

# CBC runs away from Jr. Bills, 41-10

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Traditions clashed last night, as the Cadets of CBC came into SLUH Stadium for the second of three Jr. Bills district football games. In front of a packed stadium and hordes of fans from each team, the Jr. Bills fell, 41-10.

The game started out tough for the Jr. Bills, as they surrendered a touch-down on their first series on defense, though CBC would miss the extra point. Sophomore Paul Chaney checked in at quarterback, and did well on the ground before fellow sophomore Stephen Simmons broke

through the lines. Simmons looked to accelerate through the defensive backfield, but unfortunately fumbled the ball close to midfield.



Matt Behr passes while Stephen Simmons blocks the CBC linemen.

Chaney left the game due to an injury before he could take the field as a

defensive back, and starter Matt Behr moved back under center. After a failed CBC field goal, the Jr. Bills seemed more at ease, as they moved downfield behind big gains from receiver John Warner and Simmons. Kicker Tim Simon added a field goal, making the score 6-3 early in the second quarter.

CBC's quarterback broke free from their 20-yard line on the ensuing possession, but was stopped at the Jr. Bills' 12. The defense, without bulwark linebacker Jeff Howenstein, stood firm against the Cadets' onslaught inside the red zone, but CBC eventually ran the ball in from one yard out.

On their next possession, CBC ran the ball in again from within the **see BLUE AND PURPLE, 7**

## Harriers, back in stride, win districts

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The St. Louis U. High cross country team raced in the district meet last weekend. Damp air, sporadic rain, a wet course, and temperatures that never exceeded the low 50s made for unfavorable running conditions. Although it wasn't extremely cold, the crisp chill of the air pierced the runners' lungs. But chest pains didn't keep the Jr. Bills from having a day that coach Jim Linhares describes as "one of the most fun days of the season."

Never before in recent SLUH history has the cross country team gone winless before the district race. The pressure was on the varsity team to show their ability and toughness or to go home. Despite the odds of running against Chaminade and DeSmet, the two teams who had beaten SLUH in the conference race, the Jr. Bills ran magnificently and won the race, narrowly edging out CBC on "the most dramatic day of the season," according to coach Linhares.

Throughout the race, the team was in good position. After a blistering first mile, the team emerged from the woods

with junior Alex Muntges looking strong and with an especially smooth gait in third place. The rest of the pack was in serious contention for a first place team finish.

Struggling with an unfortunate nagging hamstring injury, Muntges lost his position. Despite eventually pulling his hamstring around the two-mile mark, Muntges had the guts to finish the race. Coach Linhares said that "it was especially amazing that we won without Alex."

Despite being struck with the heavy loss, the rest of the team bore down on their opponents all the way to the finishing sprint, which Linhares labeled "awesome." Sophomore Ben Murphy-Baum had the biggest breakthrough race of the season for the team on Saturday. Though never before breaking 17 minutes, Murphy-Baum went out of his comfort zone to run a 16:41, finishing sixth in the race and first on the team.

Reflecting on the race, Murphy-Baum said, "I felt really good just trying to hang on for the first mile." Realizing that the last mile was mostly all downhill, Murphy-Baum said, "I kept going and went all out."

Determined to reclaim his number

two position, Andrew Linhares re-established his reputation as a top-notch racer on Saturday by finishing seventh in the race at 16:46. Linhares said he finally "felt like I was back for the first time. Also, it felt good to be top in the area again." He added, "This race shows we're on the rise."

Also breaking 17 minutes for the first time was junior Danny Meier, who churned out a well earned 16:56. The way he has been improving all season points to great things for the last two races for Meier.

Narrowly missing a race in the 16 minute range, Chris Arb dropped his time to 17:02. When asked about how he felt about how close he was to breaking 17 minutes, Arb said, "I had mixed feelings because I was so close, but the team won." Arb hopes to break the 17-minute mark this Saturday on the revised Sioux Passage course.

Rounding out the top five was junior Joe Carlson at 17:09, out-kicking opponents in the last mile. His late-race surge, along with others, proved vital to the team's victory.