

Footbills move to 4-1 with 21-13 win vs. Cape

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Last Thursday night, the Kornfeldbills traveled 2.5 hours south to Cape Girardeau to face off against the Cape Central Tigers. The Footbills started off slowly but worked through some problems to drive back with a 21-13 victory.

Starting off the game, Cape Central took possession of the ball and began a strong passing game to move down the field. They capitalized on the first drive, scoring a touchdown with 6:06 left in the opening quarter.

The Gridironbills had the ball at the start of the second quarter and began a short drive down the field. Stephen Simmons took a handoff and ran through a gap in the defense to score for the Jr. Bills with 11:24 left in the half. Quarterback Matt Behr kicked and scored the extra point to tie the score 7-7.

The Jr. Bills had another chance to score again before the end of the half, when Behr attempted a 38-yard field goal, but he missed wide and the score

remained 7-7 at the end of the first half.

Kornfeld said of the Tigers' passing game, "(Their quarterback) did a nice job. He threw a great ball. When you look at it on film, there's times we've got two or three guys around the guy that catches the ball, yet he was able to put it in there. So you've got to give him credit for putting the ball where it needed to be."

The Footbills came out ready to step up the game for the second half. On the first possession, the Jr. Bills offense marched down the field into scoring position. Senior receiver John Warner caught a 20-yard pass from Behr and ran it into the end zone. The Jr. Bills missed the extra point, however, putting the score at 13-7.

Of the missed extra point, Kornfeld said, "We have made some changes; obviously we have a different holder and we have a different kicker right now. We're not going to be one hundred percent. ... (But) Matt Behr is going to hit more than he misses."

The highlight of the game occurred on a Cape Central offensive drive. Junior linebacker Isaiah Cole recovered a fumble

with 3:12 left in the third quarter. The offense took the field, and on the first play, Simmons ran 57 yards for a touchdown. Behr then completed a pass to junior fullback Chris Hoffman for the two-point conversion.

The Tigers responded with a touchdown on a pass from their quarterback Garrett Stevens with 9:28 left in the game. The Jr. Bills defense then seemed to be in control of the game, as Warner blocked the extra point attempt to leave the score at 21-13. The final blow to the Central offense came when senior linebacker Bob Schuster broke up their 4th and 10 attempt, giving the Jr. Bills the ball. The offense ran the clock out to clinch the victory.

Kornfeld was pleased with the offense's ability to run the ball and hold it for about seven minutes to secure the win.

"Any time you go away and play in somebody else's house and come out of there with a win you've got to be very pleased with (the outcome)," Kornfeld said. He thought that at "the end of the

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XC second seven step up, place sixth

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Reporter

While the varsity team basked in the comfort of a weekend off, the JV and freshman teams experienced a true "trial by fire" weekend. Jesuit runners from around the midwest assembled last Saturday at DeSmet to test their might against their Ignatian brothers.

The second seven, or leading JV runners, were called up to represent the Bills in the tough varsity field. Even though the second seven placed 6th out of seven varsity teams, head coach Jim Linhares stated, "We came out of that meet happy with the results. We asked the kids to run against some pretty competitive teams, and they produced good times."

The team fulfilled last week's prophecy of assistant coach Tom Flanagan by garnering five medals at the day's end. However, Lady Luck did not smile

so brightly upon the Billikens in the scoring category. Even though the team placed sixth, the vast majority of the team ran personal bests.

Sophomore Pete Heagney, who has been rising all season, answered the challenge by placing first for the Harrierbills with a time of 17:31. About the performance, Heagney said, "I guess it was nice to get a taste of running really fast and of feeling the responsibility of a number-one runner." Because of his efforts, he will be running with the "big dogs" in the varsity race tomorrow.

Senior Charlie Samson was next, at 17:38, followed closely by sophomore Nathan Banet's smoking 17:43, a new personal record by almost 30 seconds. Senior John Kelly struggled a bit but put out a valiant 17:48. Running sub-18 for the first time with a 17:54, junior Dave Rhoads bested his previous personal record by nearly 30 seconds. Pat Mannhard, finally

achieving his "family record," rounded out the team along with Shane Mulligan, at 18:14 and 18:19, respectively.

Hurt by the loss of its usual top places, the JV team walked away with a fourth-place finish. A slew of runners bested their personal records, but two runners stood out in particular. Junior Andy Bonner hammered down a giant and ran 17:49. Sophomore Matt Lawder also finished extremely well, at 17:53. With underclassmen running sub-18 times, the team is shaping up to be in good hands for many future seasons.

The freshmen defended their undefeated record by beating a solid Regis High team by 7 points. Stephen Shumacher, Don Geders, and Dan Warner each dipped below the nineteen minute mark, an elite freshman standard, propelling the team to victory.

Last Saturday marked the end of the
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Bills let up a bit, so Marquette managed a couple of good shots before they finally put one past senior goalkeeper Wyatt Woods with seven minutes remaining. It wasn't sufficient, however, and SLUH cruised to a 5-1 win.

