

FIFAbills tie CBC 1-1, go 2-0-1 for week

Pat Miller
Reporter

Brimming with hope and high expectations, the 2003 edition of the Soccerbills were anxious to kick off their season at St. Mary's on Tuesday. Mother Nature disagreed, and the game was postponed because of rain. As a result, the Soccerbills opened their season with a road game against the Gibault Hawks, always a difficult draw, on Friday night.

Things started off quickly as the team peppered the Gibault goalie with shots throughout the first half. Yet despite dominating, they found themselves tied at the half, 0-0. After regrouping, the Martelbills finally broke through when Joe Germanese found a seam in the Gibault defense and slotted the ball past the sliding keeper for a 1-0 lead.

"I was beginning to worry because we hadn't scored yet," said assistant coach Charlie Clark. "I was relieved (when we scored) because we deserved the goal and

had been playing really well."

Junior Tim Weir added another goal near the end of the game to defeat the Hawks final 2-0 for the second consecutive year. Many of the SLUH players felt the large fan turnout played a part in their success.

"The fans had a little bit of rock and a litta bitta roll," observed STUCO Social/Publicity officer Chris Baricevic.

The Headofsecuritybills hosted Jefferson City the next night in their home opener. The team roared out of the gate, with seniors David Mueller and Joe Germanese netting goals 30 seconds apart, both less than 10 minutes in.

That quick start "was huge, especially with us not scoring right away at Gibault," claimed Clark.

After Jefferson City got on the board, another head ball goal by Mueller put the Bills up 3-1 at half. When Andy Leindecker made it 4-1 shortly into the second half, the coaches decided it was time to put in the reserves, who finished

out the last 30 minutes. Pat Miller and Scott Brown added goals for the Jr. Bills, who ended up winning 6-2.

After much confusion with the scheduling, the Soccerbills took on CBC in the first game of the CBC Tournament at the Soccer Park on Tuesday. The Cadets must have had their season-ending overtime defeat at the hand of the Jr. Bills in district play last year on their minds, because they came ready to play.

They overwhelmed the Soccerbills, going up 1-0 after a half of total domination. At halftime, the coaches did all they could to light a fire under the downtrodden team and to say the least, they succeeded. The Jr. Bills came out firing on all cylinders, and their hustle was rewarded when Mueller took advantage of a CBC misplay to tie up the score 1-1. Senior keeper Mike McNamee made numerous great saves down the stretch to preserve the tie for the Soccerbills.

The team continues the CBC Tournament tonight against DeSmet at Soccer Park at 5 p.m.

Buffalobills take disappointing 3rd at Jeff. City

Henry Samson
Reporter

Hopes ran high Saturday morning at 6:30 a.m. when the 30 St. Louis U. High racers left for the First Capitol City Invitational—well, at least for those who were not asleep. The varsity and the junior varsity teams departed with one thing on their mind: victory. Many thought the Jr. Bills would have little problem winning the race. Unfortunately for the Jr. Bills, Saturday was one of those days.

The team placed third with 65 points behind a strong Fort Zumwalt South squad (39 points) and Jefferson City team (48 points). A youthful, inexperienced varsity team towed the line with upbeat spirits. They knew their race plan and were ready to run.

The team had decided to use a pack strategy during the race. Junior Alex Muntges was to cover the leader and the pack was to follow. The pack plan was

working through the one mile mark, as Muntges came by in 5:10 while the rest followed in times between 5:23 and 5:27.

Said junior Charlie Samson, "We were fine until about 1.5 miles. On the back stretch of the course there were some hills that really strung us out. And no one could get back on each other for the rest of the race. That is when we really lost."

Near the end of the race, Muntges had built up a rather enormous lead over second place by coming into the final quarter mile. Then disaster struck.

