

Cross Country runs to 6th place in state

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Sports Editor

After homeroom last Friday, the varsity cross country team left the confines of SLUH to embark on a journey that had been three months in the making: the trip to the state meet in Jefferson City.

After arriving in Jeff City, the team toured the course at the Oak Hills golf course in Hough Park, and the alternates ran an unofficial race against the alternates from DeSmet, Rockhurst, and CBC, where they performed very well. This race serves to give state-bound runners a taste of what is to come in their futures, and to get them acquainted with the tough Jeff City course.

After getting a good night's rest in preparation for the final race of the season, our boys were as "Ready to Run" as the Dixie Chicks. The weather conditions were ideal on Saturday morning, with moderate temperatures and clear skies above. It appeared that the race might be run in overcast conditions, but as the Bills approached the line the skies seemed to part over them, greeting them with bright,



Dave Godar ambles up a Jeff City hill, warming sunlight that apparently enhanced the performance of the runners, as shown in the fast times recorded by all.

The race leapt to an extremely fast start, as Chris Jefferson from Riverview jumped to an early lead by running his first quarter mile in sixty-three seconds. SLUH stayed in contention early with fine first miles from Tom O'Brien (23rd, 16:46), Ryan Hatch (51st, 17:01), and Leinauer brothers Dan and Pat. Once the race settled in, the Harrierbills got down to business and started picking off opposing runners. Dan Leinauer especially improved in the last 400 meters of the race, passing many runners and helping SLUH edge out Parkway West by six

points. His brother Pat also ran a spectacular race, finishing 57th, one place ahead of Dan. Dave Godar, a fixture on the varsity team, turned in a solid performance despite battling nagging injuries he had been fighting all year, finishing with a time of 17:23, good for 103rd place.

Godar later said about the race, "I never raced up to my expectations this season, because of the setbacks from my injury, but nevertheless I am glad I raced at the state meet because that was a goal of mine for four years."

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Gridbills bid farewell at 7-2

Shawn Furey
Reporter

This past Friday's game against Roosevelt High School marked the final game of a football season which was characterized by pride, toughness—both mentally and physically—and incredible tenacity. Friday's game was a chance to bid farewell to the courageous seniors and to offer a glimpse into the future of SLUH football by letting the juniors show their stuff. The Roosevelt Ruff Ryders put up little resistance.

The game started off in Jr. Bill fashion with Chris Finney picking off a pass and running it in for the early lead. The boys never looked back.

The Bills rolled up 47 points and their

rock of a defense yielded an insignificant eight points late in the game. The scoring came from a host of Junior Bills, including the first TDs of the season for captain Dan Chik and Brad Drakesmith.

The boys finished off the season 7-2 and as of now look like they will again finish in the *Post-Dispatch's* top ten poll. This game served as a tribute to the unbelievable heart and determination this team displayed all year.

Captain, team leader, and possible guardian angel of the team Matt Sinclair said, "This is a good way to go out; I hate to see it end, but this fan support definitely helps."

Check out the *Prep News* next week for the season-ending wrap-up article, and thanks for supporting the team all year long.

MCC Football Honors

MCC Co-Player of the Year

Matt Sinclair

All-MCC First Team

Stan Richardson	Junior
Matt Sinclair	Senior
Zach Schmitt	Senior
Steve Buss	Senior
Craig Schlaprizzi	Junior
Chris Finney	Junior
Adam Siebenman	Junior

All-MCC Second Team

Dan Chik	Senior
Tim Boyce	Junior
Jeff Nonnenkamp	Senior
Alex Glennon	Junior
Nick Schulte	Senior
David Parker	Senior
Pat Juelich	Senior
Josh Maurath	Senior

All-MCC Honorable Mention

Dossie Jennings	Sophomore
Michael Pennick	Junior
Chris Carter	Junior
Mike Rudy	Senior
Michael Pettit	Junior
Ben Purcell	Senior

SLUH All-Academic

Dan Chik	Chris Finney
Alex Glennon	Brad Johnson
Jeff Nonnenkamp	David Parker
Mike Pettit	Ben Purcell
Zach Schmitt	Nick Schulte
Greg Scott	Adam Siebenman

Craig Schlaprizzi

By Andrew Ivers

Calendar

November 10-November 17

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Schedule #1

Prep News Meeting After School

Cashbah Sneak Peek

Our Little Haven @ 3:15 p.m.

