

VARSITY SOCCERBILLS ADVANCE TO STATE TOURNAMENT

After capturing their fifth straight district title last Monday, the Varsity Soccerbills advanced to the state tournament at Lindenwood Colleges. The team won the district by blasting St. John's 5-0, and then nipping DuBourg 2-1 in sudden-death overtime.

In the game against St. John's, the Jr. Bills jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first half on goals by John Rogers, John Fletcher, and Tim Schmidt. In the second half, Tim Graham and Tom Berra tallied for the Bills to make the final score 5-0. Matt Kemner and Ron Kraus got the shutout as the defense throttled St. John's attack.

The district final versus DuBourg was undoubtedly the most exciting game of the year. Two fired-up squads took the field at Koch park as the sun began to set. The last four matches between the teams had gone into overtime, and their last game had ended in a 0-0 draw. Last year's district final had seen SLUH win with a goal in overtime.

The Jr. Bills dominated the early part of the first half as they outhustled the Cavaliers and kept the ball in the DuBourg half of the field. After being awarded a free kick, Jr. Bill midfielder Tim Leahy chipped the ball towards the goal. Paul Mataya sprinted toward the goal and intimidated the goalie out of the play. The ball trickled toward the goal and Mataya made sure it went in. Mataya got credit for the goal and the Bills led 1-0.

Later in the half, Dan Davis saved a possible goal off a DuBourg shot and the defense cleared the ball out of the penalty area. At the end of the half, Paul Mataya was all alone on a breakaway, but the referee sounded his whistle to end the half before Paul could take a shot.

Midway through the second half, John Fletcher took two shots from the left corner which almost scored. The first shot hit the crossbar and the goalie deflected the second shot over the crossbar. Later, Paul Mataya broke through the defense again. His 30 yard shot beat the goalie but hit the right-hand side goalpost.

With 10 minutes left in the game, DuBourg evened the score on a shot from the left wing. DuBourg threatened two more times but were stopped on two great saves by goalie Matt Kemner. Questionable refereeing hampered the Bills every time they got their offense going. Regulation time ended, and the game went into overtime.

The first two overtimes were uneventful and the match went into sudden death. A John Fletcher shot was deflected to Tom Moore who sent a 20 foot rocket into the net to give SLUH a 2-1 victory, and the district championship. Moore soon disappeared into a mob of joyous teammates and fans. "I turned around and all I could see was a blue wave rushing toward," Tom said.

The defensive line of Kevin Leahy, Dan Davis, Charlie Ernst and Joe Dueker turned in a stellar performance. The mid-fielders were primarily responsible for shutting down DuBourg's All-American Tim Miramonti.

Tomotrow night the Soccerbills will take on St. Mary's at Lindenwood at 6:00 p.m.

---Tom Kelly

B SOCCER FINISHES 14-5-2

The B soccer team finished its season last week by beating DeSmet and losing to Aquinas.

The B Soccerbills battled DeSmet for four quarters to a 0-0 tie. In overtime, John Pierle headed Tim Gauvaign's corner kick into the goal. This gave the team a win and gave Paul Roellkoetter a shutout.

On Friday SLUH played Aquinas. Just after the game started, Geoff Beckmeier tripped and broke his collar bone; John Pierle scored to make it 1-0 at one half. Aquinas scored twice in the second half, handing the B team its final defeat.

The B's ended their season with a successful 14-5-2 record.

---Phil Schenkenberg

ROB BEHM SENT TO STATE

SLUH's 1983 Cross Country season closed last Saturday when sophomore Rob Behm finished 100th in the State Cross Country meet in Jefferson City. Despite sending only one runner to State, Coach Linhares said he was "happy with the team." This year was primarily a transitional season and should the team put in enough mileage over the summer, he said, SLUH would have an excellent chance of sending a team to State next year. As only two of the top 7 runners are graduating seniors, the team's great depth should be maintained with 10 to 15 competitors for next year's varsity spots. According to junior Joe Kardos, "If we have everyone healthy next year, we'll stay strong."

---Jim Hasik

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