jeffer-

son City. Despite a strong effort, the team struggled to keep up with the top teams, finishing fifth in a field of over twenty-five schools.

Sophomore Ted Snodgrass continued his early success by overcoming the less than ideal conditions with an outstanding 14th place finish. Fellow sophomore Mark Monda followed Snodgrass' success, finishing 24th.

The sophomores have consistently performed at a high level this year, and have displayed incredible promise for the future, Head Coach Jim Linhares said. Currently three of seven runners on the varsity team are sophomores.

"These guys have shown a lot of guts racing with some of the best in the state," said Linhares. "I'm impressed with their effort."

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Gridbills Swat BlueJackets

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Last Friday night's football game against Beaumont was characterized by frequent scoring by the offense and solid play by the defense. This allowed Head Coach Gary Kornfeld to play all of his reserves in the second half.

"It was great to be on the field, under the lights, in front of the home crowd," said junior linebacker Joe Donley, "But I was nervous out there."

The offense had no difficulty scoring on the Beaumont defense. Senior flanker Josh Desfalvy showed his receiving skills in the first quarter by scoring on a 16-yard pass from junior fullback Jordan Rouff and later on a seven-yard pass from sophomore quarterback Mark Kornfeld.

Showing their offensive versatility, the Footbills scored three rushing touchdowns in the second quarter. Senior halfback Dan Harvath dove two yards into the end zone at the very beginning of the quarter. Junior halfback Jae Phillips sprinted five yards into

the end zone for six points. Finally, Kornfeld ended the quarter by running in from five yards out at the end of the quarter.

The addition of a 60-yard score off an interception by senior free safety Chris Carroll, and three extra points from senior kicker Chris Linck, gave the Jr. Bills a 39-0 half-time lead.

Not to be forgotten, though, is the SLUH defense. "The defense really stepped it up this game," said Carroll. Carroll did indeed "step it up," managing a blocked punt, a recovered fumble, and two interceptions, one of which was returned for a touchdown.

"My ribs were really hurting on that last interception," said Carroll. "I was hoping that I wasn't going to be tackled, so I figured that I had better put it in."

With starters on the bench to start the second half, many new faces showed off their ability. The offense, lead by the strong right arm of senior quarterback Mike Geiss, moved the ball well, but had difficulty scoring.

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The SLUH varsity soccer team took on MCC rival DeSmet, Saturday. The team was out to avenge a previous 2-0 loss to the Spartans in the CBC tournament.

That game was before Taylor Twellman's return. The addition of Twellman's offensive skills shifted the odds in favor of the Jr. Bills.

The team, though, still lacked junior defenders Matt Hicks, Ryan Ossola, and sophomore Steve Elias because of injuries. Elias was out with a sprained ankle, which was injured in a game against Mehlville.

The Jr. Bills had only a couple of scoring chances in the first half, one of which they capitalized on. Sophomore Dave Minges headed a bouncing ball in front of the net past a sprawling goalie that put SLUH ahead 1-0.

At halftime, an obviously upset DeSmet coach reprimanded his players, encouraging them to work harder. This outburst apparently helped the Spartans, who came out strong in the second half by scoring in the first two minutes of play.

The Bills bounced right back with a goal by Twellman. On the play, the ball was crossed to Twellman who dove to head the ball into the corner of the goal.

With only two minutes left in the game, the squad received a scare on a corner kick by DeSmet. Goalie Brian Missey tried to punch the ball over the net, but missed. Simultaneously, a Spartan player came flying by, narrowly missing the ball, which hit off the post. The game ended with SLUH on top by a score of 2-1.

Said Coach Charlie Martel, "The defense played awesome."

On Monday, SLUH played its first game of the CYC tournament against a
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Bills Storm Way To Rams Rematch

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The SLUH water polo team heads into its rematch with arch-rival Mary Institute-Country Day School tomorrow night. The Junior Bills fought back from a heart-breaking loss to the Rams with three wins over Parkway North, Parkway Central, and Ladue.

After the tough loss to MICDS, the team faced Parkway North the next day. Sluggish and tired, the Jr. Bills got off to a slow start, but pulled it together to defeat the Vikings.

