

ST. MARY'S DEALS JR. BILLS DISAPPOINTING LOSS, 10-6

A flat looking group of Jr. Bills met their match at Southwest, Sunday, as an aggressive St. Mary's team upset the Bills 10-6. The game was disappointing for SLUH in two ways; First, the Bills were unable to overcome the score and momentum which St. Mary's built up early in the game. Secondly, starting quarterback Tony Godfrey was sidelined for 8 weeks after sustaining a broken collarbone when sacked in the 3rd quarter.

A poor opening kickoff combined with poor coverage gave the Dragons good field position and momentum which they carried throughout the game. St. Mary's fought to within SLUH's 5 yard line, and quarterback Jeff Campbell kicked a field goal. A 5 yard SLUH penalty on the play gave St. Mary's a second chance, but they blew it as the Bill's defense held strong in an impressive goal line stand. The offense didn't have as much luck, however, as the Dragon picked up a Jr. Bill's fumble on the second play of the series. Campbell scored on a 2 yard squirt, and kicked the PAT to make it 7-0.

The Bill's bad fortunes continued into the second quarter. A blocked Greg Hrbacek punt gave St. Mary's another scoring opportunity, and despite good defense, the Dragons capitalized with a 20 yd. field goal. The momentum shifted temporarily, as Tony Godfrey led the Bills on an 83 yd. drive, capped by Dave Creighton's 8 yd. run. Creighton's 78 yd. running performance was a rare bright spot for SLUH. The score stayed at 10-6, as the Bills missed connections on the PAT attempt.

The second half was uneventful and somewhat futile for SLUH, lowlighted by the injury to Godfrey. Tony had completed 4 passes for 52 yd.s before the Dragon's Dan Albers' sack put him out of service. Tony Drumm's replacement efforts were to no avail. Junior QB Dan Dahmer had a good passing drive going, but he and the Bills ran out of time and went down to defeat. Godfrey's injury leaves gaps at quarterback and linebacker. Steve Mueller will fill the linebacker void. Dan Dahmer will start at Qb vs. Vianney, with Larry Denk and Rich Reichle also getting a look. "Our problem at quarterback is consistency," notes Coach Martel, "we're as wild as a bunch of march hares. We need to develop a quarterback with the confidence and consistency to perform well."

"St. Mary's had the edge on us because they were quicker, more aggressive, and better mentally prepared," says Martel, "we've got to work on this, plus make better strides in blocking and improving our passing game." The Bills have had only 4 days to prepare for Vianney tonight. The Griffings trounced Fox last week, 35-0, and are ranked 7th in the Journal's poll. With a strong running game led by QB Dan Christian, and fine special teams, they present a big challenge for the Bills tonight. Be at Vianney and back the Bills as they try to get back on the right track.

--- Pat Finan

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TANKMEN TAKE A DIVE

SLUH's water polo team met pre-season favorite Mehlville, Tuesday, and met with defeat, 11-6. Don Wilhelm scored three for the Jr. Bills, with Gary Tretter, Eric Fischer, and John Murphy scoring one apiece. Phil Behnen played excellently as deep-end goalie.

Coack Busenhart attributed the loss to poor passing, Mehlville's quickness to the ball, and inadequate defense in the shallow end. He added, however, that the team played a good game overall, but needs to work to correct some mistakes.

The B team also lost to Mehlville 16-6, overshadowing a four goal performance by Mario Cicerio. Glen Kemper and Scott Sommers also got tallies in the Bees losing effort.

The tankmen face Ladue tonight, with Band Varsity games starting at 7:00 and 8:00. Be there!

--- Richard Ehrhard

HARRIERS SWEEP MERCY MEET.

Last Friday, SLUH opened its Cross Country season with a win-by-forfeit victory over Mercy. Although there was no outside competition, the meet was run anyway.

The results were good for this time in the season and if improvement continues, a good season is ahead.

Today the runners race Vianney and Lutheran South. The varsity will probably be led by Glynn and Harvey, who both ran Friday's 2.5-mile course in under 15 minutes. Also look for freshman Columbo, who followed closely with a 15:09. Give the team some support this afternoon.

---Jerry Nester