

H2Obills top Kirkwood, DeSmet, Pkwy South

**Dave Marek
Reporter**

Relentless as ever, the St. Louis U. High water polo team continued to prove that water polo is a high scoring game by defeating Kirkwood 19-7, Parkway South 11-2, and DeSmet 17-6. Mimicking General Sherman's march to the sea, the Polobills declared total war against their opponents, leaving in their wake a trail of the opposing teams' stunned goalies, confused defenses, and stifled offenses.

Although most SLUH students were busy sleeping late into the afternoon on Friday, there was no rest for the wicked as SLUH was busy chasing their goal of a championship season.

The Polobills once again drew first blood after a goal from junior Tim Heafner on a pass from Colin Tyrrell after drawing a kickout on the Kirkwood defense.

Not to be outdone, Kirkwood immediately answered the Polobills' goal and tied the game 1-1.

Despite this show of strength by the

Kirkwood offense, the Kirkwood defense proved incapable of stopping the speed and muscle of the Speedobills, allowing senior captain Nathan Harris and Heafner to score two consecutive goals each. Kirkwood added another goal, and the first period ended with the score 5-2.

In the second quarter, the Baudbills' depth and stamina was undeniable as SLUH scored seven goals on the helpless Kirkwood defense. This scoring rally was led by Heafner, who scored three of his astonishing seven goals in this period, and senior Andy Withington, who scored two goals.

"The offense was clicking on all cyl-

inders," said head coach Paul Baudendistel.

Kirkwood would try their best to combat the SLUH scoring blitz, but by the end

of the half, the Polobills led 12-5.

The Polobills continued to dominate in the third quarter. SLUH's first goal of the quarter



Colin Tyrrell springs up for a cobra shot against Kirkwood.

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came from a skillful cross goal shot by senior Brad Witbrodt that the Kirkwood goalie had no chance of saving. The Kirkwood defense then made the mistake of leaving junior Tim Szewczyk unguarded in front of the goal, which allowed Szewczyk to add a second goal to

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XCbills stumble to fifth at Findley Invite

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Reporter**

Panic, confusion, mass hysteria: words like these would be suitable for describing the start of every racer at McCluer North High School last Saturday. In a field of 39 teams, a runner can not only anticipate a hectic start, but also must get out fast if he wants to establish his place in the race without getting choked up by the sea of runners. In addition to the enormous numbers of people racing, the starting blocks are not even a yard wide. Add to the mix parents, spectators, and judges and you have one crazy start.

The varsity team did not accomplish what they had intended, placing fifth as a team in the varsity race. But in what was considered an off day for most of the varsity team, two runners shined. Ben Murphy-Baum placed second on the varsity for the second week in a row, finish-

ing with a time of 17:18 for 25th place and a medal.

"I'm happy about my overall performance, but I think I need Stephon Simmons to show me how to sprint at the end of a race," said Murphy-Baum.

But the standout SLUH performance of the day was by Danny Meier. Meier, who had been called up to race varsity in order to replace Andrew Linhares, ran a relentless pace and finished first on the team in 19th place, also medaling.

Unfortunately, the rest of the varsity squad had an off day. Alex Muntges, while on pace to run spectacularly with the lead group, tripped and fell after the two-mile mark. When attempting to get up, an unidentified runner from Jefferson City kneed Alex in the head, causing him to drop out of the race immediately.

The team also took a hit from the absence of number two runner Linhares. Linhares had hurt his hip earlier in the

week, to the point that he was not able to jog without pain. The decision was made to pull Linhares in hopes that the injury would have proper time to heal.

The rest of the varsity, which included seniors John Oliver, Dan Flanagan, Chris Arb, and junior Henry Samson, ran poor races, but are hopeful about the next two meets.

SLUH asserted its dominance on the JV level once again by placing 16 medalists out of a possible 30, taking six of the top ten spots in the race. Joe Carlson led the troops by placing second with a time of 17:35. Because of his race, Carlson will be moving back up to race varsity at Sioux Passage tomorrow.

After Carlson, lines of blue and white were broken up only by the occasional opponent. The depth on the JV level is a great thing to have, especially in such an unpredictable sport.

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Bulldozerbills continued to march on, and Hoffman capped the drive with a 31-yard run up the field and into the Promised Land for six points. Simon's extra point was blocked, setting the score at 9-0.

