

Soccerbills topple Vianney and Granite City; Miller lost for season

The Varsity Soccer squad improved its record to 16-1-2 with wins over Granite City and Vianney and a tie with Aquinas-Mercy.

Last week the squad traveled to Granite City and came away with a 4-1 victory, even though they started off poorly and were behind 1-0 at halftime.

But the Bills recovered for the second half. The Bills worked the ball well and their defense prevented Granite City from scoring again. Jim Wolfe got the scoring started at 12:19 of the second half on assists from Dan Kitts and Chris Miller. After this goal, the Jr. Bills launched a strong offensive attack. Kitts scored just a minute later on a beautiful ball from Steve LaVigne. Dave Nelson and junior Dave Kostecki rounded out the scoring with unassisted goals.

On Saturday night the Bills hosted defending State Champions Aquinas-Mercy. The game was played on a slick, rain-drenched field. Although the Bills outplayed the Falcons, they could only come away with a frustrating 1-1 tie.

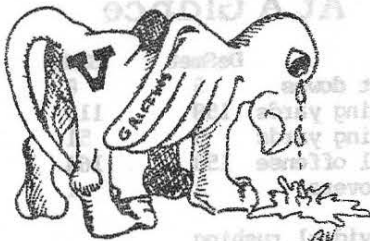
The first half was played slowly with the teams spending more time learning how to play the sloppy field instead of evaluating each other. The half, and the whole game, was marred by poor, inconsistent officiating.

The Bills controlled the half for the most part, outshooting the Falcons 8-1. Balls continually slipped past or stopped before goal-thinking Billikens. This fact hurt the Bills more than the scoreboard displayed when Chris Miller went down with an injury that could keep him out for the rest of the season. As he went up to take a shot the ball stopped in a puddle, and Miller tripped over the ball.

When the field did not stop the Bills, the Falcons keeper was there to thwart any attempts for a Jr. Bill goal. He continually made diving stops of the squad's shots.

The Bills finally broke through at 30:12 of the second half as Jamie Hartley slid a penalty kick past the Falcon keeper.

Just 5 minutes later Steve Telken was brutally fouled at midfield. The referees somehow



The Griffins had reason to cry after the Jr. Bills' 3-0 victory on Tuesday.

managed to miss this flagrant foul and the Aquinas-Mercy forwards moved upfield. Keeper John Eisele charged to the top of the area, but to no avail. The ball was rolled past him into the empty net for the equalizer. So only on their 2nd shot of the game, the Falcons hatched a 1-1 tie.

The Falcons stifled the Bills offense in the second overtime, and all three of SIUH's shots missed the mark. Thus the game ended 1-1.

On Tuesday the Bills took on number two ranked Vianney and won a decisive 3-0 victory.

The Bills controlled the brutal first half, keeping the ball mostly in Vianney's end. Fouls continually slowed down the half with the Golden Griffins compiling 16 and the Soccerbills 11.

Kostecki had the best scoring shot of the half when he received the ball outside the goal mouth. He could not cleanly control the bouncing ball and put his shot over the net.

Both teams had more control in the second half. Chris Sciortino, a Griffin forward, had the first real scoring chance of the half. He hit a shot from the top left corner of the box to the far post. Eisele made a spectacular save, diving to his left to stop the shot.

Jerry Deters got the Bills on the scoreboard first with an outstanding one-man effort. He received a ball from Hartley in the right corner, then lost several Vianney defenders as he skillfully moved toward the middle. He then slid a grounder

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Harriers smoke, swim through District meet

Racing conditions were listed as poor for the district meet at the Ladue Junior High speedway last Saturday. Despite the rain with puddles ankle deep in some places, the Harriers raced to success on the slippery and muddy course, finishing fourth as a team. The top four teams which will advance to sectionals this Saturday includes Pattonville, Parkway West, CBC, and St. Louis U. High.

As the Jr. Bill runners gathered after the race, smoke could be seen rising from the exhausted bodies of the seven runners. Each of the varsity Harriers were making bids to improve their times, with five runners hoping to make "dog" status, or sub-18 minutes. A runner finishing under 19 minutes achieves "puppy"-hood. Sub-17:00 is the level of "demi-god," and a runner who finishes with a time of 16:30 or better has full "god" status.

Because of the adverse condition of the course, many runners who had hoped to improve their status missed by mere seconds. Everyone turned in a good performance.

Chris Woodward emerged as the individual winner of the district race for the second year in a row. Chris was quite pleased after the race with his scorching time of 16:15. Dan Ortwerth fin-

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Sports Enrichment

After years of referring to our cross country team as the Harriers, we, the Prep News investigation team, thought it would be appropriate to find out exactly what a harrier is. We turn to the words of Mr. Noah Webster:

harrier, n. A kind of hound for hunting hares, having an acute sense of smell.

harrier, n. 1. Any person or thing that harries. 2. A hawk of the genus *Circus*, allied to the buzzards, as the marsh-harrier, *Circus aeruginosus*, also called the moor-buzzard and harpy; also, the hen-harrier, *Circus cyaneus*, which is destructive to poultry.

