

# Chaminade bedevils H2Obills again, 9-7

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Reporter

With last year's playoff loss to Chaminade still plaguing the minds of the St. Louis U. High water polo team, the 9-7 loss to the Red Devils last Saturday was particularly difficult. Chaminade had been SLUH's only obstacle to reaching the state championship game against MICDS last year, and now they have handed the Polobills their first loss of the season, dropping their record to 6-1.

"Chaminade is definitely one of the top competitors in the area," said junior Jim Heafner, "but we are capable of keeping up with and beating them."

The game started out optimistically as Matt Ampleman and Mark Abram as well as junior Jake Roeckle all scored very early in the first quarter. However, before the period was over, Chaminade snuck in two goals to make the score 3-2.

Unfortunately the second quarter was scoreless for the Speedobills, allowing Chaminade to surpass SLUH on the scoreboard.

## C<sup>2</sup>bills split up for Rim Rock and Hazelwood

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Reporter

Last weekend, in a situation vaguely reminiscent of the Great Schism, the SLUH cross country team ran two separate meets: the Hazelwood Invitational at Sioux Passage Park, and the Rim Rock Classic at Rim Rock Farm in Lawrence, Kansas. The varsity team finished fourth and the JV first at Rim Rock; the varsity finished 17th and the JV finished third at the Hazelwood Invitational.

The Rim Rock squad, consisting of the top fourteen runners and coaches Jim Linhares, Tom Flanagan, and Joe Porter, departed from school after activity period on Friday in order to work out on the course that night.

Though the varsity stumbled somewhat to fourth place overall on Saturday, some individual races both awed and encouraged the SLUH fans and team members on hand.

Chief among these was Ben Murphy-Baum's, which was, to use a gross understatement, phenomenal. Stepping into the exclusive pantheon of SLUH runners who

"We came out good offensively in the first period," commented head coach Paul Baudendistel, "but we stopped coming out as hard for a period and a half and that really hurt us."

However, things started returning to normal as Abram and Ben Favier scored three times in the opening of the second half to Chaminade's solitary goal.

Regardless of the Jr. Bills' efforts and Favier's second goal in the final quarter, Chaminade senior Connor Keefe scored on three consecutive shots to make the final

score 9-7 and hand SLUH their first loss.

"One of the main reasons that they outplayed us later in the game is because we got tired, first physically and then mentally," said Baudendistel.

In response, SLUH is fixing their fatigue

have bested the imposing 16-minute barrier, Murphy-Baum ran a 15:59 and took fourth place in an extremely aggressive field. Perhaps most amazing was Murphy-Baum's 5:19 last mile, which was faster than the pack's first mile by two seconds.

Drew Kaiser, who once again seizing the role of forward scout for the pack, ran a personal record of 17:04 for second on the team and 35<sup>th</sup> overall.

Junior Matt Lawder and Shane Lawless followed with commendable times of 17:12 and 17:23 respectively, pushing through the horde of runners while teammates Mike Jonagan, juniors Dan Viox and Nathan Banet struggled through fatigue.

Though SLUH's 200 team points failed to capture third place, the team is optimistic about running well on the hallowed ground of Jefferson Barracks tomorrow.

After ample pasta and sleep in beds that were even more heavenly than advertised, the team began its day superbly with the 9:00 a.m. JV race. Winning the race with a ridiculous score of 17 points, which placed the scoring five at first, second, third, fourth

problems through more conditioning during practices in order to ensure more stamina during the games. Along with their normal routines of conditioning during practices, the SLUH players will do more lap swimming and more rigorous drills. The players

even stayed after their game on Monday against Oakville to swim more laps.

Fortunately, their extra practice seems to be paying off, evident in their 13-5 win on Monday against Oakville.

Oakville notched only one goal in the first three quarters as SLUH

took advantage and scored eleven goals, three in the first quarter, three in the second, and five to open up the second half. Among the top scorers were Abram, with five (he has twenty-six goals on the year), and Heafner

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and seventh, the JV team shocked many with the revelation of just how deep SLUH cross country is.

As the individual champion of the day, Andy Bonner showed Napoleonic leadership in the racing pack and showed no crack in his form even as he climbed the savage Billy Mills ascent. In an attempt to describe his feelings about the race in recognizable words, he said only that it was "exhilarating, fun, and crazy" and says that he hopes to "stick with the varsity pack (at Hancock), hopefully at faster than 17 minutes."

Another salient performance of the day was that of the unassuming freshman David Kuciejczyk-Kernan, who earned the varsity blue shirt by breaking the 17:45 barrier with a 17:42 and third place. Kujo, as he has come to be nicknamed by his compatriots, said he "did what [he] was shooting for" on a course that was "exciting, and kept you thinking."

Filling out spots two, four, and seven were Cliff David, David Rhoads, and Chris Murphy, respectively.

