

Chinstrapbills dominate Kirkwood, 12-6

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Reporter

In their never-ending quest for aquatic domination, the St. Louis U. High water polo team faced off against Kirkwood this past Friday, soundly defeating the Pioneers 12-6.

At the start of the game, Kirkwood quickly tested the Jr. Bills' skills by scoring the first goal, putting SLUH in a 1-0 hole. However, senior Tim Heafner retaliated seconds later with a powerful shot that zipped past Kirkwood's goalie.

As the first quarter rolled on, SLUH and Kirkwood exchanged goals, but the Polobills managed to obtain the upper hand, ending the period up 4-3.

"We came out pretty flat," remarked head coach Paul Baudendistel, "and offensively we're not playing well."

However, SLUH's play received a thrust that would carry them into the

fourth quarter. Seniors Heafner, Kevin O'Neill, and Eric Appelbaum rifled off seven unanswered goals to propel SLUH to a 10-3 lead over Kirkwood. This offensive eruption proved insurmountable, as it cre-



Senior Tim Heafner pounds in one of his eight goals against Kirkwood. Behind Heafner's efforts, SLUH won 12-6.

ated a deficit which Kirkwood would not be able to overcome.

Much of this lead could be attributed to the prolific goal scoring of Heafner. Scoring eight of SLUH's first ten goals, his presence was essential in conquering the

Pioneers.

"I hadn't played in awhile," commented Heafner, "so I did what needed to be done."

Commanding the fourth quarter with an intimidating lead, the Jr. Bills continued to fight the Pioneers, but Kirkwood managed to slip three shots into the goal. Yet Kirkwood's attempts proved to be futile as the game ended with SLUH ahead 12-6.

The team's play, however, was certainly not without its faults.

"Defensively, we shouldn't have given up six goals to that team," said Baudendistel. "That could have been the worst game we played all year."

In spite of the errors made during the game, the fact that SLUH still managed to win by six goals is proof of their talent.

For more examples of this intensity, come down to the beautiful Forest Park Community College this evening to see our Jr. Bills battle Parkway West at 5 p.m.

Hancock Invitational eludes XC again

Henry Samson
Reporter

Caught in the second week of big competition in a row, the Jr. Billiken cross country team found out the hard way that "little things really do add up," as head coach Jim Linhares likes to say. The curse of Hancock still remains on the Billikens as they will have to wait yet another year to win the Hancock Invitational.

Hancock was a truly spectacular venue. Thousands of runners galloped over the hills in historic Jefferson Barracks. Top teams from around the state and fast homegrown individuals made the field incredibly difficult; in the 4A boys varsity division, almost 20 runners broke 17 minutes.

Although SLUH posted some solid numbers in response to the difficult field, they came away in 4th place with 114

points, disappointed and a little shocked, behind first place West Plains (45), St. Joseph's Central (110), and Emporia (112).

The team adopted a pack strategy for the Hancock Invitational because of the size of the field; the point was to keep runners close to each other until the finish. Frontrunners Alex Muntges and Ben Murphy-Baum were supposed to cover the leaders, while the remaining five stayed within striking distance.

"Unfortunately," said senior Joe Carlson, "we made a few strategic errors last Saturday. We got out way too slow."

Even so, the pack was in decent position when entering the pack side of the course until they hit a surprise hill right after the two-mile mark. "The trail got really thin and the hill got really steep. It broke us up," said senior Charlie Samson.

Two more problems haunted the Bills. The top runner, Muntges, was running in 6th place, on pace to be one of the highest

finishers for SLUH in meet history. However, his leg problems flared up unexpectedly with about 600 meters remaining, forcing him to pull out to avoid further injury.

Also, at about the same point on the course, Mike Jonagan and Drew Kaiser kicked each other, causing Kaiser to fall, get partially trampled, and lose some places.

"I guess our strides just sort of collided," stated an apologetic Jonagan. "If you're reading this, I'm sorry, Drew."

Specific races and efforts did shine for the Bills, however. Murphy-Baum continued his hot streak of races by blazing in with a 16:36, 7th place overall, tying him with the legendary Sean Locke for the highest finishing position ever for a SLUH runner in the race.

Even though the pack broke up a bit, they managed to pull the race together, at see **XPECTATIONS, 10**

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know me, and I've talked to all of them. (Justice Clarence) Thomas never really said 'hi' to me, though. He is quiet around me," Stohr said.

