

JR. BILL HARRIERS LOOKING STRONG; PALUMBO BREAKS RECORDS

The 1982 Cross Country team, under the leadership of rookie coach Mr. Goeke, has finished impressively in all three meets it has run thus far. In a tri-meet versus Ladue and Parkway West, the varsity squad finished second, only 3 points behind a very tough and highly rated Ladue Squad. Tri-captain Pete Palumbo set a course record (16.14) for the 3.1 mile Aviation Field course. All of Coach Goeke's "solid top seven" runners (Palumbo, Tom Whalen, John Buerkert, Joe Wagner, Gene Kaiser, Tim Martin and Joe Griffard) had times below 19 minutes.

The following week at Fox High School, the race began without our varsity runners due to a time mix-up. The varsity runners, however, did run in the JV race, grabbing 7 of the top 10 placed. John Buerkert, Tom Whalen, and Joe Wagner finished 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively. Tim Martin (5th), Bill Reinicke (7th), Joe Kardos (8th) and Jerry Gibbons (9th) rounded out SLUH's top ten scoring. Mr. Goeke concluded that this race also run against Festus, Vianney, and Affton on a very wet course would have been "a probable victory for both the JV and Varsity had it not been for the mix-up and the rain.

At the Pattonville Invitational 4 days later, SLUH finished second out of 15 teams, again only 3 points from the 1st place team, Pattonville. Pete Palumbo shattered the previous course record with a time of 17:56 min. John Buerkert and Joe Wagner each finished 1st in their respective varsity "heats". Joe Griffard came from behind in his heat to finish 3rd, thus ensuring 2nd place for the varsity squad.

The JV team finished 5th out of 15 teams at Pattonville, with Jerry Gibbons (6th place) and Joe Kardos (9th) placing high with very impressive times, 20:44 and 20:53, respectively. Both squads ran against Chaminate Tuesday and both won; however, the results were not yet available at this writing.

This Saturday the team will run in the very important Hancock Invitational. Coach Goeke believes the team can place well, and as for the season, he says that this team has the "best chance since the '72 team of going beyond the districts in playoff competition."

---Drew Nachowiak

VARSITY BILLS EVEN RECORD AT 3-3-3

As the Soccerbills near the midway point in the season, their record stands even at 3-3-3. Injured full-back Chris Berutti described the teams' start well when he said, "We've played good enough to win every game, but we just can't seem to get a break."

A week ago Wednesday, the Bills took on the eighth-ranked Tigers from Oakville. SLUH blitzed the Tigers 5-1 as Matt Gamache tallied his second hat trick of the season with a three goal outburst in thirteen minutes. On his third goal, John Fletcher and Dan Feder put together a crisp passing play that freed the tri-captain for the score. Paul Mataya opened the second half scoring.

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BILLS SMASH RITENOUR

The B-football team continued its winning ways last Friday as the squad whipped the Huskies at Ritenour, 23-6.

The 3-0 Jr. Bills played well both offensively and defensively. Tom Joern's 113 rushing yards led the SLUH offense while an improved defense permitted only 176 yards.

Pat Crawley's fumble recovery in the first quarter preceded a 26 yard Brian Nash field goal as the men in blue and white took a 3-0 lead. Charlie Ohmer's 1 yard TD plunge later in the same period upped the advantage to 10 points. The Huskies rebounded with their only score of the contest, an eleven yard touchdown run, capping a 59 yard drive. The extra point, though, was blocked as the Bills kept a 4 point edge. At the very end of the half, Nash's 44 yard field goal attempt sailed just wide of the uprights, and SLUH was forced to settle for a 10-6 lead at the half.

Not satisfied with this margin, the Jr. Bills completely dominated the second half. Another one yard Ohmer score ended a 56 yard drive and increased the tally to 17-6. Finally, in the 4th quarter, Joern sputtered into the end zone from the 8 yard line to clinch the victory, 23-6.

Mark Smith headed the SLUH defense with three quarterback sacks. Joe Daus and Greg Mackey both performed well, each snaring an interception, and Tim Ney was stalwart on the defensive line dumping Ritenour's passer once and recovering a fumble to help.

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