

“O o o o h B a b y ,” Harriers Busenbills Invade Kiel Six-Peat At MCC Meet

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This Sunday, October 26, at the Kiel Center, Coach Charlie Busenhart and the Puckbills will open their hockey season with the third annual “Pucks of Power” tournament.

The tournament was organized in 1995 by Lou Sengheiser whose son Jamie, a Vianney hockey player, fell down a flight of stairs and broke his neck. The proceeds benefit the St. Louis University Spinal Cord Research program, which has been working to reverse the effects of paralysis.

The team opens the tournament with a first round contest against the defending champion Vianney Griffins at 10:00 a.m.

The Pucksters suffered a heartbreaking loss in a shootout during last year’s tournament finals at the hands of the Griffins. The Jr. Bills surprised everyone by defeating the CBC Cadets in the first round last year, and then by beating the Parkway Central Colts en route to the championship contest.

Despite the outcome of last year’s matchup with the Griffins, the players are looking forward to this year’s tourney.

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away the O’Fallon team. SLUH now felt ready to face MCC rival Vianney. The Jr. Bills led entering the final quarter but a deflected pass found the hands of a Vianney defender who went on to score the game winning touchdown. Dismayed at this, SLUH sought to avenge its loss to Vianney against Vashon. SLUH scored early and often, beating Vashon by a convincing score, 35-6.

Next, the team traveled to Chaminade for another important MCC game. It was a hard fought game on both sides and the two teams were tied 0-0 at the half. An

“This is our chance to avenge our loss to Vianney last year,” junior forward Paul Fedchak said.

However, the Jr. Bills will be a little shorthanded come Sunday. Junior defensenmen Gus Papagianis and Blake Schaefering, as well as three-year varsity forward John Glennon will not be playing in the tournament, due to prior commitments. “We’re missing three key players, which may end up hurting us,” senior Josh Franklin said.

Despite the team’s setbacks, they are still greatly anticipating their first game of the preseason. “I look forward to playing at Kiel. We should win a few games,” said sophomore forward Chris Wirtel.

As well as the tournament itself, the day also features an exhibition game at 7:00 p.m. between the St. Louis University Billiken Alumni, and the St. Louis Blues Alumni as a prelude to the championship game. An all day ticket for the event costs a mere \$10, with all proceeds going towards spinal cord research. Tickets are available from Coach Busenhart or any of the varsity or junior varsity players.

If the excitement of last year’s tourney is any indicator of how this year’s contest will shape up, it should be a provocative afternoon.

amazing 45 yard field goal by the Chaminade kicker placed them up by three at the end of the third quarter. In the fourth quarter, SLUH scored a touchdown and an extra point putting them in the lead, but another late score by the opponent placed Chaminade in the lead for good.

Finally, the B-team played McCluer North last Friday afternoon in the SLUH stadium. Again the Jr. Bills came out strong and played to their full potential, beating the McCluer team soundly.

The B-team’s next game is this Saturday in the SLUH stadium when they will play De Smet at 10 a.m.

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This past Saturday, the Junior Bills travelled to Forest Park to take on their arch-rivals in the Metro Catholic Conference.

The varsity team, five-time defending champions, came in as overwhelming favorites to conquer the competition and the runners did not disappoint. Seniors Ben Rosario and John Christie surged to the front early and set a torrid pace for the rest of the pack to follow.

As the race neared the two and a half mile mark the individual championship came down to Rosario and Mike Krull of CBC. Rosario, despite leading almost the entire race, was surprised by a strategic move by Krull, who pulled away and won in the last 200 meters, leaving Rosario second at 16:25, three seconds behind. Christie remained tough throughout, finishing fourth in an outstanding time of 16:41.

The pack was led by junior Ken Reichert, who finished in a personal best of 17:02.

In the JV race, the Junior Bills successfully defended their title. Junior Matt Schaefer won in an excellent time of 17:15, placing him on the varsity team for tomorrow’s District meet.

The C-Bills completed the SLUH sweep led by Dave Godar who finished third overall.

As in the varsity race, the individual title came down to a sprint to the finish which left SLUH’s Dave Godar just steps behind in third place with a of 18:15.

The team will compete in the District Meet tomorrow at McCluer North at 10:00 a.m.

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