Although the differences between writing a book and writing news articles may seem great, the similarities between the two surprised Stohr. "Both (articles and books) are telling a story. They're both trying to engage the reader and make the reader interested in what you're saying ... and inform the reader, perhaps, along the way."

The most memorable case Stohr personally experienced and reported on was the *Bush v. Gore* case in 2000. The excitement and importance of the case especially struck him. "There's no other occasion where I've felt like I was in the middle of such drama, as when I covered that case. Cross my fingers, it's probably a once in a life-time experience. ... I sure hope we don't have to go through that again after this election."

Writing a book specifically about a contemporary court case presented difficulties. Stohr had to interview lawyers involved in active cases. "Lawyers, for good reason, are a little hesitant to say too much while a case is going on. They're bound by attorney-client privilege and so it was a struggle at times to get what I needed out of the people," Stohr said.

Stohr still fondly remembers the *Prep News* and the English department. "The English department's enthusiasm for literature and good writing is really infectious," Stohr said. Stohr's best memories at SLUH come from working on and editing the *Prep News*. "I had never had Mr. (Jim) Raterman for English, but he was the *Prep News* moderator, and I love him. ... He just got so excited about literature and the *Prep News*. A teacher like that just gets you excited about English." Rich Moran's English class stands also stands out as a great experience at SLUH for Stohr: "That was a wonderful class," he said.

Even though 19 years have passed since Stohr edited the *Prep News*, he still remembers the amount of work required to print the newspaper. "We had to run off *Prep News* on this printer with a wheel on it, and it seemed that it broke down almost every Thursday night, and you would have to hand crank the thing, and it would take forever and we would all have to take turns (cranking) it ... The production end of the *Prep News* was always chaotic."

Regarding his experiences in high school, Stohr said, "SLUH was the best opportunity to figure out who I was. There were a lot of great people there, both classmates and teachers, that were there to help you figure that out. SLUH probably has (had) more enduring effect on me as a person than in a professional sense."

PN Nightbeats**Weir scores two;
Soccer defeats
MICDS, 4-0**

The Soccerbills made it three in a row last night by shutting out MICDS, 4-0. The game also marked the return of head coach Charlie Martel, who coached his first game since Sept. 16.

Goals by junior Malcolm DeBaun, and senior Matt Wilson, and two by senior Tim Weir, led the Soccerbills past MICDS 4-0. DeBaun scored in the first two minutes of the game and that set the tone. Weir's two goals came on penalty kicks

Joe Guntli started in goal and recorded the Jr. Bills' third shutout in a row.

—Reported by Andrew Schroeder

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Cape Girardeau
Central, win 21-13****XPECTATIONS**

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least until the tripping incident, bunching three respectable times close together. Mike Jonagan finished in 17:10, followed closely by former JV man Matt Dirnbeck at 17:12, and then Carlson at 17:16. They scored 24th, 26th, and 28th respectively, with respectable races in such a tough field.

Special recognition goes out to Drew Kaiser, who, after being trampled, did not buckle, finishing in 17:35 for 34th place overall as SLUH's fifth man. Charlie Samson rounded out the team's day with a 17:48, for 42nd place.

"To tell you the truth," stated Linhares. "I'm actually kind of happy we took fourth by so little. It is going to help our focus."

JV, on the other hand, danced to a completely different tune. The freshmen joined the upperclassmen and ran their first 5K in a field that included over 400 runners. The JV squad once again showed the area who's boss on the junior varsity level. Outdistancing DeSmet (55) and

West Plains (70 of 80), SLUH scored 34 points and took home the title behind the stellar performances and senior Dan Meier, who was the individual champion, and sophomore phenom Pete Heagney, who dipped below the 18-minute mark for the first time this season. In awe of the JV race, varsity runner Murphy-Baum said, "We've got one of the strongest JV teams in ... like ... everywhere."

This statement will be tested tomorrow at the 5th annual Jesuit Invitational as the varsity team takes the weekend off in hopes of resting their legs for the MCC meet next weekend. Assistant coach Tom Flanagan has high hopes for the day, thinking that "we could give (the other teams) a battle. I'd like to think five guys could medal for us, and that would give us a decent score."

SLUH welcomes the 21 runners from brother school Regis in Denver, Colorado, who have stopped by for the festivities. Races begin at 2:15 p.m. at DeSmet High school. See you there!