College Visits @ Activity Period:

- Creighton University
- Lawrence University
- Loyola University-Chicago

Fall Ball @ American Theater

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Schedule #1

Diversity Week (Hispanic) through Friday

Fire Drill

Sophomore Retreat

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Schedule #1

Sophomore Class Liturgy

Pro-Life Club meeting

College Visits @ Activity Period:

- Missouri, University of-Kansas City
- Regis University
- Springfield College

Wrestling Night

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Schedule #1

Fire Drill back-up

Senior Retreat through Friday

Sophomore Retreat

Freshman English Tutorial

College Visits @ Activity Period:

- Elon College

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Schedule #1

Rosary in Chapel

AP Biology Lab @ Activity Period

College Visits @ Activity Period:

- Central Missouri State University
- Lake Forest College
- Missouri, University of-St. Louis

1940s Radio Hour @ 7:30 p.m. in the SLUH Theater

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Schedule #1

1940s Radio Hour @ 7:30 p.m. in the SLUH Theater

CRISS CROSS

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Junior Andy Skosky, running in his first race, finished in 118th place, an amazing feat considering he ran the entire race with a stress fracture in his right foot.

Coach Jim Linhares said of the race, "It was surprisingly fast and our guys really had to respond not be left behind. They ran very smart and very fast. We had a great day."

Junior Tom O'Brien had an especially great day, finishing 23rd, making him an all-state runner. Said Linhares, "Tom's race was incredible. He had to run almost 15 seconds faster than his best day to be all-state. He was a fierce competitor."

Looking to the future, the Harrierbills look strong with emerging talents like freshman Andrew Linhares, sophomores Peter Schaefer, Geoff Stewart, and Kyle Gonnerman, and juniors Skosky, John Parr, Leinauer, and O'Brien. This year's state meet was a glimpse into the future, with only two seniors running for the Bills. They look to return strong next year under the leadership of the underclassmen who ran varsity this year.

Of the upcoming season, Linhares said, "These returning guys really set themselves up for next year. With four (run-

ners) coming back and five or six in great position to fill in, we are looking to be top state contenders."

So the season concluded on this 6th place finish, surely a fine accomplishment by most standards. But SLUH XC has come to expect finishes like that, and know they have the talent year in and year out to perform. This team was no different, as our boys stepped up to the challenge, beating teams when they had to and accomplishing many of their goals. Once again, SLUH XC has proven to be a powerhouse, letting other teams know that they are always a threat.

PN Night Beat

MCC Soccer Sectional

DeSmet: 2, SLUH: 1

James Twellman scored first goal with 8:30 left in game.

DeSmet scored with 3:30 left in game.

DeSmet scored in overtime to win.

The Jr. Bills are now eliminated from the playoffs.

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violently, received no kickouts in the second in the quarter.

The third and fourth quarters were similar to the second, and SLUH ended up conceding defeat 9-5 after a very long, very hard game.

"We did not expect to beat MICDS," said varsity coach Charlie Busenart. He also had some comments about the number of ejections and the referees in that game: "The refs did not lose the game for us, but they did ensure that we would never come back to win." It was indeed a thoroughly disappointing game, especially for the players, who were being abused in the water and not drawing calls.

In the words of the great poet Robert Louis Stevenson: "It is better to be second than to be dead." And although Stevenson originally had the words "a fool" in place of "second," the point and the significance of the statement remain. SLUH Polo has accomplished more than what was expected of them, and they were closer to beating MICDS than anyone. They had a successful season and postseason, and most importantly set the bar for next year's team. They truly deserve their place in SLUH's rich tradition of Water Polo.