After another failed West drive, the Jr. Bills took over with a little over a minute left. On the last play of the half, it looked like Simmons might break for a touchdown, but he was dragged down at the West 22. The Jr. Bills went into the locker room up 9-0.

The Jr. Bills began the second half on defense, and after another three-and-out for the Longhorns offense, they were forced to punt. Captain Brent Harvey broke through the West line on the punt and flew into the backfield, nearly blocking the punt.

The offense took over at the 35, and Simmons led them to the end zone, cutting in and out of defenders' arms for successive runs of 17 and 37 yards, which resulted in his first varsity touchdown. Simon added the extra point, making the score 16-0.

West received the ball and almost drove into SLUH territory, but the defense, led by captains Howenstein, Harvey,

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The freshmen started off their XC careers on Saturday in an equally race. Pete Heagny was first to cover the 2.4 mile course in a time of 14:20, good enough for a 4th place finish. Not far behind was Nathan Benet with a 7th place finish. Although the team finished behind Jeff City in the team division, many good things to come were witnessed on Saturday. Commented coach Linhares, "We've loaded up again on the freshmen level."

The Kenyanbills run tomorrow at the Sioux Passage on the infamous hill called "Manmaker." The varsity race kicks off the day at 9:35 a.m. Come and support your mates at what should be one of the most grueling races of the year. Directions can be found at www.sluh.org/xc/xc.htm under the "Schedule" icon.

and John Block, stopped them a yard short. On the punt, Harvey again broke through, and this time, his near full-extension dive blocked the punt, giving the Bills excellent field position at the West's 40.

Simon added his second field goal, putting the score at its final, 19-0. Simon later attempted a 52-yard field goal, a yardage NFL teams rarely attempt, and narrowly missed wide left.

Simmons, however, was not done. Late in the fourth quarter, with the game all but won, Simmons broke open for 24 yards, giving him the school single game record 264 rushing yards.

Simmons deferred credit for his record-breaking performance, saying, "Our line did very well. They played two times better." He also pointed out that the team knew Parkway West's defense.

Howenstein commented on the defense's shutout, saying, "Intensity was

the main thing that got us going." He cited sophomore Jim Sansone's play as a standout performance, saying, "He came up huge for us." The team's 4-3 defense, changed from last year's 5-2, has helped the defense's play. As Howenstein noted, "We stop the sweep a lot better, and we can still contain the interior."

Next up for the Jr. Bills is MCC foe Chaminade, a team that narrowly defeated last year's team 6-3 on a last-second touchdown. Chaminade is currently 2-0, and Kornfeld describes them as "a very good ball club." He added that they evenly mix in runs and passes and that they also have a quality defense.

Howenstein commented on Chaminade's running game, saying "They have a tough fullback, a tough running back. We have to stop them."

The Jr. Bills look to hand Chaminade their first loss of the year tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the stadium.

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his total for the game. Next to score was senior Colin Tyrrell, who slammed a mammoth shot into the upper corner of the Kirkwood goal (see photo on page 8). The Speedobills ended the quarter with a score of 16-6.

The fourth quarter proved to be the nail in the coffin for Kirkwood. Tyrrell, Heafner, and junior Brendan Harris added three more goals to the Polobills' total in the fourth period. Captain Kevin Vincent capped off a great defensive game, taking over for goalie Rick Bettger after Bettger who received a kickout, and saving a shot from the Kirkwood defense. SLUH went on to win the game 19-7.

Despite SLUH's extraordinary offensive performance, many were troubled by their defense. "We should not have given up seven goals," commented Vincent.

Harris cited Friday's day off as the reason that SLUH defense did not display their A-game.

The Polobills continued their war-path on Tuesday and Wednesday in the

Varsity Conference Tournament at MICDS, defeating Parkway South 11-2 and DeSmet 17-6.

The tournament game against Parkway South was again led by Heafner, who scored four goals overall in the game. Paul Guest also performed phenomenally; at one point, Guest made a series of two saves without clear vision due to an out of position contact lens.

Despite playing a game the night before, the Polobills proved to be unstoppable in their next tournament game against DeSmet. The SLUH seniors were invincible in this game. Tyrrell led the team with four goals and two assists, followed close behind by Withington, who added three goals and an assist. With two goals and an assist, Vincent had his offensive break-out game.

Although the Spartans tried valiantly to halt the unrelenting flow of goals from the Polobills' offense, they were unable to shift the game in their favor, and SLUH won, 17-6.

This week, the team plays in the Varsity Conference Tournament.