

From Jr. Bill to Buffalo Bill

First-round NFL Pick Jones Got His Start on SLUH Gridiron

by Jeffrey Severs
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Ask Henry Jones what his latest aspiration is, and he will probably tell you he wants to earn a spot in the National Football League Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Whether or not this 1986 SLUH graduate and current Buffalo Bill defensive back reaches that ambitious goal, he seems to be assured of a secure place in the St. Louis U. High Football Hall of Fame.

Jones spent three years on the SLUH varsity football team before continuing his prolific career at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. Last April he made SLUH football history by becoming the school's first-ever NFL player, as Buffalo selected Jones in the first round of the 1991 NFL draft. Jones was the 26th player picked overall from the college ranks and the second to last player chosen in the first round.

Becoming a first-round NFL draft pick, however, was just a dream for Jones when he began his storied gridiron career at SLUH in the fall of 1982. Then a



freshman and a member of the Jr. Bill C-football team, Jones impressed then varsity head coach Paul Martel enough to earn a spot on the 1983 varsity squad as a

sophomore.

Although Jones did not see much playing time his sophomore year, Martel quickly pointed out that this valuable varsity experience aided Jones in developing into a solid varsity star his junior and senior years.

It was during those seasons (1984 and 1985) that Jones left his mark on Jr. Bill football. A starter at defensive back both seasons and at running back his season year, Jones led SLUH to two district titles and an appearance in the state semifinals against Lee's Summit in 1985. In 1984 Jones and the Jr. Bills lost to Jefferson City in state sectional play. In 1983, Jones' sophomore season, the Gridbills' season ended in a state semifinal loss to Rockhurst.

As a junior, Jones anchored what athletic director (and former football coach) Richard Wehner called "one of the

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Harriers Rise To Occasion Along With Mercury At Southpaw, Eureka Meets

by Ryan Fagan
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The varsity cross country team, led by senior Sean Lock, and undaunted by neither the heat of the day nor that of the competition, rambled to victory at the Southpaw Invitational last Thursday. They then gutted out a tough second-place finish at the Eureka Invitational on Tuesday.

Near 100-degree temperatures at the Southpaw Invitational at Jefferson Barracks Park had the Harriers trying to outrun their own sweat in a grueling test of strength and physical endurance.

SLUH rose to meet the challenge of both the heat and a surprisingly strong CBC squad, however, and ran away with its third consecutive Southpaw Invitational Championship.

The meet included other tough challenges as well, including Mehlville,

Oakville, and Kirkwood.

Sean Lock led all finishers with a time of 17:21.

John Miles and Tim Probst also had impressive races, finishing 11th in 18:58 and 15th in 19:06, respectively. Head coach Jim Linhares later commented that their efforts were key in defeating CBC. Probst added that "It was extremely hot, and we worked hard together to get first place."

Also medaling for SLUH was Jeff Bierling, who finished the run in a time of 19:18 for 19th place.

Ryan Fagan rounded out the scoring for SLUH, crossing the line fifth on the team and 21st overall at 19:25. Steve Brockland followed in 22nd place at 19:38, and Josh Wheeler finished with a strong varsity performance in 33rd place in a time of 20:37.

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Polobills net 40 goals, three wins to start season

by Dave Renard
Prep News Reporter

This year's varsity water polo team has begun to live up to its proud tradition by opening the season with a trio of victories, defeating Parkway West in the season opener last Friday, Mehlville, and University City by a combined score of 40-16.

The Polobills began a promising season Friday at the Forest Park Community College pool against Parkway West, considered to be one of this year's stronger teams. Falling into a quick 1-0 deficit, spurred the team into action, for they tied the game a mere ten seconds later on a goal by co-captain Brad Downs. The team ended the period with a 3-2 lead after another tally by Downs

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Soccerbills Shake Slump, Shut Out Panthers

by Jim Cosgrove
of the Prep News Staff

The Varsity Soccerbills suffered their first two losses of the season but were able to counter them with two wins as the team's record went from (2-0-1) to (4-2-1). The Bills were shut out by the Griffins of Vianney in the opening game of the C.B.C Tournament last Tuesday, and the team went into Thursday's game with DeSmet hoping to generate more offense.

