

Soccerbills beat second-ranked Vianney

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SLUH soccer regained prominent stature this past week with three victories, including an impressive win against second-ranked Vianney.

The Jr. Bills defeated the Golden Griffins last Saturday by the score of 3-1. The steadily improving Soccerbills reached peak performance for a full eighty minutes. The team moved the ball with pace and purpose to create a string of opportunities directly from the first whistle.

Coach Charlie Clark said, "We did a better job of getting behind their defense, making us consistently dangerous."

The Jr. Bills kept the ball out of the possession of the big, fast, and physical Vianney squad. The Upperninetybills continuously pushed forward with the wing defenders to pressure the Griffin defense.

Head coach Charlie Martel said, "We had some good chances."

Harrierbills sweep all divisions at Jesuit Invitational

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This past weekend, the 81 members of the SLUH cross country team competed in the Third Annual Midwest Jesuit Invitational, which draws its participants from Jesuit schools from around the country. In the process, they were able to conquer their fellow Ignatian brothers by sweeping the varsity, junior varsity, and freshmen races.

For the third year in a row, the cross country team hosted runners from Regis Jesuit High School in Denver. On Friday, the Harrierbills took the Regis XC team around to their classes and showed them what the U. High is all about.

"The Jesuit Invitational allows for our runners to meet new runners and get a break from the ordinary," XC coach Jim Linhares said.

For the second week in a row, the

Wing midfielder and captain Matt McCarthy scored two goals, including one off a cross which, instead of bounc-

Golden Griffins began to launch a full attack, they began to expose a hole in the Bluewhitebills defense. Since the wing defenders pushed so far forward, the Jr. Billikens were left open to a quick counterattack.

Early in the game, defenders Pat Ferrell and Tim Baldes had swept away Vianney's scoring opportunities and denied them

JR. BILL POINT LEADERS		
	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Assists</u>
<i>Twellman</i>	12	2
<i>Germanese</i>	9	2
<i>Kreikemeier</i>	5	4
<i>McCarthy</i>	4	2

ing, skipped on the wet SLUH stadium turf, making McCarthy's leaning headball attempt futile. But he improvised by throwing his heels above to deflect the ball past an unsuspecting goalkeeper and into the net; McCarthy defined athleticism. He followed up his mesmerizing masterpiece by volleying a second-half goal into the far post to put the Jr. Bills up 3-0.

Late in the second half, when the

access to the goal.

"We basically shut them down," Martel said.

However, later in the game, when more Griffins began to push forward, Baldes and Ferrell were outmanned. With Vianney centrally located around the Jr. Bills' net, the ball was sure to find the back of it.

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XC PLACES 8TH AT METRO INVITATIONAL

Thursday night, the cross country team ran at the Metro Invitational. The Harrierbills ran their second seven in the varsity race, in order to rest the top seven for upcoming meets. Nonetheless, the team put together a strong race, with sophomore Charlie Samson leading the way with a time of 18:06. Right behind Samson were sophomores Joe Carlson and Dan Flanagan, all three of whom earned medals.

"(The team) did their best and ran valiantly," coach Tim Chik said.

SOCCER DEFEATS FOX, 5-1

Sophomore Tim Weir scored two goals and junior Ryan Hyde scored a goal to lead the team to victory. The Jr. Bills scored four of their goals in the second half.

varsity team consisted of Peter Schaefer, Drew Noblot, Kevin Crean, Matt Killiany, Brennan Connor, Andrew Linhares, and Alex Muntges.

However, this week the Jr. Bills tried something new. Instead of going out hard from the gun in the first mile, these seven runners ran in a tight pack in the rear half of the race, hoping to conserve energy for the second and third miles. The team came across the line at the first mile at 5:30.

After the mile marker, the team picked up the pace and surpassed most of the field on their way to first place.

Coming across the line first for the Jr. Bills was Schaefer, who put together strong second and third miles on his way to a 2nd place finish with a time of 16:22.

The rest of the team came in with Muntges (16:57, 12th place) Noblot (17:00, 13th), Crean (17:01, 14th), Linhares (17:04, 15th), and Killiany

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Cardiacbills stave off Griffins, 7-6

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The football team established its first winning streak of the year by defeating Vianney 7-6 at home last Friday night.

