

Jennings, Finney lead Gridbills to win

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With the SLUH defense allowing an average of just one touchdown per game, and the special teams unit being solid as well in the first three contests, the Bills were due for an offensive breakout game. With the recent lineup shuffles and the confidence gained from their first MCC victory over Chaminade, the boys in blue were ready to light it up. The Golden Griffins could do little but watch.

The Jr. Bills' first possession was indeed an omen of things to come. Despite several offensive penalties, standout sophomore Dossie Jennings engineered a drive which consisted mainly of his own running and a 19-yard pass to German tank #44, Matt Sinclair, which kept the drive alive. Jennings scored from one yard out on a keeper to put the Jr. Bills up 6-0.

With the tone for the game being set on offense, it was time for the rock solid

defensive corps to appear. The defense decided it did not want the offense to be the only ones scoring, and Chris Finney took it upon himself to make sure that was not the case. On Vianney quarterback Matt Fuhr's fourth throw of the game,



Dossie Jennings sprints for extra yards against Vianney

Finney picked off the pass at the SLUH 49-yard line and ran it back for some end zone love. Finney's was one of six interceptions the Jr. Bill defense had on the

night, tying a school record.

Coach Kornfeld said, "I was really pleased about tying the school record, but even more so that all four secondary starters got (an interception)."

Finney also shone on offense in the first half. On a pass play on which the average mammal would have been choked to death, Finney somehow managed to escape the grasp of a Griffin who was hanging on to the collar of his jersey. After escaping this defender and showing some impressive footwork, he was in the end zone after a 33-yard scamper.

On his scoring success on both sides of the ball, Finney said, "I just look to play as hard as I can on every down and try to make things happen."

Before the half was over, the Gridbills had scored ten more points on a touchdown from Jennings to Sinclair from 14 yards out and a 32-yard field goal by Greg Scott. The Jr. Bills left the half leading 29-0.

Of the first half scoring explosion by
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X-Country captures third at Hancock

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Amidst the loud cheers last Saturday at Jefferson Barracks park, a passionate "let's go SLUH!" pierced the late morning air. The SLUH cross country team was getting ready once again to race against the best teams in the state, this time at the Hancock Invitational, one of the biggest meets of the year for the team; the day was full of outstanding results.

The SLUH varsity squad captured the third place trophy, just 17 points behind DeSmet and Jeff City. SLUH's top five scorers included four medalists: Tom O'Brien (15th, 17:08), Ryan Hatch (17th, 17:10), Dave Godar (24th, 17:27), and Patrick Leinaur (32nd, 17:40). John Parr rounded out the top five in 43rd place, and Dan Leinaur and Kyle Gonnerman also ran top seven qualifying times and places.

The race featured a good lead race from O'Brien and Hatch, the team captain, who came through once again with his dramatic last mile heroics by moving up continuously throughout the race. It was also a big day for Gonnerman, a sophomore running in his first varsity race, who finished 50th.

In the "B" race for freshmen and sophomores, Drew Noblot ran an outstanding race, capturing third place with a time of 18:08. With the help of fellow sophomores Peter Schaefer and Boyd Gonnerman, SLUH crushed the competition.

But the story of the day involved Andrew Linhares and John Oliver, who finished 15th and 16th, respectively. It was the first 5000 meter race for both and each finished under the 19-minute mark, a major milestone for freshmen. Coach Linhares summed up this major feat by

saying, "Wow that was huge."

Sophomore Geoff Stewart also medaled in the race, finishing 21st.

The JV race was not scored but featured some outstanding results for SLUH, with the lead runners capturing an unbelievable seven medals. Chris Crews ran to a 3rd place finish, with Jason Towers, Geoff Hadler, Raj Joseph, Richard Spicer, and Greg Kohler also medaling.

Next up for the Bills is a new meet on the schedule, the Midwest Jesuit Invitational. This meet will be run at Chaminade, but is being sponsored by DeSmet. It will bring together eight Jesuit schools from the midwest, including runners from as far away as Dallas Jesuit in Dallas, Texas. Conceived of as a way to celebrate Jesuit identity and give the schools a chance to experience regional competition, the meet begins at 4 p.m. with a mass and awards banquet for teams later in the evening.