

XC takes Ladue and Midwest Jesuit Invites

Michael Jonagan
Reporter

Usually when someone utters the platitude "divide and conquer," they are referring to the division of enemies, but in a span of 24 hours the St. Louis U. High cross-country team divided *itself* and conquered both the Ladue Invitational on Friday and the Midwest Jesuit Invitational on Saturday.

Running in cool weather and deep mulch, the SLUH second seven proved themselves the better of many teams' varsities after school on Friday at Ladue Junior High School. Winning with 86 points to Marquette's 126, SLUH exercised a depth comparable to that of the aforementioned freshly laid mulch on the course that day.

Finishing first for the team and showing all the signs of a varsity runner was Andy Bonner, capturing 12th place in 17:22. Con-

tinuing an upward march from early-season obscurity was sophomore Chris Murphy, who finished 14th with a 17:32 and is also fighting toward a varsity spot. Always a solid racer, and someone who went out to challenge Bonner on a fast course was third place team finisher David Rhoads, running a 17:41 for 18th place overall. The next SLUH finisher was either the third sign of the apocalypse or the third member of the trinity of SLUH freshman runners that will lead the way into a utopian era of peace, love, prosperity, and SLUH dominance. Falling off the pack in the first mile but stepping back up to be fourth man on the team and 20th overall with a 17:42, was none other than enigmatic freshman John Clohissy.

Speaking like a hardened veteran after only his first varsity experience, Clohissy said of the race, "It felt great, the conditions were great, and it was a fast race." When asked about his goals in the freshman confer-

ence championship this Saturday, Clohissy responded that he wanted to "break (his) PR and stick Kujo."

Challenging this pugnacious freshman and tying down the scoring five for SLUH was junior Nathan Banet, who ran a 17:43 to 21st place.

Upholding the expectations of their victorious teammates, the official top seven (minus Ben Murphy-Baum, who ran a killer workout that day) registered a winning 50 points in the Midwest Jesuit Invitational at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, besting local rival DeSmet by 33 points.

Leading the team and running the breakthrough race that he has been laboring towards all season, junior Matt Lawder ran a spectacular time of 16:51 and took third place in the race. Lawder, known on the team for his hobbit-like good spirits and appreciation of a full meal, said of his all-state-caliber

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No.3bills take down Cape behind Simmons

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Reporter

For the second week in a row, St. Louis U. High running back Stephen Simmons rushed for over 200 yards and four touchdowns as he led the Footbills to a 42-6 victory over Cape Central last Friday night. The offense has improved the past few games with superb blocking, gaining 344 total yards.

"I think (Simmons would be) the first one to credit his offensive line, his tight end, (and his) fullback Jimmy Sansone," commented head coach Gary Kornfeld. "There's a lot of good blocks that were being put out in front of him."

Cape Central scored first on a 58-yard run to the outside on their first drive, but beginning with a blocked point-after attempt, the Jr. Bills dominated the rest of the game. Eric Hunt received the ensuing kickoff and sliced down the field for 61 yards to begin SLUH's first offensive drive. About two minutes later, Simmons ended the drive on a powerful 8-yard touchdown run up the middle; kicker Andrew Guenther added the extra point to put the Jr. Bills up 7-6.

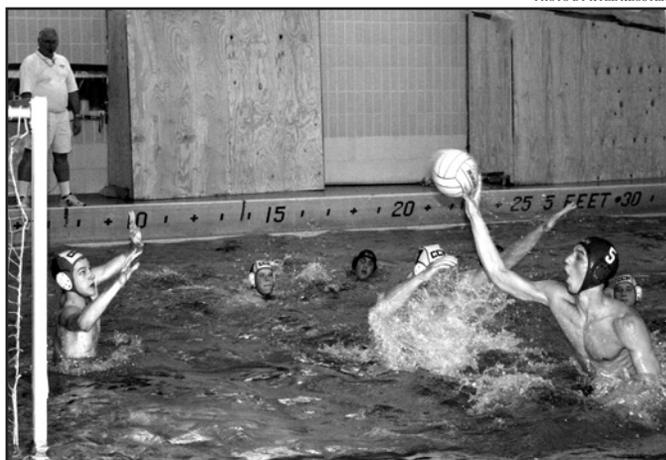
Following a dominating performance by the U. High defense on the next drive, the offense took over once again. After a 22-yard run by quarterback Paul Chaney, Simmons scored again by cutting up the field 17 yards for the touchdown. After another Guenther PAT, SLUH led 14-6.

The two teams traded punts until Simmons scored his third touchdown with 1:26 left to play in the first half. He combined

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PN NIGHTBEAT

PHOTO BY KYLE KLOSTER



The Polobills set out last night to seek revenge on Chaminade, who had handed the Jr. Bills their only loss just under three weeks ago.

SLUH came out strong in the beginning of the game. Mark Abram scored four of his six goals in the first half, and the Jr. Bills led 6-3 at half.

The Red Devils, unwilling to be beaten so easily, notched five straight goals in the third and fourth quarters to tie the game, 8-8.

