

## Soccerbills tie one, lose one, finish third in Tourney

The Soccerbills, returning from a thrilling come-from-behind victory over CBC, continued their play in the CBC Tournament last weekend, with matches against the the number two ranked Griffins of Vianney and the Spartans of DeSnet.

Only two minutes into last Friday's game against Vianney, the Griffins set the tone of the match with a flagrant foul on Jerry Deters. In a very physical game, the referees did an excellent job of controlling the play. Two yellow cards were issued: one to each squad.

The action was end-to-end in the first half, with both teams having ample scoring opportunities. Vianney scored what was thought to be the go-ahead goal at 31:08 of the first half on a quickly executed direct kick. After fierce protests by the SLUH tri-captains, the referees reversed the call and disallowed the goal. The sudden turn of events seemed to spark the Soccerbills, and at 38:30 Jamie Hartley booted a shot goalward from 15 yards out. The Vianney goaltender was equal to the task as he made a fine save keeping the game knotted up at 0.

All the sports fans that witnessed the action in the first half saw a similar performance in the second. SLUH had the best scoring chance at 31:00 when Dan Kitts intercepted a clearing pass at the top of the penalty area. He beat two Griffins and sent a brilliant through-ball to Jamie Hartley who was left wide open ten yards from the goal. The Vianney goalie again denied Hartley with a sprawling save to preserve a scoreless tie.

Coach Dunn was pleased with the game, noting, "It was the best high school soccer game I have seen in the past few years, as far as the caliber of play was concerned."

The following day, rival DeSnet challenged the Jr. Bills in their quest for the CBC Tournament crown. The

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## Nailbiters

# SLUH falls 22 yards short of win over Webster Groves

A word of advice to Jr. Bill football fans — don't leave early. The .500 Gridbills may not be destined for a state title this year, but the squad has provided the fans with plenty of last-minute excitement in the first two contests of the '86 campaign.

The Bills were victorious in their opener against St. Mary's when Jim Michalski connected on a 35-yard fieldgoal attempt. The clock had dwindled to 18 seconds. And last Friday, when the Jr. Bills travelled to Webster, they fell one completion short of pulling off a last-minute come-from-behind victory over the Statesmen of Webster Groves. Webster won the contest 13-7.

SLUH's offense was almost non-existent in the first half of the Webster game. The Statesmen's defensive squad had only conceded one first down when the teams headed back into

the locker rooms. By the game's end, the blue and white offense would only compile 17 yards on the ground and 92 passing. "The game was a battle of defense," explained one player.

After a scoreless opening quarter, the Statesmen penetrated the Jr. Bill defense as the second period of play began. Webster's quarterback, Tim Stephens, connected with Vondell Jackson on a 33-yard touchdown pass three plays into the quarter. The PAT put Webster on top, 7-0.

The Statesmen stifled the Bills' defense with another big offensive play on their subsequent possession. Following a 9-yard Jim Michalski punt, a 38-yard run by Marcus Taylor gave Webster another six just a few minutes later. Webster's placekicker, Ken Jackson, failed to get the ball through the

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## Woodward outdistancing competition

### Cross Country

Last Friday the Harriers raced against Parkway West and Ladue in the first meet on their home course in Forest Park. The SLUH team placed second close behind Parkway West.

Chris Woodward continues to improve on an already outstanding season. Friday he finished with a very impressive time of 16:14, nearly a record for that course. The other six varsity runners have been disappointing thus far. The team's average time has been around 19:30, and to be competitive, the team will have to lower it to around the 18-minute mark.

Signs of hope surfaced at the following meet against the St. Mary's Dragons last Tuesday in Forest Park. St. Mary's won the meet in an upset, but Jr. Bill marks looked strong.

Chris Woodward was the individual winner again. And although the Harriers lost, there were many impressive performances.

"Really we lost the race in the last 100 yards," said Mr. Linhares.

Despite a good effort, nearly every Jr. Bill varsity runner was burned by a Dragon in a neck and neck finish down the final stretch. In the words of a SLUH team member, "It is very frustrating to lose like that — by a second or two in the last sprint — especially when you know you could have beaten him."

This weekend the Harriers will compete in the Pattonville Invitational. It will be their first major meet of the season; teams from across the state will be present. SLUH hopes to win back lost honor at Pattonville, after injuries caused a poor performance last year.

O'Connor Park, the site of the invitational, ranks as probably the toughest, most challenging course in the area. To prepare the runners, the team practiced on the steep hills of O'Connor last Wednesday.

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## Soccer

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game, in contrast to the previous night's excellent play, was marred with sloppy passwork and defensive lapses leading to a disappointing 2-1 defeat.

