

Bills Bounce Back After Loss To MICDS Rams

Harriers Shake It Up In Columbia

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The Polobills head into next week's Suburban Conference Tournament a little tired and battered, both emotionally and physically, after a tough week consisting of three games.

This season was the dawn of the "new" water polo dynasty after the District Title was regained last year, but the dawn was dimmed last Tuesday night at Mary Institute-Country Day School.

With a packed house, Head Coach Charlie Busenhart's boys squared off with arch-rival MICDS, who together with SLUH has dominated the water polo scene in St. Louis.

After a rather long delay due to clock problems, the game began with the Jr. Bills taking the early lead. While the first three

quarters yielded a rather low score, the fourth quarter proved to be the killer for SLUH's team with MICDS scoring four goals. The game ended at a disappointing 7-6 score in favor of the Rams.

"We did not have a let down. People stepped up and played the game very well," Busenhart said.



Excited Junior Bills cheer on the PoloBills during last Tuesday's meet at MICDS.

The grueling schedule continued on the next night with another away game against the Parkway North Vikings. The game got off to a slow start with the exhaustion of the team showing in its sluggish play. The Jr. Bills, however, pulled it together and took a commanding lead keeping the Vikings shut out in the first half. Some sloppy defense enabled North, backed by its enthusiastic crowd, to close the gap to 12-9 — the final score.

Tonight the polo teams face off against the Parkway Central Colts at 4 and 5 p.m. at Forest Park Community College. Next week, they head into the Suburban Conference Tournament with a bye in the first round.

Kickers Struggle At CBC

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Last Thursday, the SLUH varsity soccer team lost its second game of the CBC tournament to a strong DeSmet squad. The Soccerbills look to avenge their loss tomorrow night.

The team had to play without defenders Matt Hicks and Ryan Ossola and striker Taylor Twellman. Hicks is out due to an injury in his knee and ankle. According to Coach Charles Martel, he is expected to be playing again in about three and a half weeks. Ossola has a "bone tissue problem" in his leg and "should be back in time for the rematch against DeSmet Saturday."

The team did not come out aggressively at the start of the first half, and DeSmet outplayed them. Brian Missey, who played well in goal, miskicked the

ball which landed on the foot of a DeSmet forward. A SLUH defender failed in trying to clear the defensive zone, and DeSmet's Bob Pruitt drilled a shot by Missey.

In the second half, the Jr. Bills went back to their regular style of play: getting quick counter-attacks which resulted in many scoring opportunities, but they failed to capitalize these chances into goals.

The referee called a penalty on Missey during a breakaway by a Spartan player. On the play, Missey grabbed the player's leg instead of getting the ball. DeSmet then scored on the ensuing penalty kick.

Next up for SLUH in the CBC tournament were the Cadets of CBC. The Cadets, playing on their home turf and having already clinched the tournament

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Last Saturday the varsity and JV cross country teams traveled to Columbia to compete in the prestigious Mizzou Sportshake Invitational held at the A.J. Gustin golf course.

The team faced stiff competition from the defending state champion Jefferson City Jays and runner-up West Plains Zizzers.

The varsity responded to the challenge by running possibly the best race in SLUH cross country history. Few runners ever see the nether side of that elusive seventeen minute barrier. On this day five Jr. Bills broke it.

This superb performance led to an outstanding fourth place finish for the varsity. The team finished merely six points behind West Plains. The JV team also ran a tough race, and won second to the strong Jeff City contingent there.

Senior Ben Rosario, fueled by his traditional pre-race breakfast of bananas and water, led the Harrierbills with an eighth place finish and a time of 16:18. Following Rosario through the fairways were sophomore Murphy O'Brien in 20th with a time of 16:36, senior tri-captain Chris Graesser, 24th, in 16:42, Scott Lauer, 28th, in 16:48, and sophomore Ted Snodgrass, 30th, in 16:53. Rounding out the top seven were John Christie and Ken Reichert.

Coach Jim Linhares called the race "a day to measure future years by." It was also a great day for the JV team. Sophomore Mark Mondahad an especially strong race. He finished second in only 17:25, a minute lower than his previous personal best. He was followed by Matt Schaeffer, Matt Crow, John Ramsey, Luke Shulte and Matt Brice, who all dipped under the eighteen minute barrier.

Assistant Coach Rob Behm was thrilled with the team's performance, calling it "a breakthrough day."

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CAR WASH

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[they] are doing is opening [the club] up to everybody: whites, blacks, anybody. It's a great idea."

Jae Phillips, a junior and current member of the club, said, "This way it won't be considered just for blacks; anybody can come and participate."

This year's moderators are Mary Miller, Dave Mouldon, and Spencer McCall. The officers for this year are Tyson Pillow, Sam Llanos, Darryl Frierson, Eric Rachal, and Coleman Franklin.

