



Soccerbills Advance to State Quarterfinals

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again," was the motto of the Varsity Soccer Team as they defeated Parkway West Senior High School for the Sectional Title on Tuesday, just a few days after they captured the District 3 Title against Bishop DuBourg High School.

The Bills had few problems with the Cavaliers of DuBourg as they pounded them 6-0. "We came out ready to play," commented junior Jeremy Moore. Moore along with fellow junior Brian Flanagan each tallied two goals apiece. Unlike the previous meeting with the Cavaliers, the Bills dominated all aspects of the game. "The guys played a nice game," commented Head Coach Ebbie Dunn.

The scoring began with 11:49 remaining in the first half when Flanagan

scored on a breakaway down the right wing. Five minutes later Flanagan crossed to Jeremy Moore who one-timed it out of the air giving the Bills a 2-0 lead.

A minute into the second half, Flanagan again scored on his corner kick. "I wasn't expecting it to curve in," commented Flanagan. A few minutes later, Moore scored off a breakaway giving SLUH a 4-0 lead. Junior Matt Casey netted his first goal of the year and Scott Zarinelli finished the job for the Bills with his blast from 35 feet. "We played as a team, and that's the reason we won so decisively," commented goalie Steve Sprengnether who performed yet another outstanding game representative of his fine play throughout the season.

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Varsity Polobills Win Another Three, Advance to District Semifinals

The Polobills finished off the regular season with victories over Parkway West and Principia, earning a top seed in the state tournament. In tournament play on

themselves tied at the end of the first period, but then pulled away in the second, finally achieving a 9-3 victory. Captain Paulie Navarro led the scoring with four goals. Brad Downs powered in two of his own, and Dave Roth also had two goals.

SLUH dominated Principia the entire game, as the Polobills marked a 15-3 victory. The game was highlighted with hat tricks by Paul Navarro, Brad Downs, and John Sampson, as well as two saves in goal by Chris Muskopf. Brandon Klink played two minutes in the field, but did not score.

Wednesday night, the Aquajocks won their first game of the state tournament by decisively defeating John Burroughs 10-6. The Jr. Bills jumped to an early 4-0 lead in the first period and never let up. John

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Sean Lock Runs into Fourth Place at State Meet

"Seeing is believing" someone once said. Well, junior Sean Lock made believers out of the many coaches and fans at the state cross country meet last Saturday when he ran to a fourth place finish in 16:33, the fastest time of any non-senior runner. His time also beat Mickey Luna's SLUH record on the Hough Park Oak Hills Golf Course set by 26 seconds.

If you can believe it, there were skeptics before the state meet. Some



opposing coaches questioned Lock's ability after he surrendered the lead in the District and Sectional races to Ron Cross of Parkway West and Greg Levine of Parkway South. Critics wondered if he had the mental toughness to compete with the best in the state. "In some of the races near the end of the season, Sean didn't seem to have that fire he had early on, like at Sioux Passage," commented Coach Linhares after the District race.

At Districts, Lock stunned every-
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Last Tuesday the Aquajocks faced Parkway West in one of their tougher games of the season. The Jr. Bills found

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one with a time of 16:12 on what is one of the toughest courses in the state. "A Jeff City runner tried to pass him with 600 yards to go, but Sean was so stubborn, he just took off and left the kid in the dust," said Linhares. "He had that fire back for the State meet."

Indeed, when some of the team went out to dinner with him the night before the race, they could tell he was ready; he carried a focused, hungry look in his eyes. "Coach Linhares really put me in the right frame of mind. I felt confident and relaxed," explained Lock.

This focus was carried up to the line and eventually into the race. It reflected his relaxed and aggressive style of running. Lock explained, "I knew I would have a good race if I went out and took the lead." Coach Linhares agreed. "Sean needed to go out fast but in control - confidence would remain if he was in front."

100 yards after the gun went off, Lock had taken the lead of the race. "When I got out well, I knew I would do fine," commented Lock. Lock held the lead for over a half-mile, before Parkway South's Greg Levine passed him on a downhill. About his situation at the time, Linhares said, "It was wise for him not to try breaking away from the pack or he might have over-extended himself too early in the race."

By the mile mark, Sean was with the front pack. The next half mile was crucial because of the demands it placed on the runners with its steep downhill and then rough uphill. "Sean really needed to keep a grip on the front pack here," said Linhares. Lock slipped to twelfth place though.

"At this point I was really fatigued and out of gas." It is no wonder when you consider he ran a 4:53 first mile. Lock continued, "The pace was very fast, but that's the way everyone runs state - there's nothing to hold back."

Lock lost some places before the two mile mark, but he was not distressed. "I felt I was in an okay position at this point, but the rabbit ears was the place on which I was really looking to concentrate. Losing places did not phase me too much. I was still focused on the race," said Lock. The "rabbit ears" is a flat shaped portion of the course between hills that starts just after the two mile marker." The rabbit ears "was where Coach and I knew I had to excel. That flat suited my track style." Lock increased his tempo, lengthened his stride, and took back the places he lost. The "rabbit ears" was also where the winner, Jason Guaert, pulled away from the pack.

Maybe the most important part of the last mile was "Heartbreak Hill," and the way Lock handled it was very important. "I felt tired when I came to 'Heartbreak Hill;' I had to muster up some energy to hold pace. Ron Cross passed me, but fortunately I did not let him get away." Lock, only steps behind Cross, surged at the top of the hill and passed him.

