

Bubble bursts for Woodward, Harriers, at Sectionals

Last Saturday, November 1, the 1986 SLUH varsity cross country team competed in its last meet of the year at the sectionals held in Jefferson Barracks Park. Despite a disappointing outing at sectionals, their overall performance throughout the season has been astounding.

The qualifying marks at Jefferson Barracks looked promising to the Harriers before the race. The top eight teams in a field of sixteen would advance to the state meet in Jefferson City on November 8. The top twenty runners, excluding those belonging to the best eight teams, also would qualify for the state meet.

To the frustration of the Jr. Bills, Chris Woodward and Dan Ortwerth couldn't cross the finish line in the top twenty group as many thought they deserved.

The most disheartening event

of the day was Chris Woodward's bad luck encounter. In the first part of the race, Chris ran a fine two mile time. Between the two mile mark and the finish, though, he was overcome with nausea. In the twelfth place near the end of the course, Chris collapsed. He staggered the last 50 yards, dropping over fifty places. Chris fell across the finish line with a time of 17:53, not fast enough to secure a position in Jefferson City.

Because his blood pressure and heart rate were high immediately after the race, Woodward was taken to a nearby hospital. Fortunately he recovered quickly and checked out in good condition an hour later.

It does not have to be said that this is uncharacteristic of Chris. His average time is well

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Rhyme lifts Polobills past Mehlville, 8-6, in district tourney

Jeff Rhyme scored five goals as the Varsity water polo team advanced in the district tournament beating Mehlville, 8-6.

Rhyme led the Polobills to an early advantage by blasting a shot past the Panther goalie from six meters. Mehlville tied the score two minutes later when a Panther shot bounced off of goalie John Brockland's hands. Rhyme lifted the Polobills back on top scoring a goal that mirrored his previous one. But Mehlville, in the hopes of upsetting SLUH, fought back and tied the contest at two.

The scoring in the second quarter continued in the same manner as it had during the first. Jeff Rhyme continued his dominance of the SLUH offense by firing another ball past the Panther goaltender. The water war-

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Coming off a heartbreak

18-2-2 Soccerbills to face Vashon in districts

Last Saturday the SLUH Soccerbills challenged the Trojans of Prep North. The first twenty minutes of the match were marred by sluggish play by both squads.

The Bills' first offensive attack came midway through the first half when Jerry Deters found a hole in the Trojan defense and broke in on goal. He was taken down, however, in the penalty area, resulting in a SLUH penalty kick. Jamie Hartley easily converted, giving SLUH a 1-0 lead going into halftime.

The Billikens came out strong in the second half and assaulted the Trojan keeper with a barrage of shots, tallying three more goals by Trigg, Kuntz, and Deters to give SLUH a sizable lead of 4-0.

After building a comfortable cushion, the first string team let the second team man the field. The new squad allowed the shutout to be spoiled as Prep North netted two goals and made a game of the contest. Not taking any chances, Coach Dunn re-enlisted the services of the starters who confidently stifled the Trojan offense. They held on for a 4-2 victory, thus SLUH's

record became an impressive 18-1-2.

On Tuesday afternoon the number one ranked Bills traveled west to take on highly-ranked rival DeSmet. SLUH was attempting to avenge its only loss of the season, a 2-1 defeat by the Spartans early in the year at the CBC Tournament. The Soccerbills outplayed the Spartans, but without Steve Telken, Dan Kitts, Chris Miller, and Steve Harlon the Bills suffered a frustrating 1-0 upset.

As the game wore on, the offense settled down and started playing its calibre of soccer. At 31:00 Rick Calcaterra hit Bob Trigg who moved in on a one-on-one situation with DeSmet's keeper, Kevin Johnston. As Johnston came out to cut down the angle, Trigg hit a powerful low shot. Johnston dove to make the save but could not handle the ball as it squirted by him. The ball bounced off the post and was cleared before a Billiken could score.

