

## RUNNERS FINISH FIRST IN PARKWAY INVITATIONAL

"A team with a promising future, with the ability to advance well in the districts this year," is how Coach Goeke characterized this year's Cross country team. This analysis followed the Varsity's 4th place finish in the Parkway West Invitational. Pete Palumbo finished 5th among 56 runners, with an outstanding time of 16:53 for the 3.1 mile course at Maryville College. Joe Wagner placed 18th at 17:58, as John Buerkert finished 19th, just one second later. All seven Varsity runners ran the course in under 20 minutes.

On the JV level, Jerry Gibbons finished in 11th place (19:03), and Joe Kardos placed 15th at 19:16. The remaining JV runners: Bill Reinecke, Tom Buerkert, Jim Hasik and Chris Hayden, all ran well. The team, however, finished 5th of 6 teams.

At the DeSmet invitational Oct. 15, the Varsity squad finished 4th of 9 teams, ahead of Rosary, Chaminade, Vianney, Aquinas, and ever-tough St. Mary's. Palumbo placed 3rd with a 16:42 finish, and Tom Whalen's 18:10 was good for 19th place among over 60 runners.

The B-team finished 4th of 7 at the Invitational. Joe Kardos and Bill Reinecke placed 8th and 10th, respectively, while Jeff Williams earned 24th place with an impressive 19:56. The C-team fared the best of all 3 teams, finishing 2nd of 7 teams. Gibbons and Hasik finished 2nd and 9th, respectively.

In the last regular season meet Monday, the Varsity squad finished a close second behind CBC and well ahead of a tough U-City team. Pete Palumbo placed second, with his best time of the season, 16:03 min. Tom Whalen, John Buerkert, Joe Wagner, and Gene Kaiser placed 6th, 7th, 9th and 10th respectively, giving SLUH 5 of the top 10 places.

The C-team ran against DeSmet and CBC, finishing 3rd. Mike Hasik and Bob Grothe finished 4th and 8th, respectively. The Varsity and JV squads had previously raced the Friday before, finishing a distant third behind State-champions Herculaneum and DeSmet. Palumbo (16:27) finished 3rd and John Buerkert (17:26) placed 9th. The C-team finished second to DeSmet with 5 top-ten finishes.

After the last meet before post-season play. Tri-Captain Pete Palumbo noted that the team "had run well all season and should do well in the Districts starting Saturday."

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## FOOTBALL BEES ON A TEAR; RIP DESMET AND BELLEVILLE EAST

In the past two weeks the B-football team has outscored its opposition 65-6, blanking DeSmet 25-0, then destroying Belleville East 40-6.

A ferocious SLUH defense permitted only 52 Spartan yards as the Jr. Bills successfully invaded West County two weeks ago. Mark  
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Smith starred for the Bees as he first sacked DeSmet's quarterback in the Spartan end zone for a safety then intercepted a screen pass and rambled 30 yds. for SLUH's final touchdown of the game. On offense full-back Charlie Ohmer rushed for 108 yards and two TD's. His first score, a five  
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yard run, followed Killian Weir's recovery of a DeSmet fumble on the game's first play from scrimmage. A 32 yard field goal by Brian Nash upped the lead to 10 points, concluding the first half scoring.

In the third quarter, with DeSmet deep in its own territory, after SLUH had twice fumbled within the Spartan 10, Smith blitzed on the dropping passer and sandwiched him into the goalpost. DeSmet could mount little offense after this as a fantastic 53 yd. Ohmer TD romp and Smith's interception return rounded out the scoring. Eight quarterback sacks, three by Smith and two each by Weir and Don Kleffner, highlighted the contest, probably SLUH's best defensive effort of the year.

The Belleville game was no contest as the Billiken offense, amassing 385 total yards, crossed the Lancer goal line 6 times. Quarterback David Works rifled two TD passes, and Ohmer again rushed for over 100 yards. Tom Joern made a spectacular leaping grab of Work's first strike for a 32 yard scoring play as the Jr. Bills took a quick 7-0 advantage. In the second quarter Ohmer churned 7 yards for a score before Works lofted a sparkling toss into the waiting hands of Kleffner for a 45 yard touchdown to make the half-time score 20-0.

Another sensational Ohmer run, this one for 31 yards and a 3 yard quick pitch to Joern in the 3rd period then buried Belleville deeper, 34-0. Although the Lancers foiled SLUH's attempt for two straight shutouts with a 54 yard scoring drive,  
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