

Harriers Trek To State C-Soccer Ends Season With Success

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Parkway West champions, MCC champions, District champions, Sectional champions, number-one team in the area for nine straight weeks. ... These are the credentials the highly touted SLUH varsity cross country team will take to the state meet in Jefferson City tomorrow afternoon. This year's squad has performed at a high level all season long and now hopes to finally perform well at the one race where past Jr. Bill teams have faltered.

"We still have our fastest race in us," said Jim Linhares. "We won't really know what we're capable of until Saturday. But everyone is ready."

If last week's sectional race is any indication, the team is reaching its peak performance. They blew away the best teams in St. Louis on the toughest course in the area, the notoriously hilly Sioux Passage Park.

The top seven stayed together during the first mile of the race, placing their pack

with the leaders. They continued to run well through the tough second mile on the back half of the course. As the team reached the top of the steep "man-maker" hill with a half-mile to go, the sectional championship was well in hand.



Three of SLUH's runners garnered All-Sectional honors by placing in the top ten. They were Ben Rosario, fourth in 17:23, John Christie, fifth in 17:31. Rounding out the top seven SLUH runners were the two super-sophs, Murphy O'Brien in fourteenth and Ted Snodgrass in seventeenth.

An "Open" race was held following the varsity race where athletes and coaches, both, could compete. It was won by SLUH assistant coach Rob Behm for the third year in a row, who ran on a breakfast of Mocha swirl coffee and a bagel. State racing alternate Luke Schulte followed his coach in third. Also racing were state alternates Mark Monda, Alex Speiser, Matt Crow, Dave Godar, and Matt Schaefer.

The state race is set for 1:00 p.m. at Hough Park golf course in Jefferson City tomorrow.

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Once again the freshman soccer season has come to a close, but not before allowing the team's head coach Craig Hannick to enter the prestigious "100-win" club.

By defeating the Chaminade Red Devils in their third game by the score of 7-0, Hannick humbly and quietly did something quite remarkable in notching his 100th win.

That was only one of many highlights of the season which ended with a 10-4-6 record. The Jr. Bills' greatest opponent was often the inability to score as they experienced a scoring drought early in the season. Stellar defense headlined by Tim Fetter and standout goal keeper Mark Valdez helped the team win when they did score. After a season-opening tie against Vianney, the superior Jr. Bills stepped up their play and defeated Vianney easily the next time the teams met.

Winning the MCC proved to be a difficult
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Soccerbills Fall To Rival Cadets In Front Of National Audience

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On Saturday, ESPN visited St. Louis University High to tape star soccer player Taylor Twellman for a high school soccer program airing next month.

The team, backed by a large student cheering section, met the Cadets head on, but CBC prevailed 3-1.

Goalie Brian Missey aggravated his sore back and had to play the game with back spasms. Junior Matt Hicks, just recently back from an injury, went down with another injury in the game.

SLUH tallied the first goal of the game when senior Tim Gibbons broke

free from the CBC defense in the first half and received a pass from fellow senior David Beck. Gibbons then hit a shot over the goalie that landed in the goal.

This one goal lead was sustained only until the start of the second half when CBC scored the equalizer within the first ten minutes. The Cadets scored twice more in the game, capping off SLUH's regular season on a disappointing, but not disheartening, note. The team's record leading into state playoffs is 18-8-3.

On Wednesday, SLUH played the first game of districts against the Cleve-

land NJROTC. The Jr. Bills outmatched Cleveland, defeating them by a score of 10-0.

Taylor Twellman scored half of the team's goals in the first half. Also scoring in the first half were Joe Orso, David Beck, and Dave Minges. Ryan Ossola blasted a pass from Taylor Twellman in the second half for a goal. Matt Sebek's shot with fifteen minutes left ended the game due to the mercy rule which allows only a ten goal lead. The Jr. Bills were scheduled to play Thursday against Mehlville, but it was cancelled because of weather conditions. It is rescheduled for Saturday.