

11 Polobills compete in Junior Olympics

Eleven Jr. Billikens flew to Orlando, Florida, this summer for the National Junior Olympic Water Polo Championships. The Jr. Billikens, along with nine Country Day Rams and seven polo players from various other schools, composed the Daisy Water Polo squads (15 & under and 17 & under), which were coached by Don Casey, CODASCO's coach.

The 15 & under team placed fifth in their tournament. Juniors Jeff Zimmerman, John Guerrero, Dave "Tubbs" Margo, Paul "Lob" Baudendistel, and goalie Timmy Staley (all starters), along with sophomores John Sampson and Paulie Navarro, represented the U. High in fine fashion. After dropping its first two games, Daisy rebounded to dominate the next five and finished fifth (5-2). By the end of the tournament, Coach Casey admitted that Daisy was "playing the best water polo in the tournament."

SPORTS WRAP

a weekly summary of SLUH sports
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WATER POLO

VARSIITY

First match: September 14 at University City against the Flyers at 5PM.

JUNIOR VARSITY: begins its season preceding the varsity at 4 PM.

CROSS COUNTRY

VARSIITY

Last evening: In the Blue/White Run, the winner was Mickey Luna.

First meet: September 6 in Forest Park against St. Mary's beginning at 4 PM.

JUNIOR VARSITY AND C-TEAM: open their season simultaneously with the varsity.

FOOTBALL

VARSIITY

Last week: In the annual Blue/White Scrimmage, the White squad defeated the Blue 10-7 in an impressive debut for new head coach Gary Kornfeld. Tom Purcell and Tom Albus each passed for touchdowns, and Brian Leahy added a field goal in the last seconds of the game to give the White team the victory.

First game: This Saturday against St. Mary's at DuBourg High School. Kickoff is 1 p.m.

SOCCER

VARSIITY

Next week: The Soccerbills open this week with a busy schedule. Tonight the team faces DuBourg in our stadium at 6 PM. Tomorrow the team will meet McCluer in the stadium at 7:30 PM. Then, beginning Tuesday, the team participates in the CBC Tournament. That evening at 6 PM, the team matches up against defending state soccer champion Vianney. On Thursday at 8 PM, the team hopes to stop the march of CBC.

The 17 & under team took fourth with a record of 3-2-1. Daisy ended its game with second place Stanford deadlocked; however, the team lost the game as the officials turned to counting goals from other games rather than sending the game into overtime. Seniors Ted Baudendistel, goalie Miguel Figueras (both starters), and graduated Billikens Jay Struckhoff and Joe Gudiswitz were the team members from SLUH.

Scoring machines and 2-meters Jeff Zimmerman and Ted Baudendistel played flawless defense and offense and were rewarded by being named to the first team All-American water polo squad in their respective

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job—the Bills won the State Championship. SLUH now had its first unbeaten team ever with a 28-0 record.

Yet, what about that West Plains game? "The games were played down at Wash U. back then, so the students were allowed to leave school early to play in the afternoon games," said Mr. Hanick. "It was winter at the time, so the boys decided to have a snowball fight down at Wash U. They wasted a lot of the energy playing in the snow that they should have used in the game. That's why we played so poorly and nearly lost. Of course, I didn't find out about this incident until years later." Ah, the truth emerges!

Thirty years later, the Missouri Basketball Hall of Fame decided to induct the 1958 Class L State Champion Jr. Billikens into its ranks. On July 30, in Columbia, Mr. Hanick and 9 out of the 16 original players were present for the ceremonies, the oldest team with greatest representation of those teams attending. Two of the teammates are now dead, and four who live far away that could not attend promised to be present for their 30th year reunion this fall. As for the high attendance of the team, Mr. Hanick said, "We were a close group. I still keep in contact with some of the guys. A lot of them now have become very successful people in life."

After that 1958 season, Hanick went on for twenty more years of coaching the varsity team, retiring in 1978 as coach. He then devoted his time to teaching physics. Looking back, Mr. Hanick recalls, "Believe it or not, we weren't really cocky that year...or nervous. I'm very proud of those men; it was an overly enjoyable experience for me. It was a once-in-a-lifetime achievement that I will remember forever."

Chris Brown

age groups, as was Johns Hopkins of CODASCO. SLUH Junior Paul Baudendistel and Aaron McCauley (a senior from Parkway West) came away with second team honors.

Both teams' members were disappointed with their places, but considering their bad start, one-goal losses, the different rules regarding tie-breakers, perhaps the refereeing, and the lack of respect for St. Louis as a water polo city, the SLUH-dominated Daisy Water Polo Club had an excellent tournament.

Paul Baudendistel

Cross Country Blue/White determines team

Yesterday, the SLUH Harriers had their first taste of race competition as they ran in the Blue/White Intrasquad Meet on the Forest Park race course. The sophomore, junior, and senior runners ran the full 3.1 mile (5km) course. This race was particularly important for these runners because the "Top 7" finishers determined who will run on the Varsity squad for the upcoming meet against St. Mary's on Tuesday.

The freshmen runners, racing the 2 mile course, were exposed to actual race competition which revealed the potential talent within this young team.

The results of the Varsity-JV meet were suprising. Mickey Luna led the squad with his blazing time of 17:25. Behind Luna came seniors Angelo Directo and Brian Lawler who ran an 18:18 and 18:36, respectively. Next came star sophomore runner, Tim Vatterott, who finished with an impressive 18:53. Just behind Vatterott, junior Curt Miles ran 18:57. The final 2 spots on the varsity team were fought for by juniors Greg Linhares (19:15) and Jerry Kester (19:17).

The JV runners were not far behind. The top 3 positions on the JV squad were taken up by juniors Kurt Moellering (19:20), John Rotter (19:22), and Pete Luechtmann (19:25).

The 2-mile freshman race looked rather promising. The 2 top runners, John Dwyer and Bob Bryant, battled for 1st and 2nd. Dwyer ran a 12:50 with Bryant on his heels at 12:51. The third spot on the frosh squad was earned by Johnny Miles (brother of Curt) who finished with a respectable 13:04.

Coach Linhares was very pleased with the teams' performances. "The runners were not strung out ...[and] ran in competitive groups." These factors show the Harriers' prospective talent and a promise of consistency in the upcoming season.

Angelo Directo