

# Polobills trounce Parkway Central, 11-0

**Greg Mantych**  
**Reporter**

The Jr. Bills began their long trek towards a state championship last Tuesday, game by game, and nobody could have asked for a more triumphant start as the Polobills stomped Parkway Central, 11-0.

The game began with three consecutive goals—fired off by Mark Abram and Wes Going and junior Jake Roeckle—all within the first minute of play.

The standard for the game set, the H<sub>2</sub>O-bills continued their onslaught with three

more goals in the rest of the first quarter, with Abram contributing two. The team finished off a solid first quarter up 6-0.

As the second quarter rolled on, the scoreboard was dominated by the juniors, with goals from Tom Tandler, Jim Heafner and Brendan Mehan. With a more than comfortable lead, the Jr. Bills ended the first half ahead of Parkway Central by nine.



Goalie Tony Kruse (left) fights off two P. Central players.

“We came out really solid for our first game,” remarked junior Jake Roeckle, “and really set a precedent.”

With the start of a new half, Parkway Central hoped that somehow they could

overcome such a large deficit, since senior goalie Tony Kruse had been relieved. However, all dreams of slipping a shot past were squashed by junior Jason Appelbaum, who took Kruse’s place. Both Kruse and Appelbaum were deemed “co-players of the game” by head coach Paul Baudendistel.

Keeping up the steady pace, the Jr. Bills added even more to their total with a goal from junior Ray Kreienkamp halfway through the third quarter.

With about fifteen seconds remaining in the period, Ben Favier flipped a pass to  
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The ACES car wash will be held Saturday, Sept. 10 at SLUH from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All Jr. Bills are encouraged to come and have their cars washed.

# Harriers’ ranks swell with talent for 2005

**Michael Jonagan**  
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The scratch of pen on paper has been echoing once again in the halls of St. Louis University High School these last two weeks, reminding all of us of the academic grindstone that has been clamoring for intimacy with our noses. While some pupils have been more than happy to oblige, there have been over 80 brave souls among the student body that have taken on an extra challenge this fall in running cross-country for the blue and white.

Logging numbers of miles this summer that would offend most people’s mathematical sensibilities, this team is prepared, and excited, for what promises to be a rewarding season. Head coach Jim Linhares has not escaped this infectious attitude of optimism, especially in light of national recognition and dominance of the metro area during the 2004 season.

With both a solid core of seniors returning to the varsity seven, including state racers Ben Murphy-Baum, Drew Kaiser, and Mike Jonagan, and an incredible wealth of young talent, including freshmen Cliff David and David Kuciejczyk-Kernan, and consistently solid juniors Matt Lawder and Nathan Banet,

Linhares believes the team is ready to go.

Adding to team confidence are the results from this summer’s Alumni Run, where the beleaguered alumni, offering only piecemeal resistance, were swept off their feet in a ’05 team victory, which placed seven team members in the top ten, and five of those within five seconds of one another.

Having bested the alumni, the team will move on to this season’s first proving grounds against area competition at the First Capitol Invitational in St. Charles today.

Of Kuciejczyk-Kernan and David, for whom this meet will be an introduction to a high school 5K race, assistant coach Tom Flanagan said, “We really don’t know what we have here.”

Flanagan is genuinely excited about this pair of young runners, and even described himself as “cautiously optimistic” about the upcoming season.

In addition to leadership provided by Flanagan and the other coaches, including ASC teacher and former all-state runner Joe Porter, senior captains Murphy-Baum, Shane Mulligan, Andy Bonner, Jonagan, and Kaiser will be leading both by exemplary race performances and the administration and organization of day-to-day practice.

With the exception of Jonagan, the

captains will all be racing today; probably joined by more than their usual complement of underclassmen, since meet administrators will probably allow SLUH to enter double their limit of seven runners in the varsity race.

Murphy-Baum said of the unusual but not unappreciated allowance, “It will be a good opportunity for the team to (get) varsity race experience, especially with fourteen runners.”

When asked about the competition, most notably Parkway South, Murphy-Baum asserted that he and the team will go on Friday to “put [their] training on the table.”

The meet will be at 4:30 p.m. in McNair Park in St. Charles; it is going to be a thrilling start to an extremely competitive season. For those who can afford the gas for the trek, directions are available on the cross country website and across from the coach’s commons on the cross country bulletin board.

Attention Juniors: anyone interested in being a varsity football manager should contact Brian King in M110. Help out the team and earn a varsity letter in the process.