

SOCCKER RECORD BOOSTED BY TWO TRIUMPHS

The Varsity soccer team squared off against both McCluer and Sedalia-Smith-Cotton last weekend, and came out of both games smiling, as they succeeded in their attempt to boost their record to an impressive 5-2.

First, last Friday, the squad thrashed McCluer 4-0 on a misty, cold, rainy day at Forest Park. Tim Leahy initiated the scoring early, when he rocketed a shot from outside the penalty area into the upper right-hand corner of the net. This proved the only goal the team would need that afternoon, as the Comets seemed overwhelmed by the strong offense and defense of the Jr. Bills. John Fletcher notched the next goal, while Tom Berra and John Guignon both added single tallies, sending McCluer back to North County unhappy.

A more serious challenge awaited the Varsity kickers on Saturday night, as they faced a perennial foe from Sedalia, Smith-Cotton. The first half was all SLUH. The Jr. Bills struck early when Tim Graham took a Joe Dueker pass along the crease and blasted it past the helpless Smith-Cotton goalkeeper. The team pressured Smith-Cotton throughout the half, but was unable to score until Mike Unger booted a bullet into the back of the net with four minutes remaining. With a 2-0 margin the Jr. Bills entered the second half. After a goal by Smith-Cotton, John Fletcher countered with a hard, ground-hugging shot which raced past the opposing team's goalkeeper. Sedalia battled throughout the half, but was unable to capitalize on scoring opportunities due to fine defense and goalkeeping. Thus, SLUH won 3-1.

Yesterday, the team squared off against Chaminade, but results were too late for publication. Tomorrow, the Jr. Bills take on always-tough Quincy-Notre Dame while next week holds games against perennial state contender St. Thomas Aquinas at 8:00 in the stadium and an away game against Mehlville, also at 8:00.

---Phil Dell'Orco

RUNNERS PERFORM WELL AT PATTONVILLE

The Cross Country team did very well at the Pattonville Invitational last Friday and Saturday, placing 5th out of 18 teams. Freshmen McGlynn and Williams, sophomores Woddward, Schocklee, and Hunter, and seniors Kardos and Alvord all competed in varsity heats.

WEBSTER DUMPED: THIRD STRAIGHT DEFENSIVE GEM

"If they don't score, they can't win."

This phrase is one of assistant varsity football coach Gary Kornfeld's favorites. He often speaks these words at halftime of games in which the Junior Billikens are shutting out their opposition. So far this football season, these words have been used frequently, and Coach Kornfeld has yet to be wrong.

In three games this season SLUH has not allowed a single enemy point. Opposing offenses have accumulated just 214 total yards, less than the average SLUH single game offensive output.

The nucleus of this defense, almost everyone knows, is senior tackle Matt "The Corporation" Herzberg, but one man does not a defense make. The key to the Jr. Billiken success has been its talent all over the field, especially ends Jim Hartigan and Paul "Company" Helmering, both of whom have done superior jobs at positions relatively new to them. The powerful pair of nose guard Gregg Mueller and tackle Tim Ney have stubbornly anchored the middle of the line. From the linebacker stations hard-hitters Kevin Fitzgerald and Andy Titone regularly crunch enemy ball carriers. The secondary David Littleton, Dan Isom, Charlie Ohmer, and Henry Jones continues to improve its frustration of opposing quarterbacks.

Friday's 16-0 whitewashing of Webster Groves featured all facets of SLUH defensive strength. The men in blue permitted only 68 total yards, as a fierce pass rush and glove-like receiver coverage held the Statesmen to 1 pass completion. SLUH's defense even accounted for 2 points when Helmering sacked the Webster quarterback in the end zone for a 4th quarter safety.

Fitzgerald had capped a power-packed 15 play, 67 yard offensive drive in the second quarter with a 2-yard TD plunge. SLUH then took a two touchdown halftime advantage when Mike Crimmins scooped up what appeared to be an incomplete pass but in reality was a lateral (a live ball) and alertly sprinted 60 yards for a touchdown. Joe Conte made 2 of 2 extra points, and the halftime score was 14-0.

Tonight's official home opener against 2-1 McCluer North presents the Jr. Bills with a somewhat different challenge. The Stars boast perhaps the best wide receiver in the area in Calvin Dixon. Dixon's deep threat will undoubtedly test the SLUH secondary. Kickoff, as usual, is at 7:30.

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