The Jr. Bills ended the week against the Parkway Central Colts. They were exhausted and sloppy play led to a 1-1 tie at the end of the first quarter. But, the team came together, playing tighter defense and counter-attacking harder. This allowed the Polobills to soundly defeat the Colts by a score of 11-7.

The Jr. Bills headed into the Suburban Central Conference Tournament garnering a number one seed and a first round bye. In the second round they

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The defense forced two turnovers and recorded its first shutout of the season. Senior defensive end John Shen sacked the Beaumont quarterback twice for a total loss of 22 yards. Junior defensive back Ian Schuster and sophomore defensive back Joe Thaman each recorded an interception.

Beaumont did threaten to score on the last play of the game when a BlueJacket running back broke down the sidelines. He was knocked out of bounds on a monster hit by junior defensive back Phil Wagenknecht and the game ended in a 39-0 shutout victory for the Gridbills.

Tonight, at 7:30 p.m., the Footbills travel to Vianney for a game against an improved and tough Golden Griffin squad. The Footbills will try to ruin Vianney's perfect 3-0 record.

faced off against the Ladue Rams. The Rams came out ready for a game, while SLUH did not. Sloppy play allowed the Rams to keep the game tied into the second half when the Jr. Bills organized and pulled away from the number three team in the state. Bolstered by numerous late goals, the team won 12-6, propelling them to a rematch with MICDS tomorrow.

The second game between these two teams in as many weeks could prove to be a more exciting and even game.

"This game will determine who the better conditioned and skilled team is. In the last game, we didn't utilize the bottom of the pool like MICDS did, so having no bottom will make it a more even test of who is better," said Head Coach Charlie Busenhart.

The game is at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow night at the St. Peter's (Mo.) Rec Plex. All fans are encouraged to make the voyage to see the polo team battle it out with MICDS.

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in medaling were senior Luke Schulte, junior Matt Schaeffer, and Matt Crow. John Ramsey and Ken Reichert rounded out the varsity finishers for the Jr. Bills.

The JV Harriers had their hands full with Jeff City as well, finishing second to the Jays, who took the first five places. Junior John Senn led the SLUH attack, finishing sixth, with fellow classmates Alex Speiser and Chris Abbott in seventh and eleventh, respectively. Juniors Phil Rutterer, John McGinnis, and Sean Burns completed the top seven, all of whom were medalists.

Despite not performing up to their standards at Hazelwood, the Varsity Harriers are now ranked number one in the St. Louis area, ahead of conference rivals DeSmet and CBC.

After last week's tough meet, the entire team now has its sights set on the Hancock Invitational at Jefferson Barracks Park tomorrow morning. This race is the largest one on the Harriers schedule, with over 30 teams competing.

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defensive-minded Collinsville team. Collinsville played with eight defenders around the penalty box.

In the second half Twellman was stopped twice by the Collinsville goalie, who came up with two incredible saves.

The game ended in a scoreless tie, which gave SLUH two points for the first game of the tournament.

Going into Tuesday night's game with fire in their eyes, the Bills showed no mercy to St. Pius, defeating them by a score of 4-2.

The steady downpour of rain hampered the ball control of the SLUH players, and the wet astroturf made the ball skip more than usual. The conditions seemed not to affect Twellman as he racked up his second hat trick of the season. The first goal was scored on a pass by Greg Schaller, who hit a long ball to the streaking Twellman. He then placed a shot by the goalie. He struck again with four minutes remaining in the first half on an almost exact replica of his first shot. In the second half, Twellman wound up and cranked a shot that squeezed through the the legs of the Pius goalie.

Sophomore Matt Sebek also scored in the first half, shooting the ball past the goalie to cap off a dribbling sequence.

With less than two minutes to go in the first half, a penalty kick was called against goalie Doug Kerr. Kerr saved the initial shot, but the rebound slipped by.

St. Pius scored on another well-executed deadball play in the second half. The ball was crossed to a St. Pius player, who headed the ball by Kerr.

With the win, the team added another six points to its previous two, bringing its two game total to eight. In order to advance out of its bracket, the team has to beat Collinsville in points. The Kahoks are presently in second with seven points.

The team played St. Mary's last night at the Anheuser-Busch Sports Complex winning 5-0. See PN Nightbeat for details.