

Polobills defeat West County water foes

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In accordance with the annual Parkway South Patriot Classic Tournament, SLUH faced Lafayette, Marquette and Parkway South this past weekend. Defeating each opponent, the Jr. Bills emerged for at least the fourth consecutive year as the victors of the tournament and gained three more wins to accumulate their 5-0 record.

However, some of these wins did not come as easily as the others. Even though SLUH had beaten Lafayette comfortably earlier in the season, 16-8, the Lancers proved to be a thorn in the Jr. Bills' side throughout this contest.

In the first quarter, Lafayette rocketed in three shots, one with only twenty seconds left in the period, and SLUH started the game down 3-0, trailing for the first time all year.

However, within the first minute of the second quarter, Mark Abram came through with a goal for SLUH as well as a complementary goal from Ben Favier to make the score, 3-2.

The Speedobills went into the second half trailing, 4-3.

"We didn't come out hard at all in the beginning of the game," commented junior Kerry Read, "and I think the previous win made us a little lackadaisical."

All mistakes and errors were erased from the first half as SLUH came into the third period hungry for a comeback. The hunger was especially evident in junior Jim Heafner, who scored four of the five goals in the second half. Fortunately, Lafayette did not have the same urge and only managed to get two goals in the second half as SLUH went on to win, 8-6.

The Jr. Bills faced Marquette next in the tournament.

Jump starting the game early, junior

Jake Roeckle flipped the ball to Wes Going in a two-on-one down the pool for the first goal. With a slam from Abram and another goal from senior Matt Ampleman, SLUH was handling their enemy comfortably.

Although neither team scored in the second quarter, the H2Obills sustained their scoring rampage with three more goals in the third period ending the game with two goals from junior Tom Tandler to finish off the Marquette Mustangs, 8-0, in SLUH's second shutout of the season.

To cap off the Patriot Classic, SLUH faced host, Parkway South on Saturday afternoon.

Starting off with a bang, the Jr. Bills scored early and often. With a recovered swim-off ball by Favier and a goal within the first ten seconds, SLUH had set a precedent for the path of the game.

With three more goals in the quarter, including a 4-meter penalty shot from **see AQUA, 11**

XCbills show strength at Mizzou Challenge

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Among the thousands converging on Columbia, Missouri, last Saturday for a college football game, the annual MS 150 bike ride, and the Mizzou XC Challenge, there was a small, fierce group of runners making the journey for the SLUH blue and white. The Jr. Bills took home third place in the meet with 116 points, behind Fort Zumwalt South and Jefferson City, who had 45 and 101 points, respectively.

Waking up before certain avian farm animals even consider crowing, the varsity squad—minus Ben Murphy-Baum—and the junior varsity—minus most of the freshmen and a few sophomores and juniors—boarded vans bound for the A.L. Gustin golf course and 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. races, respectively.

In the earlier JV race, which required a 5:15 a.m. departure from SLUH, Shane Lawless was able to contain himself in miles one and two and came into the chute with a commanding 19-second lead and an imposing winning time of 17:31.

Also of note in the JV competition was captain Andy Bonner, who once again put forth a solid race with a time of 17:50.

The duo, along with freshman David Kuciejczyk-Kernan, held together as the lead pack until two miles into the race, running a team-oriented race that the varsity would duplicate later that day.

By the time of the varsity race, the sun was up and spreading a thick blanket of heat over the carefully manicured fairways and greens of A.L. Gustin. The seven in the royal blue, however, were able to match that cruel heat and overcome it with intense enthusiasm and a pack strategy.

With captain Drew Kaiser out front as the lone wolf and the remaining six in the chase led by Mike Jonagan, the team held together, unbreakable, through mile two and finished with a degree of coherence that would arouse envy in any team.

Kaiser led all the way to the finish, crossing the line at 17:06 in 16th place for a personal record. Jonagan followed shortly with a time of 17:15 and 20th place, with junior Matt Lawder goading him up until the chute and finishing himself at 17:25 and 25th place.

Perhaps most impressive, given the caliber of the teams at the meet, was the next group of finishers, a trio led by junior Nathan Banet at 17:33 and 27th place, followed by junior Dan Viox and freshman Cliff David, who took the next two consecutive places and times of 17:36 and 17:37, respectively.

Said David of his varsity experience so far this season, "I have someone to race with, which is different from grade school."

David, who will be running in the JV race at Rim Rock farm this Saturday, says he hopes to be near the front in that race, and perhaps break his personal record.

Rounding out the top seven, and also running JV in Kansas Saturday, was Dave Rhoads, with a 17:48 at 35th place.

On a course that sported a half-mile uphill to the finish, SLUH was able to maintain their momentum, and claim seven of the spots between places 16 and 35, a statistical feat many teams would be pressed to rival.

They will again finish uphill, and hopefully as a team this Saturday at Rim Rock Farm in Lawrence, Kansas. For any willing to make the tragically boring drive, the JV race is at 9:00 a.m. and the varsity is at 12:45 p.m. Directions will be posted on the cross-