

# Polobills swim to 5-0 start with three more wins

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Reporters**

The Busiebills continued their quest for a state championship on Friday when they faced the perennially difficult foe Marquette. The last time they faced this team was in last year's state semifinal game, when they defeated the 17-0 Mustangs 7-3 to advance to the final.

After the first quarter, each team had notched a goal, with Marquette scoring first. Goalie Mike Petersen stated, "They were taking some strong shots. I had to be at the top of my game."

Even though it was close during the first quarter, the Busiebills turned up their intensity and started to pull away. The goals started to come from all across the board, with senior John Pimmel leading the scoring with three. Don DesPain, Jason Jacobi and junior Tom Heafner all scored two goals. According to backup goalie Cliff Reynolds, "Mike's been really good between the pipes, so it will be hard to get any time above him, especially in a close game, but I'll be ready for my chance."

SLUH eventually pulled away from

the 1-1 tie and emerged with a convincing 11-4 victory. Said captain Kevin Price, "Their strategy was to keep us from shooting. It worked for a time, but then we were forced to move the ball more, which freed



Busenhart addresses the team at Friday's practice.

up our men."

After this convincing victory against their annual foes, the Polobills faced another good team in Parkway West on Monday. SLUH netted two goals in the middle of the first period, giving them confidence going into the second quarter.

West responded by outscoring the Jr. Bills 3-1 to tie the game at 3-3. A shaky team headed into the locker room, not leading at the half for the first time this

year. Nevertheless, coach Busenhart and assistant coach Paul Baudendistel reassured the team, saying "Slow it down, run the offense, and swim back to defense." This seemed to be enough to give the offense a jolt as the team finished the game confidently, winning 8-4.

Playing once again in FoPoLand Wednesday against notorious Oakville, SLUH captured an 11-4 victory, improving their record to 5-0.

On average, the BusieBills have been outscoring opponents by a 3:1 ratio. Scores this game came across the board, with goals from Price, Brendon Sanders, Heafner, Billy Dahlman, and Patrick Slaughter.

Despite the extremely physical play late in the game, Oakville could not break SLUH's defense, as the "all-junior" squad stepped up to give the seniors a break. Oakville's frustration was shown when their coach shook his fists in fury.

SLUH's next game is next Thursday, September 27, against Lindbergh. With such a long break between games, the team looks to improve in key areas, such as "man-up" or 6-5 situations, counter attacks, and everything else involved with offense.

# Harrierbills prepare to take on the Manmaker

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Reporter**

Having had a week off from competition, the varsity team is rested and ready to resume their journey towards a state championship. The team will travel to Sioux Passage Park in deep North County tomorrow to compete in the Paul Enke Invitational. Marked by many severe hills, including one aptly dubbed the "Manmaker," the course is known to be one of the toughest in the state. And with perennial state powers Lee's Summit and Jefferson City set to be on hand at Sioux Passage tomorrow, joining the already formidable field, the competition will be equally as challenging.

"It was a nice week off, but another shot at our rivals would have been nice,"

lamented John Parr. "However, I'm very excited about the chance this weekend to face both our St. Louis rivals and teams from out of the town. It's really going to be a dogfight because of the brutal course. With DeSmet's #2 man Sean Hartling most likely returning from an injury, you know that they're going to be really tough. We'll just have to rise to the occasion, though."

Pat Leinauer, never at a loss for words, explained, "It was quite nice to watch others do the work for me last week, but this week it's my turn to do the work. I'm going to try to run as fast as I can, and if I can't do that, then I'm just not running as fast as I can."

There will be one change in the varsity lineup for tomorrow. Sophomore Andrew Linhares will take over the 7th

spot for the injured Andy Skosky. Having a sophomore running varsity is a rare occurrence, but this won't be the first varsity race for Linhares.

Along with the rest of the top JV team, Linhares competed in the varsity division at last weekend's McCluer North Invitational. Joining Linhares in the varsity race were sophomores Brennan Connor, Dan Flanagan, Joe Marincel, Paul Nappier, juniors Boyd Gonnerman, and Matt Killiany, and seniors Richard Spicer and Patrick Kim. Linhares's sparkling performance, a time of 17:54, earned him a varsity medal in 26th place. The team placed a very respectable 9th among 15 varsity teams.

About his individual accomplishment and the success of the team, Linhares

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noted, "My first varsity race felt different than anything I've run before, but was much more exciting. The competition was awesome, and it was very encouraging to see the JV step up and compete well in a varsity meet."

