

Harriers Run Through Mud To First Win

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The varsity cross country team swept Parkway South and Vianney as SLUH raced to victory on the varsity, junior varsity, and C-team levels during their opening meet of the year Wednesday at Castlewood State Park.

The varsity top seven alignment for Wednesday's race was determined at the team's intrasquad meet last Saturday morning at NorthCounty's Sioux Passage Park. Those runners qualifying for varsity were: Sean Lock, Gene Marshall, Tim Probst, John Miles, Ryan Fagan, Matt Dougherty, and varsity's only sophomore, Ray Griner.

Times recorded in the intrasquad meet were slower than normal due to the heat, the hilly terrain of the Sioux Passage course, and the fact that it was still early in the season. But competition was stiff, reminding runners that making varsity will be a difficult task this season.

Wednesday's meet provided a sharp contrast to the intrasquad race. Castlewood Park proved to be almost perfectly flat, and the course was marked in several places by large puddles and muddy stretches. Finishing times increased accordingly, and as expected, team leader Lock won the race in a time of 16:55 for the 3.1 mile course.

Lock commented that he was pleased with both how strong he felt while run-

ning and his finishing time. Jokingly, Lock hinted, however, that his time could have been lowered had he not had to run around a large bullfrog at the 2.5-mile mark of the course.

Parkway South took places two and three, and Vianney's top runner captured fourth. SLUH's Probst, Miles, Fagan, and Marshall then finished fifth, sixth, seventh, and tenth, respectively, and gave SLUH a close 29-33 victory over Parkway South. Vianney provided no serious challenge for either team.

Dougherty, who finished seventh among SLUH varsity runners, ran in pain the entire race after a blister on the back of his heel gave way just before the race's start.

Head coach Jim Linhares commented that "Parkway South had a tough team as usual. It was satisfying to beat them." He credited the individual efforts of the whole varsity, but especially those of Probst and Marshall, who beat out one of South's runners in the finishing kick despite suffering side cramps.

In the JV race, Jr. Bill runners finished first through eleventh, with seniors Steve Brockland and Jeff Bierling running fast enough to qualify for varsity, replacing Griner and Dougherty. Said Linhares of the JV and C performances, "It was total domination."

SLUH's next meet is Thursday, September 12 at the South Paw Invitational at Jefferson Barracks Park.

SLUH a secure 3-1 lead and allowed them to coast to a season-opening win.

Flanagan commented that the team needed "a little more organization in the midfield and backfield" against South. Dunn, however, downplayed these problems, saying, "It was a typical first game. The team just needs a few games to get everything ironed out."

The Soccerbills, ranked first in the area in coaches' polls by the *Suburban Journals*, tied Lindbergh last night 2-2 on two goals by junior Marty Powers. Despite taking a two-goal halftime lead, the Soccerbills could not stifle a Lindbergh comeback that tied the game with five minutes remaining in regulation.

SLUH will play Bishop DuBourg in its home-opener tomorrow at 6:00 p.m.

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highest among Catholic schools. Ray Von Armstead (class of 1991) received a third place medal in the 100 meters as well as a 4th place medal in the 200 meters. Current senior Kevin Folkl received a fifth place medal in the high jump, and classmate Sean Lock placed eighth in the 2-mile.

Now, onto this school year:

After winning last year's 4A State Soccer Championship, the varsity Soccerbills (1-0-1) are ranked #1 in the St. Louis area by the *Suburban Journal*. They garnered 8 of the 15 first-place votes.

After a successful 6-4 1990 campaign, during which the team was ranked as high as #3 in the area, the varsity football team looks strong going into the 1991 season.

The Gridbills, 1-0 after defeating Vianney last night, are currently ranked fifth in the St. Louis area by the *Suburban Journals* and third by the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. Once again, the team will be in an extremely tough playoff district which includes 1989 state champion Hazelwood East, but should have plenty of talent to produce victories.

This year's team has excellent talent, and is receiving plenty of local recognition. According to *Suburban Journal* writer Chris Murphy in the September 4, 1991 edition of the *Suburban Journal*, "SLUH may be the best team in the state."

Who could disagree with Murphy about this loaded team? The Jr. Bill offense possesses three Division I college prospects in seniors Steve Schnur at quarterback, Scott Pfeiffer at tight end, and Jason Dulick at wide receiver. The secondary also looks strong as the team is returning three of last year's starters from that area in seniors Jesse Motton, Dennis Lowery, and Dulick.

PN NIGHTBEAT

The varsity football team shut out Vianney 16-0 in last night's season opener. Running back Will Boland rushed for 156 yards and a touchdown, while quarterback Steve Schnur threw for 131 yards and a touchdown to tight end Scott Pfeiffer. Tony Constantino added a 26-yard field goal.

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defense remained tough, thanks in large part to what head coach Ebbie Dunn called "an excellent job" by junior goalkeeper Mike Schaller, a replacement for injured senior captain Josh Hertel.

The Jr. Bills wasted little time in adding to their lead at the beginning of the second half. Senior Matt Casey headed a Moore clearing kick to senior forward Brian Flanagan, who out-manuevered several Bulldog defenders and deposited the ball in the net for a 2-0 SLUH lead at the 34:08 mark.

After a South goal at 25:17, the Jr. Bills dashed Zumwalt's hopes with 17:23 remaining as Moore netted a goal after taking a pass from Casey, who gained his second assist on the play. The goal gave