Sean ran the last half-mile defensively. "After I passed Cross my objective was just to finish in the place I was (fourth) and hold him off." He accomplished his objective, but it wasn't without labor. As Lock turned right, around the last flag, Cross was right on his heels for the last 150 yards. "Cross caught Sean with 20 yards but just couldn't pass him," commented Linhares. "Sean really broke Cross's form at the end." The end was a fourth place finish for first team all-state honors.

Coach Linhares was more than happy with Lock's race. "Sean really ran a super race. Two times he was fatigued, but he pushed himself back into the race." With a fourth place finish at the State meet in his first year of cross country, Lock has a good base to work with for next year's hunt for the first place finish.

Dan Dorsey

Soccerbills

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The Bills sought to reach a new height after they captured their District title, and traveled to Parkway West High School where they defeated the Longhorns 1-0 in the 10 minute third sudden-death overtime period. Early on, Sprengnether was bombarded with many West blasts, but he turned them away with a number of splendid saves. "For a while, I thought it was going to be that type of game," stated Sprengnether.

But later SLUH gained dominance and Sprengnether was not as seriously challenged. "We did most things right, except our ability to take advantage of our scoring opportunities was lousy," commented tri-captain Jamie Posnanski. The Bills pressured the West goalkeeper time after time but could not punch it in.

The Bills were not without their share of scares. Midway through the second half, a West forward blasted a shot that hit Sprengnether in the back and later was cleared. "That was all luck," commented Sprengnether.

Late in the second half, Nick Frisch missed a one on one breakaway after making numerous moves before the shot. "I should of put it in," stated Frisch. The regulation period ended with numerous other futile attempts on the part of SLUH to score.

The first two overtime periods left the rowdy SLUH fans disappointed because the team could not capitalize again. "We didn't give up," stated Ossola. "We just kept fighting." With seven minutes remaining in the third overtime period, Jeremy Moore poked in a Steve Shipley pass to send the team and crowd into a frenzy as the Bills finally defeated the Longhorns.

The Bills will face the Oakville Tigers Saturday at 7:00 P.M. in the Missouri State Quarterfinals. A SLUH soccer team has not gone this far in the playoffs since 1986.

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Football

Varsity (6-4)

The Gridbills lost 47-24 last Saturday to Hazelwood East in North County. The formidable Spartans boasted a #2 ranking in the nation according to USA Today yet were challenged by the Junior Bills. The final score did not indicate the closeness of the game as at one point in the middle of the third quarter, the Spartans led by only three points, 21-18. Ultimately, however, under the strong offensive pass attack led by Spartan quarterback David Whisler, East overcame the tenacious Bills defense and gained 357 passing yards in addition to 67 rushing yards.

Soccer

Varsity (14-7-4)

The "We Can Taste The State Championship" Bills won both their district and sectional titles this past week. Last Thursday, they convincingly defeated the Cavaliers of DuBourg with Jeremy Moore and Brian Flanagan scoring twice each and Matt Casey and Scott Zarinelli adding their own tallies. Wearing the belt of district champions, the "Destiny" Bills ventured west where they rounded up the Longhorns of Parkway West. Regulation time went scoreless due to the brilliance of goalie Steve Sprengnether and also missed chances by the dominating SLUH team. Finally, in the third overtime, Captain Steven Shipley beat several West defenders and gave a ball to Jeremy Moore who, amidst the rushed pursuit of West

players, slipped it by the outstretched Longhorn keeper, Josh Tremble. The victory, which gave SLUH its first sectional victory since 1986, puts SLUH into the quarterfinals at the St. Louis Soccer Park Saturday evening at 7:00 versus the Tigers of Oakville.

B Team (19-1)

The Bees worked their way into the finals of the McCluer Tournament, which serves as the end of the season finale for all area teams, and there shutout Vianney and won 2-0 on goals by Brian Seymour and Marty Powers. Mike Schaller earned the shutout which was the squad's fifteenth. Their final record was an impressive 19-1.

Water Polo

Varsity (17-2)

The District Polobills took on John Burroughs in the Quarterfinal round of the District Water Polo Tournament. The team came out strong against John Burroughs and beat them 10-6. Here's how the game stood:

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| SLUH | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 10 |
| John Burroughs | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 6 |

John Sampson and Brad Downs each scored three goals for the Bills during the game. The Varsity Polobills will take on the Parkway West Longhorns Friday at 8:30 P.M. in the semi-finals at Country Day.

Junior Varsity (10-0)

The Bills played last night in the District Quarterfinals, but scores were not available at press time. The team looks

forward to the championship.

Cross Country

Junior Sean Lock found the right combination at last Saturday's State Cross Country Meet in Jefferson City as he raced to a 4th place finish in a blistering 16:33. Lock's performance set a new SLUH record for the state meet and earned him first team all-state honors.

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Sampson used his speed to destroy the Burroughs defense, racking up three goals on fast breaks. Brad Downs was again a scoring monster, achieving his fourth consecutive hattrick. Nick Thole added two goals, and Erick Weber scored after stealing the ball from the goalie.

SLUH's defense was again almost unbeatable; Burroughs scored three of their goals in the last three minutes, after Coach Charlie Busenhart had taken out all of the starters. Goaltending was also spectacular at both ends. Brandon Klink repeatedly stopped Burroughs in the deep end, and Isreal Jiles achieved a shut out in the shallow.

Although the Aqualocks have dominated the league so far, they must maintain outstanding play against Parkway west and Country Day to repeat as state water polo champions.

Jeff Smith

Watch for fall sports wrap-ups in next week's *Prep News*.