Spartans squeak by washed-out Bills in Battle of the Boxers, 7-3

The much hyped Battle of the Boxers proved to be the spectacular showdown that high spirited fans expected. On a sloppy, rain drenched field on Oakland Avenue, the DeSmet Spartans foiled a comeback attempt by the host Billikens by the narrow margin of 7-3. The loss of the final home game lowered SLUH's season record to 2-6 and gave DeSmet its second consecutive win in the annual contest between the two rivals.

As in the Columbia-Hickman game, SLUH once again struck first, late in the opening quarter. After Sean Nolan and the offensive squad moved the ball from deep in their own end within striking distance of DeSmet, Jim Michalski booted a 35-yard field goal. Hence, the Jr. Bills moved on top 3-0 with :39 left in the quarter.

DeSmet then controlled the ball for much of the second quarter. Some penetrating drives were attempted by the Maroon offense, but the SLUH defense, led by Henderson, Michalski, and Hulla only allowed them to score once.

With 3:24 left in the half, DeSmet back Scott Caprio ran 18 yards and Rob Chura kicked the extra point to put DeSmet in the lead to stay, 7-3.

In the second half, both DeSmet and SLUH had many opportunities to score, but they failed to capitalize. Late in the fourth quarter, the Jr. Bills made a legitimate drive toward the goal line but couldn't score.

Although it has been criticized for losses during the season, last Friday the Blue and White

At A Glance

	DeSmet	SLUH
First downs	5	8
Rushing yards	158	113
Passing yards	0	51
Total offense	158	164
Turnovers	3	1

Individual rushing

Brian Keenan	20 for 75 yds.
Chuck Overall	7 for 36 yds.
Sean Nolan	2 for 4 yds.
Joe Mosher	2 for -2 yds.

Passing

Sean Nolan	5/14 for 51 yds.
0 interceptions	

Defensive leaders

Pat Henderson	6 tackles 2 asst.
	1 fumble recovery
Jim Michalski	6 tackles 2 asst.
Dave Hulla	4 tackles 1 asst.
Beau Roy	3 tackles 1 asst.

offense played a respectable game. "We moved the ball real well and we shouldn't be ashamed of how we played," commented Sean Nolan.

This game spotlighted a Jr. Bill new rusher with prospects for the future. Brian Keenan led the team in rushing with 20 carries for 75 yards. SLUH's offense gained more total yards than DeSmet, but fell a little short in the points department.

Tonight at 7:30 at Vianney, the Jr. Bills will face the Griffins in an attempt to up their record to 3-6.

John Ottenad

Polobills roll past Lindbergh, Parkway North, and West

The varsity Polobills concluded another successful week with convincing wins over Lindbergh, Parkway North, and Parkway West.

With three goals from Mike DeGreeff and outstanding goaltending by Brady Murphy, the varsity water polo team glided past the Flyers of Lindbergh by the score of 11-6.

Jay Struckhoff put the Polobills on the scoreboard first by recovering the rebound from a Jeff Rhyme attempt, and firing it into the Lindbergh goal. By converting on a pass from Mike DeGreeff with nine seconds remaining, Rhyme extended the shutout, 3-0, Bills.

The Flyer offense wasted little time and scored its first goal fifteen seconds into the second quarter.

But, the water warriors of SLUH bounced right back. Mike DeGreeff added his first of three points on the day by retrieving his own rebound and hurling it into the net.

The Flyers took to the deep with scoring on their minds, but Murphy continued his wall-like defense of the deep-end net. A hole in the Jr. Bill defense allowed a Flyer to take a shot unmolested from eight meters out, but Murphy vaulted out of the water to deflect the ball over the crossbar.

A personal foul gave Lindbergh a penalty shot and to their credit, they managed to sneak a shot past Murphy. Minutes later Arrett placed a shot past netmin-

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Cross Country

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ished second for the Harriers with a 17:07, just missing "demigod" status.

John Sadlo crossed the line at 18:01, almost becoming the first SLUH sophomore of the year to make "dog." The third SLUH finisher was Mike Schinsky with a solid 18:20. Sophomores Jamie Cummings, Angelo Directo and Brian Lawler will also run at the sectionals on Saturday after strong sub-19:00 performances at

Ladue.

Too much cannot be said for sophomore Harriers John Sadlo, Jamie Cummings, Angelo Directo, Brian Lawler, and Charlie Lottes. Along with junior Mike Schinsky, they have performed outstandingly, providing the much-needed depth in the final stretch of the season.

Concerning Saturday's race, Coach Linhares commented, "We're expected to finish pretty close to last. No one is looking for

us, so we can feel comfortable going in [to sectionals]. Who knows? With a few good performances we could go all the way to state."