Head coach Ebbie Dunn had this in mind when he made up Thursday's lineup card. Dunn moved senior captain Jeremy Moore up to the forward position, and moved senior captain Brian Flanagan back to the mid field position.

The desired results did not come immediately, though, as DeSmet scored first with 27:13 remaining in the first half to take a 1-0 lead. The Jr. Bills, however, were able to tie the score with 9:08 remaining in the first half. Junior Jim Pool lofted the ball over the Spartan goalie's

head on a direct kick close to the side line. Pool commented, "I knew the goalie was going to come forward to try to cut off the cross, so I just tried to put it over his head."

SLUH wasted little time trying to take the lead in the second half. Several shots right in front of the goal bounced off the DeSmet goalie until Moore put the ball in for a 2-1 SLUH lead at the 34:00 mark. Moore commented, "That goal got us really pumped up."

SLUH continued to control the action in the second half of play with aggressiveness and a renewed enthusiasm. At the 23:25 mark, Moore scored again when he headed a beautiful cross by junior Damon Rensing into the net for a 3-1 SLUH lead.

The Spartans scored another goal with 17:10 remaining in the game on a remarkable headball. However, the Jr. Bills continued to control the action, and the Spartans could not overcome the SLUH defense to tie the game.

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Motton's Run Rallies Gridbills Past Kirkwood

by Scott Witte
of the Prep News Staff

Some sports fans would be inclined to say defensive football games are not exciting to watch, but anyone who witnessed SLUH's 7-3 come-from-behind victory Friday night would probably disagree. The crowd, "in excess of 3000 people," according to athletic director Richard Wehner, was treated to hard-nosed defense early as Kirkwood was stopped by a determined Jr. Bill defense.

When the Jr. Bill offense took possession of the ball early in the game, it was unable to gain more than one first down before being forced to punt. But senior Scott Pfeiffer's punt was fumbled by the Kirkwood receiver at the Kirkwood 36 yard line, and senior Mark Harris was there to recover as the large SLUH contingency went wild.

Because of a 15 yard penalty, the SLUH offense was unable to get a first

down during the ensuing series. Penalties for the night totaled 60 yards.

A fourth and twelve situation forced the Jr. Bills to punt, but junior punter Jason Wagoner was unable to handle the errant snap, and Kirkwood seized the ball at the SLUH 37. Head coach Gary Kornfeld said of his squad's numerous mishaps, "We have to stop hurting ourselves." But this mistake didn't hurt the Jr. Bills directly on the scoreboard. A determined Jr. Bill defense stopped a steady Pioneer drive at the SLUH ten yard line, and the Pioneers had to settle for a field goal attempt. Kirkwood's kicker was unable to convert the easy field goal attempt, missing to the right.

The second quarter started as slowly as the first, though, and remained slow until senior safety Jason Dulick turned in a defensive gem and intercepted a Kirkwood pass at the SLUH 46 with 8:25 left in the half. SLUH was unable to convert

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Heat Wave

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Matt Heebner began his return to last year's form as he won the junior varsity race in 19:43 and replaced Wheeler on varsity in the only roster change heading into the Eureka Invitational.

At Eureka, the Harriers fell behind Lutheran South despite an impressive performance that demolished other contenders Fox, Lafayette, Eureka, Valley Park, and DuBourg.

Despite failing to win for the first time this season, Linhares was satisfied with the team's performance, and especially the individual run of first place finisher Lock.

Lock remains unbeaten and unchallenged this year as he broke his own course record in an outstanding time of 16:09, which must have pleased the several college scouts on hand for the event.

The rest of the team's times also showed a definite drop from Southpaw, as the course was flatter and the weather was much cooler.

Bierling led the way for the rest of the team, running his best race of the year in 17:27. Said Bierling of his sixth place finish in the meet, "It's the best I've felt in a year; I had no cramps at all."

Once again, Probst and Miles had strong races, finishing 13th in 17:43 and 14th in 17:54, respectively. Miles, who is much improved since last year, revealed the secret of his new success, "It's all the pasta I've been eating over the summer."

