



## Soccerbills win first two games and tie Vianney

The Varsity Soccerbills emerged from their first three games of the season with an impressive 2-0-1 record, scoring victories over DuBourg and McCluer in back-to-back home games and tying Vianney Tuesday evening in the 12th annual CBC tournament.

On Friday evening, in front of a confident group of SLUH fans, the Soccerbills handily defeated the DuBourg Cavaliers 5-0. The first few minutes of the game were fairly even as neither team threatened to score on the other. The pace soon changed as Mark Strothkamp received a beautiful pass from Tony Ribaldo and scored an apparent goal; unfortunately, the goal was disallowed on an offside call. But Strothkamp wasted no time in finding another opportunity as he rushed into the penalty area, settled a throw-in by Brian Leahy, and slid the ball by the diving Cavalier goalkeeper just minutes later. The Jr. Bills soon struck again, this time on a Strothkamp penalty kick as a result of a tripping foul by the Cavaliers. The half ended with the Soccerbills playing some very impressive, aggressive soccer and leading 2-0.

Although the Jr. Bills once again got off to a slow start, the team quickly rallied to play well in the second half. Tony Ribaldo opened second half scoring by taking advantage of a DuBourg foul as he bounced a shot off of a DuBourg defender and into the net on the SLUH free kick. The talented junior Soccerbills then got into the action as Jeff Kreikemeier, receiving a pass from Bob Fishbeck, quickly found the back of the net and increased the Jr. Bill's lead to 4-0. Britt Taulbee later intercepted a Cavalier fullback's pass and charged in on DuBourg's goalie to add the Soccerbill's fifth and final goal of the match. The Jr. Bill's defense preserved a shutout for goalkeeper John Eisele and secured the

team's first victory.

The following night the Bills staged an instant replay by defeating their opponents, the McCluer Comets, by another 5-0 victory. Senior Matt Wohlstadter started in goal for the Soccerbills after having recovered from back troubles during the previous weeks of practice.

Senior Pat Madigan scored the Jr. Bill's first goal as Mark Strothkamp shot a ball up the middle to give Madigan a one-on-one break away with the McCluer goalkeeper; Madigan made no mistake about placing the ball in the back of the net. On an almost identical play, spectacular sophomore Jeff Bannister took a pass from Brian Leahy and booted a shot just beneath the oncoming goalie. Bannister later took a ball down the sideline, put a great fake on a McCluer defender, cut to the middle, and crossed the ball to Brian Leahy who scored on the open net. McCluer's only threat in the first half misfired as two McCluer players stumbled, allowing a deked John Eisele to recover and make the save. Eisele had replaced an injured Wohlstadter. The first half ended with the Jr. Bills leading 3-0.

In the second half, Matt Wohlstadter returned to the net and finished off the night easily as McCluer would not threaten again. SLUH's second-half offensive action was compiled by the second stringers; John Anderson scored two goals on Jeff Bannister and Steve Held's assists. The Jr. Bills came very close on many other occasions but the 5-0 lead proved to be all they needed to wrap up victory number two.

Tuesday night, the Soccerbills journeyed to CBC to compete in the first round of the CBC tournament against the Vianney Griffins, ranked in the top three of the Post-Dispatch's soccer pole. Despite their lower ranking (SLUH is ranked

sixth), the Jr. Bill soccer team was very confident that they would perform well. This confidence was carried onto the field that night. Less than ten minutes into the game, co-captain Jason Steuber headed a

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## Harriers run over St. Mary's

The Harriers participated in a dual meet last Tuesday with St. Mary's, which did not prove to be much competition for the Bills. Six SLUH runners crossed the line before the first St. Mary's runner could finish.

Individually, Mickey Luna came in first with a time of 17:25. The surprise second place finisher, Jerry Kester, crossed with a 17:55, moving him up to the second place on varsity. Brian Lawler finished third with 17:59. Finishing out the Varsity were Angelo Directo, Tim Vatterott, John Rotter, and Shawn Halley in that order.



The SLUH JV, led by Greg Linhares's 19:19, ran despite the absence of a St. Mary's entry.

The Harriers' next meet is against Ladue and Parkway West at 4:00 PM Friday in Forest Park. Coach Linhares commented, "This race should provide the first competition of the season because Parkway West was one of the top two teams in the city last year."

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