Chris Woodward hopes to finish first Saturday. Dan Ortwerth is gunning for a 7:00 time, and all the other Harriers are aiming under 18:00. If these goals are reached, the Jr. Bills might just advance to the state meet.

Daniel Ortwerth

Water Polo

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der of Lindbergh making the score 6-2.

The Blue and White figured that another Lindbergh goal was imminent after the ejection of Ted Baudendistel. Again an undefended Flyer took a shot, and again Murphy rose from the water to snag the ball. The ball was passed from Murphy to DeGreeff to Brian Grant whose shorthanded goal gave the Polobills a four point lead, 7-3.

The relentless SIUH offense continued to batter the already decimated Flyer defense. Mike DeGreeff's final point wrapped up another Polobill victory by the score of 11-6.

Mike DeGreeff repeated Friday's sterling performance by earning another hat trick, this time against the Vikings of Parkway North. Again the Polobills emerged victoriously defeating the Vikings 16-4.

Jeff Rhyme struck first scoring two goals in the first minute of play. DeGreeff then scored his first of three on a penalty shot. With a score of 6-1, Coach Busenhardt felt that it was safe to

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just inside the right post to score at 17:25.

This seemed to fire up the Bills as they dominated the rest of the game. Telken received a ball from Kitts in the left corner. He then soared the ball over both the Griffin defenders and keeper to the far post. Hartley raced in from the right side to put the jumping header in at 26:06.

Telken rounded out the scoring at 35:05 as he headed in a cross from Wolfe.

The defense was again outstanding as they shot down the Griffins for Eisele's second shutout. LaVigne easily made the transition from midfielder to back and adequately filled in for Miller, the injured stopper. The Soccerbills hope to keep up the good work when they travel to Prep North to take on the Trojans at 1 PM.

Dan Millman

Sports Wrap

V SOCCER (16-1-2). Tomorrow the Soccerbills' journey to Prep North to unload on the Trojans at 1PM. Tuesday the team will travel to DeSmet in order to avenge their only loss of the season. The game begins at 3:45PM. Get there early to get good seats. Thursday the team embarks upon its third roadtrip of the week as they travel to terminate the Chaminade Flyers at 4PM.

B SOCCER (10-1-2). In their most disappointing week of the year, the Killer Bees posted a 1-1-1 record with one additional game rained out. The team opened with an overtime tie with Granite City. Their game with Aquinas-Mercy was canceled as monsoon-like rains flooded the St. Louis area. The tune was different when Oakville came to call. The Bees swarmed all over the hapless Tigers shutting them out 3-0. The following day the team suffered its first defeat of a stellar season when Vianney squeaked by with a 1-0 victory. In a special Halloween edition the trick will be on DeSmet when the Bees treat themselves to a 3:30PM party at DeSmet. November 3-7 the Bees will take part in the McCluer Tournament. Times and opponents are TBA.

C SOCCER (7-2). The team's contest with Collinsville this past Friday was a washout due to the rains. This past Tuesday the team came up with a big win as they disposed of Vianney 1-0. This Wednesday the Cees and the DeSmet Spartans knotted their game up 1-1. Then last night they fought tooth and nail but ended up tying the Aquinas-Mercy Falcons 1-1. The C team will take part in the McCluer North Tournament November 3-8. More on this later.

V FOOTBALL (2-6). Tonight the V GridBills will pull out all the stops to ground the ogreish Griffins. The game will be played at Vianney at 7:30PM

and should feature non-stop action.

B FOOTBALL (1-6). Today the B Bills lie in ambush for the Golden Griffins of Vianney as the teams clash in SIUH's stadium at 4PM.

C FOOTBALL (0-4). Yesterday the C team met Francis Howell but results are not in. Next Thursday the team travels to CBC in their final game of the season. The game, their first under lights, will feature hard-hitting as they plan to knock out their arch-rivals at 6:30PM.

V WATERPOLO (11-4). The Polo-Cougars will dive into the district meet starting this Wednesday, when the Bills net the Mehlville Panthers at Parkway North at 7 PM.

JV WATERPOLO (11-2). The JV will also compete in the district meet next Thursday when they lasso the Parkway Central Colts at Parkway North at 6 PM.

V CROSS COUNTRY. Tomorrow the Harriers will compete in the Sectional Meet. Time and place are TBA.

JV CROSS COUNTRY. The JV Harriers ran in districts this past Saturday at Ladue Junior High. Brian Lawler paced the JV team with an 18:47 good enough for 5th. They will close out their '86 season with the Lindbergh Invitational Wednesday at 4PM. This course is always fast and should provide some exciting runs.

C CROSS COUNTRY. The final run of the C Harriers will be held this Wednesday at Lindbergh at 4PM. The meet is an invitational and will serve as a proving ground for some of the best freshman runners in the area.

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