As the score suggests, the Jr. Bills' defense played well, despite allowing Vianney running back Brandon Holland 193 yards. Considering Vianney's multitude of yards and SLUH's 288 yards on the night, one might think the game was a shootout, but a shootout it was not.

The Jr. Bills scored on a 50-yard connection from quarterback Dossie Jennings to receiver Joe Neely in the second half. In his first game playing both offense and defense, Neely caught three passes from Jennings for a total of 74 yards.

Coach Gary Kornfeld cited Neely's shoulder injury as the reason for Neely's not being used more, saying that the coaching staff was "easing Joe back in."

Vianney had big play potential as well. Holland took a handoff on Vianney's 20-yard line and burst through the middle of the Jr. Bills' defensive line, and soon found daylight and the end zone for an 80-yard touchdown run.

Holland's big game was not the first time that the Jr. Bills' defense was threatened by a strong running back. Parkway West's Will Meyers ran the Longhorns to their win over the Jr. Bills, and Vianney looked to do the same with Holland. But the Jr. Bills' defense answered Holland's challenge with a resounding "Not in my house!"

"We feel we're big enough and we're strong enough to where we can stop anybody that tries to run at us," defensive lineman Phineas Troy said. "After a couple of games we finally got it through our heads that we can stop them, and now we're starting to do it."

The defense played as a team, not leaning on one player too much. Linebacker John Block led the team with 15 total tackles, but seven other players had at least four tackles.

The Jr. Bill defense forced timely turnovers that demoralized the Griffin

team. Neely came up with one such turnover. With 4:23 left in the first half, Vianney began a drive on SLUH's 45-yard line. The drive took them down to the 2-yard line. On first down, the Griffins attempted a pass with 1:41 left. Neely, stuck to his receiver like glue, yanked the pass out of the air and saved the Jr. Bills from a large deficit going into halftime.

The third quarter was uneventful until, with 2:11 remaining, the Jr. Bills recovered a Griffin fumble and went on the offensive.

Neely scored immediately on the 50-yard toss from Jennings. Tim Simon kicked the extra point to put the Jr. Bills up for good.

But of course, as has been the case in the fourth quarter this year, the suspense wasn't over. As Vianney drove late in the quarter, defensive back Chris Sahrman crushed the Griffins' hopes with an interception. Unfortunately, the hope stayed crushed for only about 4 seconds. On his

return of the interception, Sahrman fumbled the ball, giving Vianney new life and a new set of downs.

Vianney promptly marched the ball down into field goal range. Troy created a fumble and disaster again struck the Griffins. Defensive end Matt Maisak fell on top of the fumble.

Kornfeld called Troy's heads-up stripping of the ball "very smart." Continuing to give credit where credit is due, Kornfeld noted that Maisak's recovery "really solidified the game."

Following the recovery, the Jr. Bills had nothing left to do but run the clock out for their second consecutive win.

MCC foe DeSmet travels to SLUH at 7:00 p.m. tonight to try to hold onto first place in the conference.

Kornfeld noted that the current Spartan football team is "probably one of the best they've had in quite a few years."



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(17:06, 16), rounding the top six. The final score for the team was an impressive 56 points.

Unfortunately, Connor had to pull out of the race in the second mile when he began to experience severe knee pain. Connor is seeing the doctor this week, and hopes to get cleared for the upcoming conference and state meets.

Following the meet, the team celebrated Mass with the teams they had competed against. Following the celebration of the Eucharist, the teams went to DeSmet's gymnasium and ate dinner to celebrate the day's race.

Unfortunately for the Jr. Bills, the team is having to deal with: injuries and sickness. Linhares and Connor are each battling injuries in their lower leg and knee, respectively. Schaefer is dealing with a nagging cold which prevented him to run in the beginning of the week. If the

Jr. Bills hope to earn a trophy at the state meet, their runners will have to recover.

"I think it is something temporary. I think by State we will be okay," Connor noted.

The JV team also put together an impressive race by beating Marquette Jesuit, a strong team from Milwaukee, Wis. Leading the way for the Prefontainebills was Kyle Gonnerman, who ran in the lead for most of the race. Gonnerman, who finished with a time of 17:23, was followed by sophomore Charlie Samson, who stepped up with a time of 17:43.

The freshmen finished off the sweep with a sensational performance by Ben Murphy-Baum, whose time of 18:06 allowed him to crack the second seven.

Coach Tim Chik summed up the team's performance by saying, "We had exceptional performances at all levels."