

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

Individual rushing

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| 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

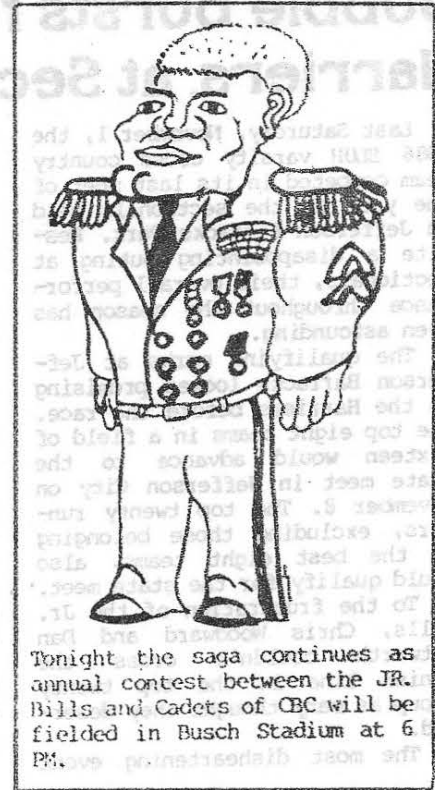
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| Sean Nolan | 10/16 for 97 yds. |
| Chuck Overall | 1/1 for -10 yds. |

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



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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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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

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