Also, Brockland continued his rise through the varsity ranks and finished 17th at 17:58. He rounded out the scoring for a meet that featured the top five SLUH runners breaking 18 minutes.

Matt Heebner also continued his comeback, placing sixth on varsity and 21st in the meet in 18:27. Fagan then crossed the line in 27th place in 18:37 as SLUH's seventh runner.

Once again, there was one varsity roster change. John Brooks overcame Fagan when he ran the junior varsity race in 18:12, which was good for second place.

The Sports File

The weekly summary of B and C sports. Compiled by Matt Pfile

B-Football (2-0): Sept. 16: SLUH 21 Kirkwood 0; Sahrman 77 yds. rushing, McAuliffe 44 yd. TD pass to Watson, Simon 9 tackles; **Next game:** vs. U. City at 4:00 p.m. today

C-Football (2-0): Sept. 12: SLUH 21 Selvidge 6; McArthur 28 yd. pass, Williams interception; Sept. 18: SLUH 25 U. City 0; Shipley 4 TD; **Next game:** @ Belleville East at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28

B-Soccer (3-0-1): Sept. 18: SLUH 6 Mehlville 2; Goals: Krafcik (3), Rieke (2), Orlando; **Next game:** @ McCluer North at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow

C-Soccer (1-0): Sept. 18: SLUH 2 Bishop DuBourg 0; Goals: Haddock, Rheinheimer; **Next game:** vs. Lindbergh at 4:00 p.m. today

JV-Cross Country: Sept. 12: placed first in Southpaw Invitational; Heebner

(1st), Schmidt (3rd), Kenney (5th) placed for JV team; Sept. 17: placed first in Eureka Invitational; Brooks (2nd), Kenney (4th), Dougherty (5th) placed for JV team; **Next Meet:** Hazelwood Invitational @ Sioux Passage at 11:20 a.m. tomorrow

B-Cross Country: First Meet: Hazelwood Invitational @ Sioux Passage at 10:45 a.m. tomorrow

C-Cross Country: Sept. 18: placed first against CBC; Flanagan (1st), Schuckmann (3rd), Myers (5th) placed for C-team; **Next Meet:** @ Hazelwood East Freshman Invitational at 4:00 p.m. next Wednesday

JV-Water Polo (2-0): Sept. 13: SLUH 11 Parkway West 2; Goals: Zimmerman (5), Kearns (3); Sept. 17: SLUH 9 U. City 5; Goals: Zimmerman (5), Kearns (3); **Next Game:** vs. Parkway Central @ FoPoCoCo at 4:00 p.m. today



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The Eccentrics are opening for MU330 at Bastille's tonight, 15444 Kehrs Mill Road, at 8:00 p.m. There is a five dollar cover charge. For directions, call Bastille's at 256-4449 or Mark Hochberg at 822-8619.

A meeting for anyone interested in making banners for various sporting events will occur today in room 113 after school. Needed are good artists as well as anyone who is willing to paint.

The Organization for Outdoor Experience is planning a trip on Nov. 2-3 to Sunkland, a cavern in the Ozarks. Tentative dates for autumn and winter Stream Team trips to Mineral Fork are Nov. 16 and Feb. 15. The spring trip will probably take place on two days over spring break. If you are interested in any of these events, contact Mr. George Mills in the math office (room 221).

Members of the SLUH Latin club elected the following officers yesterday: *Consules* (Presidents): Joe Behrmann, Ken Ferrigni; *Praetores* (Vice-Presidents): Tom Drabelle, John Miles; *Quaestores* (Treasurers): Robert Behm, Joke Corrigan; *Aediles* (Entertainment): Brian Fernandez, Scott Zarinelli.

Yearbook

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Herff-Jones' corporate headquarters to speed up production on SLUH's yearbook. Donnelly called again upon receiving the new information from Herff-Jones, and confirmed that the books would arrive on October 7; plans call for distribution the next day.

In a meeting with Mr. Owens on Wednesday, Donnelly presented the possibility of changing to another company based on the new information about Herff-Jones. This year, at least, the yearbook will still come from Herff-Jones and will arrive only a few weeks late rather than a few months.