

Footbills slosh past Hazelwood West 7-6

The floodgates of weather and opportunity simultaneously opened for the Jr. Bill football team last Friday as the team overcame the tough Hazelwood West Wildcats and splashed to a 7-6 victory. The pre-game weather appeared rather ominous, and as "meteorologist" Tom McCarthy predicted, rain it did. The downpour started a couple minutes into the game, not to stop until the fourth quarter. However, the rain did not quell the determination of the Gridbills.

As in the previous week's defeat of Pattonville, the SLUH defense was once again the dominant figure in the game.

Although the Wildcats were able to move the ball, they rarely got within scoring range. When they did, they had a problem with the turnover syndrome. Three interceptions and one fumble spelt doom for the visiting team.

Chris Herzberg, Tom Johnston, Marijan Juric, and Mark Johnson led the defense in the struggle to contain the Wildcats. The secondary played brilliantly as Greg Colombo, Nick Fuller, and Larry Reed all had interceptions.

The offense scored its first touchdown since the St. Mary's game. The drive, set up by Reed's interception, was

completed by Mark Grider's 13 yard run. Brian Leahy kicked the extra point to put the Bills ahead 7-0. Fans knew that the Wildcats were a good team and the game's test would be whether our defense could hold the Hazelwood West offense.

In the second half, John Bollato went back to punt for SLUH and had to kneel in an attempt to catch the low snap; putting his knee to the ground caused the ball to be ruled dead, and Hazelwood West took

Extremes fail to daunt Harriers

The Harriers, who continue to improve as the season progresses, placed high in both the Parkway West and DeSmet invitationals this past week.

The cross country team ran through the mud and rain last Saturday in the Parkway West Invitational to capture second place in the varsity, JV, and C levels. Mickey Luna set the pace for the varsity squad, coming in seventh with a slow 18:42, which could be attributed to the conditions. Jamie Cummings (18:59) followed Luna to take twelfth. Jerry Kester (19:11) and Brian Lawler (19:13) finished fourteenth and fifteenth to round out the Jr. Bills in the top twenty.

On the JV level, Kurt Moellering (20:01) and Jim Spies (20:07) led the team, coming in sixth and seventh, respectively. Greg Linhares was right behind to finish eleventh at 20:16. Pete Leuchtmann, Scott Franklin, and Tim Vatterott also finished in the top twenty.

The C team also did well with John Miles (21:08) and Josh Wheeler (21:15) leading the team with their third and fourth place finishes.

On Tuesday, the Jr. Bills ran at the

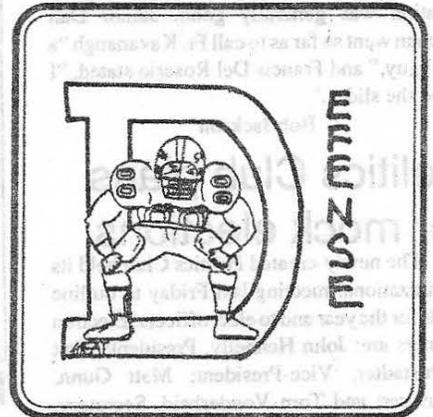
incredibly fast DeSmet Invitational course, finishing second on the varsity level and first on the JV and C levels. The Harriers kept the race close against DeSmet, losing by only seconds in key places. Mickey Luna was again out in front with a time of 16:59 and a fourth place finish. Jerry Kester (17:38) and Brian Lawler (17:42) once again finished together at seventh and eighth, giving the Jr. Bills three runners under the eighteen minute mark.

Scott Franklin was the first SLUH finisher on the JV level with a second place finish at 18:30. Jim Spies finished close behind at 18:40, earning him a fourth place finish. Charlie Lottes, Curt Moellering, and Todd Glass finished out the JV runners that crossed the line in under nineteen minutes.

The C-team was led by John Dwyer at 19:30. A pack of SLUH runners followed close behind, giving the C team the win.

The Harriers' next meet, the SLUH Invitational, is not for another week.

Scott Franklin



over on the SLUH 8, scoring two plays later on a two yard run by Cameron Thompson. The Wildcats' PAT snaps sailed over the holder's hands, and the kicker went to get the ball. No sooner had he looked up than a swarm of Jr. Bills engulfed him. This fortunate combination of the weather and Billiken defense left the score at 7-6 in favor of the Bills.

The passing game could not get off the ground as both quarterbacks had very low completion ratios, making the running game even more important. The Jr. Bills were led by Mark Grider with 41 yards followed by Greg Colombo's 21.

Tonight, the Jr. Bills will take on the Bulldogs of Ft. Zumwalt South in the SLUH stadium at 7:30 PM. Be there or be a Bulldog.

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