Although SLUH had the first real scoring chance, DeSmet refused to back down and made a beautiful run towards the Bills'

end just one minute later. An aggressive slide tackle by sweeper Scott Pesler on DeSmet's Brian Donnelly kept the Spartans off the scoreboard.

The rest of the half was marred with rough play and flaring tempers as both rivals showed the intensity of the game.

The second half started ominously for the Jr. Bills. In the first two minutes Jim Wolfe continued the rough play and received what many fans thought was a questionable yellow card. DeSmet promptly took the ball downfield only to be frustrated by a great Steve LaVigne slide tackle that prevented a Spartan goal.

This play seemed to ignite the Junior Bills as they skillfully and easily moved upfield. Three minutes into the half, Jerry Deters ripped a shot from the top of the area. Johnston again made a great save but gave up a rebound. Hartley came in to put in the rebound, but as Johnston was lying on the ground, he swatted the ball away from the rushing Hartley.

The Bills again had an excel-

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Vianney pulls out 17-16 win to end five year domination

Despite a valiant effort by the varsity Footballs last Friday, the Golden Griffins of Vianney outlasted SLUH 17-16. With this home field win, Vianney managed to break a five-year streak of Billiken victories. A missed extra point proved costly to the Jr. Bills who led until the fourth quarter.

SLUH drew first blood at 5:58 in the first quarter. Following a fumble recovery by Kevin McLaughlin deep in Vianney's end, Sean Nolan ran the ball one yard across the goal line. Jim Michalski connected on the PAT attempt, giving the Jr. Bills a 7-0 lead.

Vianney, though, was quick to retaliate and tie the game. At 2:28 in the same period, after a sustained drive downfield, Griffin QB Trent Greene carried the ball 8 yards for Vianney's first TD. The successful extra point attempt knotted up the game, 7-7.

As the second quarter began, the Jr. Bills were well on their way downfield toward another score. At 11:30, Brian Keenan turned out a 4-yard run giving SLUH a 13-7 advantage. In what ultimately figured as the deciding point in the contest, the Billikens failed to score the crucial extra point.

Later in the second period, the Griffins reciprocated with a six of their own. At 1:05 Trent Greene completed a touchdown pass which tied the contest. The point

At a Glance

	Vianney	SLUH
First downs	11	9
Rushing yards	224	106
Passing yards	73	87
Total offense	297	193
Turnover	2	1

Individual rushing

Brian Keenan	15 for 100 yds.
Chuck Overall	6 for 13 yds.
Joe Mosher	3 for 2 yds.
Sean Nolan	3 for -9 yds.

Passing

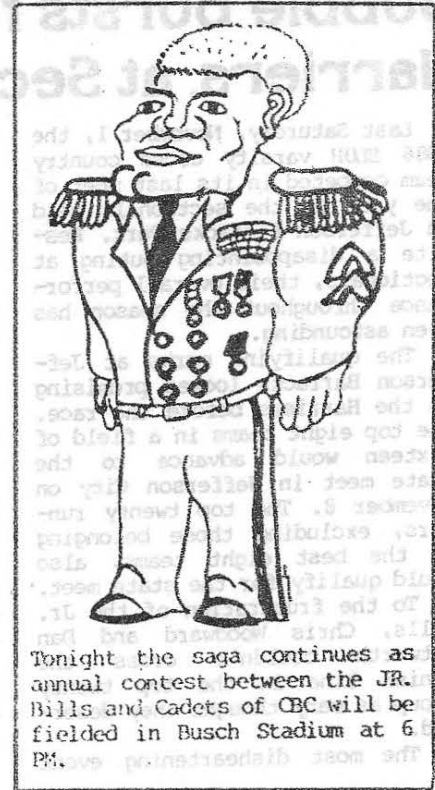
Sean Nolan	10/16 for 97 yds.
Chuck Overall	1/1 for -10 yds.

after touchdown lifted the Griffins to their first lead of the game, 14-13.