The A.C.E.S. will hold their first fundraiser, a car wash, this Sunday, September 21, on the faculty parking lot. Members of Rosati Kain's Organization for the Appreciation of Black Culture will be helping out. The cost is \$5 for a car and \$8 for everything else. Hot dogs and sodas will be sold for 50 cents.

HOLY SPIRIT

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lot of time, as [much] as six hours [on the candle ceremony alone]. I was happy to see that come together," he said.

Garavaglia expressed initial nervousness about the mass. "Going to my first all-school liturgy, in this position, I didn't know what to think. But then when I thought about it, things did go pretty well," he said.

"We had a lot of students who were involved, a lot of freshmen and a lot of seniors. And so I was pleased to see them come together."

Tony Peniston, a senior, saw the need to recognize the Mass of the Holy Spirit's special qualities. "The music is different than any other Mass. And there's always something unique about it — there was the candle procession this time. The spirit that everyone had at the end of the mass, with everyone clapping along, was great. It was the kind of presentation that really made you want to be involved," he said.

Sheridan reiterated what his homily during the mass spoke about.

"Did we feel like a family? Yes. Did we praise God properly? Yes. It was great just to see all of us together."

SOCCER

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title, seemed to have an advantage over the Jr. Bills. SLUH, playing as if not aware of this, fought hard against CBC throughout the game.

The first half featured strong defensive play on the part of both teams, allowing neither team to score.

Brian Missey kept the game close by coming up with key saves, but with only 17 minutes left in the second half, a crossing pass to an open Cadet player resulted in the only goal of the game.

Senior Tim Gibbons, in an effort to salvage the game, hit a rocket shot from 25 yards out that thumped the crossbar. After this effort, SLUH continued to get more scoring chances, but could not capitalize.

Martel commented that although he was disappointed with the outcome of the game, he was "happy with the effort in the second half."

On Tuesday the soccer team trekked out to St. Dominic's in St. Charles, with the CBC tournament behind them. The team forged ahead to chalk up its second victory of the year.

The game marked the return of the 1996 *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* Player of the Year, Taylor Twellman. Twellman, who missed the first five games due to prior obligations to the U.S. junior national team, added his usual potent offensive skill to help the Bills come out on top.

With Twellman back in the lineup, he will help the team out through his scoring and play making abilities. But because most schools will double-team him, it will leave other players open to score.

In the first half of the game, play seemed to be even with both teams not giving up many

SHAKE

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The rest of the team was busy at the McCluer North Invitational in North County. The sophomores placed second in the B-division, despite missing key runners who were racing in Columbia. The freshmen were the champions of the C-division, with ten medalists including Dave Godar, Ryan Hatch, Adam Chadwick, Chris Crews, Raj Joseph, and others.

The entire team will compete today in the Hazelwood Invitational at Sioux Passage Park at 4pm.

shots. The shots that the Crusaders of St. Dominic did have were immediately smothered by keeper Doug Kerr, who was playing in his first game this season.

SLUH was the first to strike on a spectacular play by Twellman who passed the ball via the back of his heel to senior Tim Gibbons who blasted the shot past the goaltender and into the side of the net.

Only a few minutes later, a Crusader countered that goal with a shot that caught Kerr off guard and landed in the net.

The Bills came out in the second half like a different team, producing three goals in fifteen minutes. On the first goal, captain Dave Beck beat three defenders, dribbled into the box and then beat the goalie on a shot that went into the side of the net.

On the second goal, Pat Martin ripped a shot that the goalie saved, but could not smother the rebound. Twellman passed the rebound to an open Dave Minges who knocked the ball in the net.

Twellman then gained possession of the ball and beat four defenders down the side of the field and cut towards the goal. He then shot the ball, which eluded the goalie and flew into the net.

The game concluded in a victory for SLUH with a final score of 4-1.

The soccer squad played last night against Mehlville. Check the *PN Nightbeat* below for scores and highlights.

Correction: In last's week's *Prep News*, it was incorrectly reported that Greg Schaller received a card for inappropriate language while protesting a referee call. Schaller actually received a yellow card for holding later in the game. The *Prep News* regrets this error.

PN Nightbeat

In soccer action last night, the Soccerbills tamed the Mehlville Panthers by a score of 8-0. The brothers Twellman combined for half of SLUH's score with Taylor scoring a hattrick and James with one goal and one assist. Also scoring were seniors Joe Orso and Tim Gibbons with one goal a piece and sophomore Matt Sebek putting two in the net for the Jr. Bills. The soccer team is next in action tomorrow night at De Smet.

Also in action last night were the B-Footbills who faced off against the Blue Jackets of Beaumont and soundly defeated them by a score of 22-0. Sophomore Brent Holtgrewe scored two touchdowns along with fellow sophomore Tom Milford who scored one touchdown. Holtgrewe pulled double duty, scoring a safety by blitzing Beaumont's quarterback and sacking him. Sophomore kickers Evan Noetzel and Pat Liebert each scored a PAT.