The Soccerbills started the match strongly and dominated the play for the first fifteen minutes. SLUH finally broke through at the 18:32 mark of the first half. Jim Wolfe drove down the sideline and lofted a beautiful cross into the penalty area. The DeSmet keeper rushed off the goal line to punch the ball. Steve LaVigne alertly streaked in and placed a skillful header into the back of the net giving SLUH a 1-nil lead.

The Jr. Bills had trouble protecting the lead, though, as confusion in the defense led to the equalizer off the head of Spartan attacker Bob Ferguson at the 30:50 mark. The Soccerbills went into halftime with a 1-1 tie.

The second half began sluggishly with both teams trying to establish control of the midfield.

A lapse in the SLUH defense allowed DeSmet forward Tim Erntz to slip in unmarked and receive a perfect pass. He then broke in on goal. Steve Hanlon alertly came off his line to cut down the angle, but Erntz slipped the ball by the goalkeeper and into the back of the net at 15:45, giving DeSmet the lead 2-1.

SLUH refused to capitulate, though, as they pushed the ball up at every opportunity. At 26:41 SLUH forward John Barfield broke into the clear for what looked to be a sure goal but was viciously tackled from behind just outside the penalty area. The Bills failed to capitalize on the subsequent free kick and DeSmet's lead remained unchallenged.

SLUH had another chance to equalize the score at 35:20 when the Soccerbills were awarded another direct kick. Jamie Hartley rocketed a shot from 22 yards out that cleared the defensive wall and skipped over the crossbar.

The Jr. Bills had trouble mounting an attack in the late in the final period, and the game ended at 2-1 in favor of DeSmet.

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# Sports Wrap

## A Weekly Summary of Sports at SLUH

Dateline: SLUH September 19th, 1986 and this is Sports Wrap.

**V CROSS COUNTRY.** The varsity Harriers met with mixed results this week. They placed second in their first home meet of the year with Parkway West and Ladue. In an upset they were also defeated by a surprising St. Mary's team. Chris Woodward placed first individually in both meets. Today the team will compete in the Pattonville Invitational, which features one of the most difficult courses in the city. The Invitational will begin at 4 PM on Friday and continue at 10 AM Saturday.

**JV CROSS COUNTRY.** Last Friday the Harriers defeated Ladue yet were unable to outrun Parkway West. Charlie Lottes with a time of 19:31 placed 5th overall, and qualified for the varsity squad. On Tuesday of this week the JV ran as individuals against the Dragons of St. Mary's. Today and tomorrow they will run in the always grueling Pattonville Invitational. The meet will run off at 4 PM today and 10 AM on Saturday.

**CROSS COUNTRY.** The C Harriers posted a perfect 2-0 record this week. On Friday they were paced by second place finisher Brian Williams who ran 12:07. The team went on to defeat Parkway West and Ladue. On Tuesday Brian ran a blazing 12:02 as the team doused the flaming Dragons with a shutout. The C Team will also compete in the Pattonville Invitational at 4 PM on Friday and 10 AM Saturday.

**V WATER POLO.** (1-1) The varsity Polobills opened their season with a disappointing 12-11 loss to the Ladue Eudals. The varsity team defeated Parkway Central by a score of 11-6. The Jr. Bills play tonight at Mehlville at 6 PM. They are also involved in

the league tournament this week. Times and places TBA.

**B WATER POLO.** (1-0) Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the pool Anthony "Jaws" Zerillo and his six goals helped the B Polobills to dismember Ladue 13-9. In their game against Parkway Central the team was submerged by a score of 7-4. The team will swim into action today against Mehlville in Mehlville's water'n hole at 4 PM.

**V SOCCER.** (2-1-1) The varsity soccer team battled the Vianey Griffins to a tie in the CBC Tournament. They had an opportunity to tie the Griffins for the overall tournament victory with a win over the DeSmet Spartans on Saturday. But, the Spartans overcame the Soccerbills to grab second place for the tournament. The team has a busy week upcoming with three games. They meet McCluer North tomorrow in the stadium 7:30 PM. On Tuesday 23, at Cahokia the Jr. Bills will meet Cahokia at 4 PM, and to round out the week, they travel to take on Rosary at 8 PM Thursday the 25th.

**B SOCCER.** (1-0) The Killer Bees dismantled the DuBourg Cavaliers with a stinging 4-1 victory this past Tuesday. Tomorrow the Bees will dim the Stars of McCluer North in SLUH's stadium at 6 PM. Then on Tuesday the Bees swarm to the mounds of Cahokia at 5:30 PM.

**C SOCCER.** (1-0) The C Team left McCluer seeing stars with a devastating 4-0 victory on McCluer's home turf. The C Bills had their Wednesday night game with Aquinas rained out, but their next victims will be the Spartans of DeSmet at 4 PM Monday in Forest Park.

**V FOOTBALL.** (1-1) The varsity football team was unable to

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