But, the Jr. Bills could not be restrained. Sean Nolan led the offense within striking distance enabling Michalski to boot a 27-yard field goal with 5 seconds left. At the conclusion of the first half, the Jr. Bills led 16-14.

The third quarter was dominated by the defenses of both teams. The SLUH defense, led by Chuck Overall, David Grimm, and Sam Romeo bruised Vianney for a total of 19 tackles, 2 assists and 1 interception.

The real defensive story, however, should highlight the shut down of Trent Greene, one of the



Tonight the saga continues as annual contest between the Jr. Bills and Cadets of CBC will be fielded in Busch Stadium at 6 PM.

best quarterbacks in the area. He completed 3 of 17 passes -- his worst game of the season.

The fourth quarter had barely started when Vianney kicked a 25-yard field goal to take control, 17-16. Although the Jr. Bills made some good attempts at scoring again, questionable officiating and a strong Griffin defense prevented a SLUH comeback.

Tonight at 6 PM at Busch Stadium, the Jr. Bills will challenge the Cadets of CBC in the annual contest between the two rivals.

John Ottenad

Fall sports teams served by courageous group

As the fall sports season comes to a close, it is only fair that the courageous group that serves these valiant Junior Billiken Fall Sportsters receives some of the credit for the teams' labor. These workers put up with rain, mud, and the dark of shot clocks to serve the varsity teams. If you have not guessed by now, the select group I am talking about is the team managers and trainers.

The Harriers had two runners side-lined by injuries to serve as managers, and these students, junior Steve Giljum and freshman

Mike Belrose, were assisted by a number of other temporarily disabled runners. Most of their work consisted of taking and recording runners' times. They also set up cones before home meets. Belrose stated that the cross country managers are "extra people to get things done so the coaches can coach." Giljum noted that managing is a "daily devotion" and promises that he will "be back next year" as a competitor when his pulled ligaments are healed.

When it comes to ailments, the Football managers lost one of their own to tracheobronchitis.

For seniors Bob Weissmann, it began as just a cold caused by service in the cold and wet of the Columbia-Hickman game. Bob missed the DeSmet game, but the staff of senior Chris Bell (the assistant equipment manager), freshman Ken "my name is spelled wrong in the programs" Weissmann (Bob's younger brother who works as water boy), junior Jay Barry (who handles the kicking tees), and senior Jeff Timmerberg (the ball boy), seemed to fill his void dexterously. After all, they

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below the qualification for the state meet. Earlier in the year at Jefferson Barracks, he turned in a mark of 16:40 which would have easily carried him past the sectional. In fact, Chris was projected to be a top contender to win the state meet. Unfortunately, this was the only mark that the judges count.

Dan Ortwerth ran a 17:30, a time which should have qualified him. Yet, bad luck struck again when the team found out that Dan fell one position short and was beaten by a mere one half of one second. Due to a leg injury, Dan missed the first three weeks of the season, putting him at a great disadvantage. His injury nonetheless did not dampen his ambitions for state.

The rest of the Harrier team also fell short of their pre-meet goals. Perhaps because of the Halloween activities the night before or perhaps because of the high pressure of the meet, Mike Schinsky and Angelo Directo ran disappointing times of 18:49 and 18:56 respectively. Jamie Cummings finished in 19:24 followed by Charlie Lottes with a 19:36 and John Sadlo with a 19:42.

The Harriers finished in sixteenth place out of sixteen teams. The varsity runners left Jefferson Barracks stunned by their bad luck.

The cross country team started the season with virtually no upperclassmen. The only sure varsity runners were seniors Chris Woodward and Dan Otwerth, and junior Mike Schinsky. The remaining four spots were alternately filled by sophomores Lottes, Sadlo, Directo, Cummings, and Brian Lawler. The team was not expected to perform as well as they in fact did throughout the season. "We surprised some people," Coach Jim Linhares added. "We reached all of my pre-season goals."

And so the cross country year ended with a bitter finale. One not-so-sour Harrier supposed, "Maybe next year the returning runners can capture the state trophy the '86 runners never had a chance to get."