About tomorrow, Linhares said, "I'm looking forward to racing some of the top runners in the state, and I hope to crack our top five so I can help the team score. I think the competition will push me harder, and hopefully I can run a fast race."

With the top nine JV runners racing varsity at McCluer, that left the rest of the JV squad to battle the likes of powers Jefferson City and Parkway South. Led by Kevin Mills, newcomer Chris Arb, Dan Foldes, and season-best races for nearly everyone else, SLUH was still able

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returner tried to pick up the ball, Finney hit him and knocked the ball loose. Line-man Brandon Beehner quickly pounced on the loose ball, and the Jr. Bills took over possession near the Pioneers' 20-yard line.

"It didn't feel as pure coming of the foot as previous punts," said Devine who carries a 37.4-yard average per punt. "But it got the job done and put us in good position to take the lead."

Propelled by excellent line blocking, Jennings scampered 13 yards down to the 2-yard line. On the following play, he burrowed across the goal line for a touch-down to give the Jr. Bills a 14-7 lead with 1:20 to play.

SLUH's defense stepped up and shut down the Pioneer offense on their final drive. Finney, who leads the team with 27 total tackles through two games, intercepted Maclin on the final play of the game to clinch the victory.

The Footballs will still be without the services of offensive lineman Stanford Richardson for at least one more week due to his appendectomy. SLUH will open their Metro Catholic Conference schedule tonight against Chaminade at the Sta

to win the JV championship. Head coach Jim Linhares observed that this feat was "very impressive, and speaks of the great depth that we have on this team."

The freshman team also opened up its season last Saturday at McCluer. Led by Charlie Samson's second place finish, covering the 2.4 mile course in 14:10, the team placed second overall, which left Linhares prophesizing, "It was a good first race, but I know we can do better."

As usual, Linhares was accurate in his prediction, as this past Wednesday the freshmen won a two-mile tri-meet against rivals CBC and DeSmet in Forest Park. Led by Samson's blazing 11:54, the team placed six runners in the top ten to establish that they are again the team to beat in the MCC.

About the dedicated turnout for cross

country, Leinauer noted, "I want to thank the crowd support last Saturday that consisted of one non-cross country student. I don't know if we can get more, because one was pretty spectacular, but just maybe this week we could get three or four."

"If you come to the race, I promise to lead the team to victory, just like Mel Gibson in Braveheart, only replacing the kilt with some super small running shorts," added Parr.

If that doesn't get your SUV fired up and ready to drive to Sioux Passage, perhaps nothing will. Festivities begin at 9 a.m. for the JV race, with the varsity going at 9:35 and the B team at 10:35. For more, including directions to Sioux Passage, log on to [www.geocities.com/sluhcrosscountry](http://www.geocities.com/sluhcrosscountry).

## Rifle team looks to Walsh to lead 2002 Varsity squad

**Giles Walsh**  
**Reporter**

The 2000-2001 varsity rifle team received its final acclamation this past July, when the national scores were finally posted. The national score posting was much anticipated by the four varsity team members, because it is the final indication of how good a team is compared to all other high school rifle teams in the nation.

In the four position match, the team came in second in the nation. In the more competitive three position match though, they came away with a third place finish. These two finishes among the top high school teams in the nation definitely make the 2000-2001 team one of the best at SLUH in the past few decades.

The 2001 rifle team lost three of its four members, and it looks to the only remaining member, captain Giles Walsh, to try to achieve the same success. Adam Hilkenkamp is also looking to strengthen the team by moving up from the JV team to the second spot on the varsity. The last

two spots are still open and will be highly contested by the eight returning sophomores and one junior, which will make for a very competitive atmosphere in the range as they struggle to achieve one of the spots.

The team wishes to congratulate coach Mike Barron. He won the 2001 Wimbledon Cup Match at the National Matches held at Camp Perry, Ohio this summer. The Wimbledon Cup Match is shot at 1000 yards.

All members are anxiously awaiting the season opening. The team has a grueling schedule this year, with three collegiate matches, as well as matches against the number one and two junior ROTC programs in the country. Overall, despite the loss of the top three members, the team is looking to have another successful season.

Freshman Rifle Club practice starts Sept. 25 in the rifle range for all interested freshmen, and is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 3 to 5 during the school year. For more information contact Giles Walsh in M122.