Saturday night, the Soccerbills came back home to square off against MCC rival Vianney, whom they had beaten earlier in the year, 2-1. This time the score turned out to be a little more lopsided as the Jr. Bills punished the Griffins, 4-0.

Seventeen minutes into the first half, junior Zach Weiss and Irvin hooked up to put the Jr. Bills on the scoreboard. Weiss carried the ball up the middle of the field and played it ahead to Irvin, who poked it past the charging Vianney goalie and into the net from 30 yards out.

The rest of the half saw pretty balanced play, with shots and saves on both sides. SLUH senior goalie Joe Guntli made an amazing diving save to rob Vianney of a goal with five minutes left in the half to preserve the shutout.

Just before halftime, Brown added an insurance goal by burying a half-volley into the right side of the net to put the Jr. Bills up 2-0.

Vianney came out strong in the second half with several shots in the first several minutes, but SLUH's defense held strong and Guntli pounced on everything that came his way. Then, with 23 minutes left in the half, Weiss rocketed a shot from 30 yards into the right side of the net, which punched through the Vianney goalie's hands.

The Jr. Bill defense continued to deny the Griffins any opportunities to score, and the game proceeded to move up and down the field for the remainder of the game. Just before the final whistle blew, senior forward Matt Wilson put away a loose ball, sealing the Jr. Bills' 4-0 victory.

Commenting on the number of goals scored over the weekend, coach Charlie Martel said that the team is "shooting like men," something which they have been trying to work on all year. "We have the ability to put teams away," said Martel, "but we need to score first, which builds our confidence."

The Jr. Bills hoped to keep the scoring trend going this week as they started the Hudson Memorial Tournament at Soccer Park. In the first game of the tournament on Tuesday evening, the Soccerbills matched up with the Celts from John F. Kennedy High School.

SLUH struck first, about halfway through the first half when Finnegan put a huge Irvin throw-in into the side netting. The Jr. Bills kept up the pressure with several scoring chances, but could not net another goal in the first half.

The Celts, on the other hand, finished the first half with a well-placed chip-shot over the outstretched hand of junior goalie Mike Hennicke, tying the score at halftime, 1-1.

JFK seemed content with tying the Jr. Bills and did everything in their power to keep the Soccerbills from scoring again. For the entire second half, they packed ten players in the box every time the Jr. Bills had the ball down in their end which, according to Martel, "is every coach's nightmare."

The Martelbills kept up the intense pressure and eventually overcame JFK's defensive strategy, breaking the tie with 12:30 left in the second half. Senior midfielder Paul Eschen gained control of a loose ball after the JFK goalie dropped it, and knocked it in to put SLUH up 2-1. Then, three minutes later, the Jr. Bills finished the Celts off. Leinauer tapped in the ball after the Celt goalie deflected a shot by Schlafly to wrap up the 3-1 victory.

The Jr. Bills returned to Soccer Park the next evening to face off against Lafayette. With around five minutes gone, the Jr. Bills scored off a corner kick. The corner sailed to Meyer, who headed it toward the post. A Lafayette defender popped the ball into the air, but Leinauer stuffed the ball in.

The Jr. Bills produced numerous shots after that, many caused by the superb play and tenacity of Eschen, but most sailed wide or were easily stopped by the goalie. SLUH dominated the game for the rest of the first half, casually passing on the back line before sending it forward. Eschen continued to supply the Jr. Bills with movement to the goal but could not ad-

vance. The half ended 1-0.

The Adidasbills came out of halftime with much the same play. A ball cleared after a corner kick rolled to Weiss, who aimed a blistering shot at the goal, going just wide. The Jr. Bills continued to take shots from outside the box but could not find any success.

Lafayette responded with a goal about halfway through the second half. A free kick from 25 yards out beat goalie Wyatt Woods. A Lafayette player faked the kick into the wall, blocking the shot to the left half of the goal, drawing Woods toward the right. A second player kicked the ball right to the far post out of Wood's reach.

Senior Tim Weir was sent off after receiving a yellow card and Lafayette picked up momentum. The teams split possession for the rest of the game. Near the end of the game, Woods stopped a close chance on a free kick and the game ended a 1-1 tie.

Come out and support the Soccerbills as they wrap up the Hudson tournament this weekend with the semi-final game against St. Dominic on Friday and the final on Saturday night, both at Soccer Park.

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regular season for the Harriers. Now all eyes look towards the conference meet and its consequent bragging rights. Yet again we turn to Flanagan for wisdom.

"On a perfect day," said Flanagan, "we could place our top five in the first team all MCC group." To achieve first team all-MCC honors, one must finish in the top seven places in the race. "It's an ambitious goal, but it's attainable," said Flanagan.

As for the freshmen and JV units, Flanagan commented, "Both these groups have challenges. The freshmen have an unbeaten record to uphold; the JV on the other hand have probably the most difficult day. DeSmet has some tough JV runners, and we do not want to lose."

Come rain or shine, the forecast for tomorrow is madness. Varsity goes at 10 a.m., with JV at 10:45 a.m. and C at 11:30 a.m.