Jamie Cummings

Sports Wrap

V WATERPOLO (12-4). The Varsity Cougars started districts this week. Their third round game is tonight at Parkway North against their most difficult rival Country Day. Game time is 7PM.

JV WATERPOLO. Friday the Polobills wrangled the Longhorns of Parkway West, 10-5. The JV team lost a heartbreaker to the Country Day Rams by the score of 4-3. Yesterday they defeated Parkway Central, 10-7, with a five-goal performance by Jeff Zimmerman. Today they play CODASCO in the semifinals. The game is at 4PM at Parkway North.

V CROSS COUNTRY. The Varsity Harriers concluded their season in the sectionals last Saturday held in Jefferson Barracks Park.

JV CROSS COUNTRY. The JV Cross Country season has now been completed.

C CROSS COUNTRY. Now that the final dust had cleared on the C Harriers 1986 season, we bid them fond adieu.

V FOOTBALL. Tonight the Varsity squad will attack CBC in the continuation of a rivalry begun in 1925. The V Gridbills have the advantage in the won-lost records and will attempt to increase their edge. They will disarm the Cadets at 6PM in Busch Stadium.

B FOOTBALL (3-5). A week ago today the B Bills squeaked past the Griffins of Vianney with a TD and 2 point conversion in the final seconds by a score of 14-13. Tomorrow they will do combat with the CBC Cadets in our stadium at 10AM.

C FOOTBALL (2-5-1). The Cees lost 41-12 to Francis Howell last Friday. Yesterday they dropped their season ending game to CBC by a score of 38-18.

V SOCCER (18-2-2). This afternoon the Varsity Kickers will begin the district playoffs against the Vashon Wolverines.

B SOCCER (11-2-2). Last Friday the B-Bills were shut out by the DeSmet Spartans 2-0. Monday the Killer Bees ended their 2 game losing streak blasting Riverview 6-1. On Wednesday the Bees squared off in the McCluer Tourney vs. the McCluer North Stars. The rest of the tournament is TBA.

C SOCCER (8-2-3). Monday the C team shut out Hazelwood East in the McCluer North Tourney, 1-0. Wednesday the Cees tied the Falcons of Aquinas-Mercy, 1-1. They will compete in the finals of the tournament Saturday at 11AM against the host team.

C Soccer putting together "team effort"

"The C soccer team is making it a team effort," says second year coach Tom McCarthy. The Cees boast 4 leading scorers. Mark Missey, Chris Balcer, Tom Dunn, and Jim Diebold have netted 5 goals apiece. In addition to the goalie combination of Tim Fries and Ron Taylor have compiled 6 shutouts on the year. A "team effort" seems like a good definition.

The Cees earned impressive victories over such teams as McCluer North, DeSmet, Vianney, and CBC, for an 8-2-3 record.

They dropped their only games to CBC in another match during overtime, and to Granite City in one of the best games of the year.

Tri-captains Fries, Steve Held, and John Anderson are all pleased with the team's progress. They envision a promising future in the next 3 years and hope for a good performance in this week's McCluer North Tournament. An impressive showing in this tournament would give some confidence to next year's B team.

Bobby Fishbeck.

Managers

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jokingly claim their motto is "it's always Bob's fault," so without him there, they had to do a good job.

The football managers arrive about two hours before the game to fill the water coolers, distribute the balls for the players' warm-up, and set up tables as needed. For away games they load all the equipment on the Spirit Bus or into the Jesuit van, then set up at the destination. During the game itself, they maintain the water supply for the team, show their school spirit, and contribute in any way they can. Jeff Timmerberg, however, proclaimed that his job as ball boy is to "make sure the players always have a clean, dry ball," an undesirable job at the cold, rainy DeSmet game.

The other member of the football corps is John Ottenad, the team statistician. The only real difficulty he finds in his job is "trying to figure out other team's players to get accurate stats."

