

# XC victorious at MCC Championship

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This past weekend, the St. Louis U. High cross country team conquered the field at the highly competitive MCC Championship, proving that the Jr. Bills are not a team to be forgotten when mentioning this year's state contenders.

Senior Peter Schaefer, running on a mud-patched Chaminade course, led the way for the Harrierbills with an impressive time of 16:40. Schaefer sat on the shoulder of the leader, Chaminade runner Michael Boha, for the first mile and a half before taking off with a quick uphill sprint. Schaefer breezed past the field with a third mile time of 5:32.

Following Schaefer was senior Kyle Gonnerman, who spent most of his early season racking up victories on the JV

level while recovering from a back injury. Gonnerman, who was running in the varsity race in place of Andrew Linhares, posted a time of 17:19.

Right behind Gonnerman were sophomore sensation Alex Muntges (17:19, 6th), Kevin Crean (17:26, 8th), Matt Killiany (17:28, 9th), Drew Noblot (17:34, 11th) and Geoff Stewart (17:40, 13th). The final score for the team was 29, followed by Chaminade at 55.

However, the Jr. Bills did not accomplish this feat without a little adversity. For the first time this season, the Jr. Bills were unable to run their full top seven squad, due to injuries to two of their top juniors. Linhares, who has turned into one of the team's leaders, was dignosed with a stress fracture the week before conference. A stress fracture is caused by exces-

sive pounding on the shins, resulting in a gradual deterioration of the tibia. This injury is common among runners and will prevent Linhares from running until State.

The other junior sidelined because of injuries was Brennan Connor. Connor injured his knee while accelerating down one of the many hills on the Parkway Central course. The injury, not as severe as Linhares's, has healed, and Connor will run at the district meet this weekend.

"Right now, I am feeling like I am at ninety percent," Connor said. "I hope to be at ninety-five percent by this weekend."

Tomorrow, the Jr. Bills will run in the district championship at Parkway Central. The meet, which will be run against MCC rivals Chaminade and DeSmet, will be the second late season test for the Jr. Bills.

# Upper field hit by onslaught of wiffleball

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Brian Heffernan, a member of Student Council and of the junior class, recently started the wiffle ball club. Heffernan came up with the idea because he liked playing wiffle ball with his friends on the weekends. It started as a small idea, and then grew when he received a lot of support from his friends.

"Some other students thought of making the club before," Heffernan said. But only Heffernan followed through with the club and made it a reality.

"So far about thirty kids have come out, mainly juniors, but the number is growing," Heffernan said.

Brock Kesterson, STUCO moderator and psychology teacher, said, "The main goal of wiffle ball after school is to get interactions among the various classes. So far the goal has been going well. A few years ago we had a wiffle ball club, but it didn't have much longevity. But this is going nicely."

For those looking to get involved in

the wiffle ball tournaments, they are held monthly on the upper field near the faculty parking lot. This past exam week a tournament was held; the winners were Sean Rapp, Shane Rapp, and Andrew Burr.

There are no set teams; show up with two friends and start playing ball.

"We're going to play in the spring as well. We'll play as long as we can," Heffernan said.



Brian Heffernan unleashes a pitch during a wiffle ball game on Tuesday.