Nevertheless, the Jr. Bills refused to allow history to repeat, and junior Jim Heafner, Abram, and Ben Favier blasted shots past the goalie. Favier scored his goal with a minute left to lead the Speedobills to an 11-9 victory in a nail-biter over Chaminade. Above, Ben "The Savior" Favier one touches a Jake Roeckle pass to score the final goal against Chaminade with a minute left.

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race, "It was good to finally break the (17-minute) barrier."

Trying to define the moment at which he decided to go for a sub-17 race, Lawder said "At two miles a Regis guy passed me, then I passed him back, and it gave me a lot of confidence."

Another runner gunning for the 17-minute mark, Drew Kaiser, ran a fine race of 17:15 at seventh place, showing an impressive kick uncharacteristic of his slow-twitch muscles.

Next for SLUH, as Kaiser's victim in the final kick, but also an example of consistently good racing, was Shane Lawless in ninth place at 17:18. Feeling fatigue but still kicking home for fourth place on the team and tenth overall was Mike Jonagan with a 17:21. Also struggling through heat and fatigue was Dan Viox, who completed the scoring five at 17:46 and 21st place.

Although they were deprived of their teammates that had raced varsity at Ladue, the SLUH JV came dangerously close to Rockhurst's 52 points with a team score of 56 and some shining individual performances. Most notable was Tim Schmidt, who won the race with an 18:04 after a murderous kick.

Also lacking its top runners, the freshman team gave a good showing, losing to a Rockurst team with 52 points, but this time by the even smaller margin of two points. Notable in this race was freshman R.J. Half, who challenged the lead all the way to the line, taking second place in 18:38.

Well, if you're interested in seeing all three of these teams *with* their proper complement of runners and a feral thirst for three MCC titles, come to Chaminade on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. to witness dominance on a titanic level.

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total five goals so far in the game. The first half ended with SLUH up, 8-2.

The Speedobills kept Ladue scoreless for another period while scoring five more goals to add to their hefty total.

Although SLUH allowed Ladue to sneak two shots in during the final period, the insatiable Jr. Bills continued to feed their hunger for goals by equaling Ladue and scor-

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and agility to break tackles and sidestep defenders on this 30-yard touchdown run.

"It was a draw play, and we had a little bit of what we call 'leakage' there," said Kornfeld, "and he was able to avoid one bump, bop off another one, and there he went down the sideline. ... It was just an outstanding individual effort by Stephen."

The half ended with the Jr. Bills on top, 21-6.

The Jr. Bills continued to dominate, beginning the second half on offense as they moved steadily down field. The drive ended with Simmons in the end zone once again, this time on a 41-yard run up the middle, breaking tackles along

the way. Guenther booted in his fourth point of the game to make it 28-6.

The U. High defense forced Cape to punt on the next drive and punt returner Eric Hunt decided he wanted a piece of Simmons' touchdown action. He caught the ball at Cape Central's 49-yard line and, with a few blocks, darted up the sideline and into the end zone untouched with 6:45 to play in the third.

About three-and-a-half minutes later, outside linebacker Isaiah Cole intercepted a "boot slide pass" to the tight end on Cape's 25-yard line and ran it in for the sixth SLUH touchdown.

"Isaiah read it just like we worked on in

ing a pair of shots. One of the goals came from freshman John Heafner, who had two goals while playing up on varsity. SLUH won, 15-4.

With the Missouri State Championship less than a month away, the water polo community already has their sights on the teams to beat.

Chaminade has still maintained an undefeated record at 12-0 and have handed

practice, and it makes you feel pretty good when something like that occurs," Kornfeld said, "I thought Isaiah might have played the best game he's played so far this year... he had an outstanding game at the linebacker

spot." Cole also led the defense in tackles with eight solo and two assists.

Thus, the third quarter ended with SLUH winning, 42-6. The score remained 42-6 until the end of the game. Simmons finished the game with 209 yards on 24 carries.

Along with a stellar performance on offense and defense, the U. High special teams contributed with a touchdown and great kicking from the junior Max Wheeler/Guenther duo. Wheeler

kicked to the end zone for a touchback on six of his seven kickoffs, and Guenther has stepped up as the new extra-point kicker, converting on all six of his extra point attempts.

"We always tell our kids, 'You never know when your opportunity's gonna come, just have yourself ready,'" Kornfeld said. "(Guenther) was afforded another opportunity and did an outstanding job for us Friday night."

Guenther will continue kicking the extra points.

The Footbills play Jesuit rival SLUH West (DeSmet) tonight, 7 p.m. at D-World.

PHOTO BY ANTHONY SIGILLITO



Simmons dodges Cape defenders in one of his 24 carries.

SLUH their only loss. Both SLUH, with an 11-1 record, and Kirkwood, 13-1, stand at the top as well. SLUH had the honor of giving the Kirkwood Pioneers their only loss so far.

However, the schedules for each school still include many tough matches, so the standings are easily subject to change. Nevertheless, SLUH is focused on a thriving post-season.