Ottenad's is a problem Soccerbill statisticians Dan Millman and Tim Scheer can probably easily understand. Millman and Scheer both proclaim that the best memories of their job came on the trip to Quincy. But through the season, Dan said, "we were busy having fun and making the substitutes laugh." Both agreed that it was distressing to "see the team after a heart-breaking loss" to DeSmet.

The remaining group of devoted managers is the for the Polobills. The four Polobill managers (Paul Bozdech, Jack Geist, Dan Henroid, and Shawn Travers) work for both the JV and varsity water polo teams. Their duties include setting up the shot clocks, table, chairs, and scoreboard. They also keep the clock, shot chart and clock, and ejections, while providing moral support for the team. All agreed that the keeping the shot chart and the tallying ejections are the easiest by far.

The final two that deserve recognition are the Football trainers, juniors Jim Hacking and Pat Horvath. Hacking says that he got involved when "Mr. Wehner announced to [his] theology class that someone was needed," and so Jim showed up and later drafted

Pat. They both attended every practice, and look forward to being certified next summer. They currently "take care of the player's equipment needs," according to Pat. Both complain that "none of the players trust [them] in regards to their medical needs," but hope that will change after they are certified at Mizzou. They also complain that they are "treated like...only Wehner treats us decently." In spite of it all, Jim and Pat are hardly worried about their image. They are much more concerned that "we've got five guys injured on the sidelines and...that no [fans are] there to show support."

Perhaps Hacking best expressed the outlook of the managers when he noted that they put the thought and feelings of others ahead of themselves, placing emphasis on a total team effort.

Mike Downey

Water Polo

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riors doubled the Mehlville lead when Jay Struckhoff whistled a shot past the helpless Mehlville goalie to make the score 4-2. The Panthers immediately retaliated to pull within one.

The remainder of the quarter was characterized by sloppy offense from both teams. The first half ended with the score of 4-3.

Rhyme again opened the scoring by blowing a shot past the tiring Mehlville goalie. Later in the period, Rhyme passed to Mike DeGreeff who buried the ball in the back of the Panther net. Once again, the indefatigable Panthers fought back to pull within one.

Jeff Rhyme raised his point total of the match to five by launching a shot that baffled the Panther goalie. Struckhoff added another goal to insure SLJH's advancement through the tournament.

The Panthers attempted a comeback as they had done so often before in the game. Mehlville scored a last second goal but it made little difference as the varsity Polobills swam past the Mehlville Panthers, 8-6.

Jack Geist

Soccer

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lent chance as Fesler aggressively moved up into scoring position and hit a rocket shot off of a rebound. The ball went past the out of place Johnston towards the goal. But, a DeSmet defenseman alertly moved back to the goal-line and, as the ball came in, stuck his leg in the air for a lucky save.

Throughout the half, the Bills dominated the Spartans. But, Johnston was impeccable for the rest of the game and thwarted any effort the Bills made to ruin his shutout.

But, this game was not meant to be for the Jr. Bills. On one of their few offensive attacks of the game, DeSmet got the game winner at 31:30. A low cross was hit from the right corner and skipped through the SLJH defense. A DeSmet midfielder happened to be at the right place at the right time and put the ball into the net. The SLJH defense was dumbfounded as nobody was sure who was marking whom.

Not enough credit can be given to the Spartan keeper. He was unarguably the main force behind the Spartan victory. Not only was his playing instrumental to the win, but Lady Luck seemed to continually fall on the Spartan side.

Although the Soccerbills suffered their second loss of the year to DeSmet, the squad is still confident they can beat the Spartans in the state final, if that rematch occurs. Part of this confidence comes from the fact that the Bills should have Kitts and Harlon back in the lineup.

The Jr. Bills will need to play in top form to reach the state final because, barring major upset, they will have to play CBC in the sectionals, Vianney in the quarters, and McCluer North in the semis.

The varsity Soccerbills once again have an easy regional playing against teams such as Soldan. The first game will take place Friday afternoon against Vashon.

Dan Millman and Tim Scheer

Coming next week:
Cross Country season review