Muntges said, "(I remember) hearing about my fast pace after cresting the hill. I got a little overambitious with my kick and started way too early. About halfway through, my quads became useless, I couldn't walk. I got up and fell down, and continued to do so three more times until Coach Flanagan pulled me off the course. I was getting distraught because each time it was getting more strenuously slow and aggravating to move. The

only thing I could think was one word: go."

Unfortunately, being helped off the course results in disqualification according to the MSHAA rules, but it was evident that Muntges was not going to finish. "My guess is that it was a combination of dehydration and extreme oxygen debt. That combo is never good for a runner," said Linhares.

Muntges had given his guts to the race and was unable to go on. But amazingly, he was able to remain upbeat during the rest of the day.

"Right after the race I was down, but I reflected and saw some positives. I saw my current ability as a runner, and learned a lot about racing. More importantly, though, it keeps me off the radar for other St. Louis teams, and I did set a new personal record in the three mile," said Muntges.

Andrew Linhares ran a strong race
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for the team, finishing with a time of 16:50 on a very demanding course that some thought almost rivaled the mighty Sioux Passage.

Following Linhares with a huge breakthrough race was Ben Murphy-Baum, finishing with a personal record time of 17:11. Charlie Samson, John Oliver, Dan Flanagan, and Joe Carlson finished shortly thereafter with times of 17:17, 17:25, 17:40, 17:53 respectively.

Head coach Linhares remarked, "If you look individually, we had some good things happen. But team-wise we did not perform. I think Fort Zumwalt totally outran us as a team unit, probably due to the fact that five of our runners had never experienced a varsity race before."

Not to be disheartened at the loss of their varsity counterparts, the JV team dominated its race, finishing with places 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7 to capture the team title with a very low score of 2 points. Usually teams are scored against individual teams to determine the winner, but even if SLUH would have been scored against the entire

field, they would have emerged victorious. Junior Danny Meier lead the charge with a dead even-paced race, outdistancing the rest of the field in 17:26. "I was just scared that I was going to get last," said an enthusiastic Meier, who added, "But I think I want to (win) again sometime."

Rounding out the scoring five in the junior varsity race were Chris Arb, Joe Marincel, Paul Nappier, and John Kelly, all of whom had outstanding performances.

Linhares summarized the JV performance in one word: "Unbelievable!"

This race proves that the JV team will once again be an area superpower, ready to do battle with any team that steps on the line.

The next race for the XC team is Saturday morning at the McCluer North Invitational. The varsity race kicks off the day at 9:00 a.m. with the JV and freshman races afterwards. Please come out and support your team at what should be an exciting race. Directions can be found at [http://www.sluh.org/xc/xc\[1\]/htm](http://www.sluh.org/xc/xc[1]/htm) under the Schedule icon.

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In the coming weeks, George takes his mountain biking skills to the Missouri Junior Mountain Biking State Championship held the last weekend in September in Columbia, Mo. He looks to avenge last year's second place finish. In addition, on the last weekend in November, George will travel to Paducah, Ky. to defend his current Kentucky State Mountain Biking Championship.

As for George's less immediate plans, he hopes to ride collegiately somewhere in Arizona or Southern California. Schools such as USC and the University of Arizona have top-notch programs, but they don't recruit or offer scholarships.

As for after college, George sees his racing as a possible choice of profession. Said George, "After college, I'd like to go pro, but it's a risky job and it does not necessarily produce a steady income."

FAMILY MASS!

At 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 28, St. Louis University High will have the first of its two student-led Family Masses in the Chapel. Refreshments will be served following the Mass. All are invited to attend.

FAMILY MASS!

Faculty and students celebrate Mass of the Holy Spirit



Yesterday, Fr. Paul Sheridan, assisted by other members of the Jesuit community, celebrated the Mass of the Holy Spirit. This mass is celebrated to begin the year at Jesuit high schools around the country. Highlights of the mass included the freshmen class's special entrance and a homily consisting of a Dewitt Jones "Celebrating What's Right with the World" video followed by a brief address by Sheridan.