While the top fourteen ran in Lawrence, see **ExcITEMENT, 7**



Junior Jason Appelbaum blocks a shot against Oakville.

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# Kornfeldbills exorcise Red Devils, 14-12

**Tim Glaser  
Reporter**

Despite a sputtering offense, the Footbills' defense scrapped their way to victory over Chaminade last Friday, 14-12.

The offense gave up its first three turnovers of the season to Chaminade, but the team refused to be defeated as the stellar defense held Chaminade to only 174 yards of total offense.

"You got to hand it to our kids," head coach Gary Kornfeld said, "they stayed in there, battled, and came up with big plays when they had to."

In the first quarter, SLUH and Chaminade traded punts before Chaminade ran the ball in for a touchdown from the 15-yard line with 1:07 left. The extra point attempt sailed wide left, and the first quarter ended with Chaminade on top, 6-0.

The Jr. Bills answered back with a 61-yard touchdown run by quarterback Paul Chaney at the beginning of the second quarter. Junior Max Wheeler kicked a long extra point after the team lost yardage on an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

The offense again showed signs of life later with a 38-yard pass from Chaney to Eric Hunt, but the drive ended with a missed 36-yard field goal attempt by Wheeler. The first half ended with SLUH up 7-6.

The Jr. Bills received the ball to begin the second half. On the first play from scrimmage, quarterback Paul Chaney sliced through the defense and up the middle of the field for an 80-yard touchdown run that was

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the remaining JV runners stepped out of the shadows and onto one of the most difficult courses in the area, Sioux Passage Park. Testing their virility against the looming Manmaker hill—not once, but twice—this group of runners showed heroism on a day when the difficulty of the course was reflected in slower-than-usual times.

Among the seniors representing the varsity at Sioux Passage were Matt Angeli, Nick Wingbermuehle, Doug Griesenauer, Jeremy Reynolds, Jim Scariot, Mike Purcell,

called back due to a holding penalty.

"If that play gets converted, I think you break (Chaminade's) backs right there," said Kornfeld. "I think the game could've been put away pretty easily from that point."

The offense was forced to punt, but the Specialteamsbills recovered the punt on their own 43-yard line after it fell through the



Senior captain Jim Sansone (31) drives down the field before being taken down at the 1-yard line.

unsure hands of the Chaminade returner.

The team displayed good consistent offense as they pressed down the field. Then, with 4:44 left to go in the third, fullback Jim Sansone received a pass from Chaney and dove to the 1-yard line. Chaney punched it in from there for his second touchdown of the game, putting the Footbills up 14-6.

Chaminade came back and pressured the U. High defense, but junior defensive back Kaelan Mayfield intercepted a pass in the red zone to preserve the lead with 26 seconds to go in the third quarter.

and Dan Marincel.

Said veteran runner Reynolds of the muddy, hilly conditions that day "(it was) mountainous, hot, (and) humid." But despite his angst at the adversity of the race, Reynolds said that running in the varsity division was the "crowning moment in (his) running career." What a guy.

Reynolds and everyone else on the team will need the support of any who can come to cheer at the prestigious Hancock Invitational in Jefferson Barracks Park this Saturday at 11:15. Rally at the blue tent.

The fourth quarter remained a stalemate until the last two minutes of the game when Chaminade made their way down the field to the 5-yard line, first and goal. After an incompleteness, a pass interference against SLUH, and a Chaminade false start, the Red Devils had the ball at the 7-yard line.

The U. High defense stuffed a run for a 3-yard loss before Chaminade scored on third down with a pass to the left side of the end zone. They went for the two-point conversion to tie, but a pass to the side fell incomplete.

Chaminade scared the SLUH fans once again when they recovered their onside kick immediately following the touchdown. With 16 seconds left to play, junior tackle Niko Mafuli broke through the line and blocked a field goal attempt. SLUH got the ball, and Chaney took a knee to end the game.

"You got to give credit to Chaminade," Kornfeld said. "They always come to play us tough. It's always a heck of a game."

Chaney led the offense with 132 yards rushing on 21 carries and two touchdowns, and added 93 yards passing. Hunt grabbed five balls for 81 of Chaney's passing yards. Linebacker Chris Hoffman led the defense with nine tackles and one assist, and Sansone ranked a close second with eight tackles and one assist.

The team will play in the SLUH stadium tonight at 7 p.m. against Beaumont after the Hurricane Katrina "Rockin' for the Hurricane" Benefit Concert. Be there!

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and sophomore Tim Dale, who both notched three.

Although Oakville managed to muster four goals in the final period against SLUH's two, the Jr. Bills went on to win 13-5 and improved their record to 7-1.

Tonight SLUH plays undefeated Kirkwood at Kirkwood at 4 p.m. Kirkwood appears to be one of the top teams in the area and features Mark Zalewski, who leads the area with 56 goals. All are encouraged to come and see another intense game.