

Kirkwood dashes Pylonbills district hopes, 43-21

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Reporter

Despite a valiant effort last Friday night at Kirkwood, the Footbills finally lost, falling 43-21 after finding themselves in a hole early on that they couldn't climb out of.

"We spotted them a 22-point lead and tried to play catch-up," commented head coach Gary Kornfeld, "and it's hard to do that on an outstanding ball club like Kirkwood."



Senior Eric Hunt plows past a Kirkwood defender.

for their first touchdown.

The Jr. Bills took over on offense, but they fumbled and gave it back to Kirkwood, who scored again on a 19-yard run.

Further signs of luck showed for Kirkwood on the extra point attempt. The

snap went wild and sailed behind the kicker, who ran back, picked up the ball, and tossed it to the end zone where a Pioneer receiver jumped up and grabbed it for two points, putting Kirkwood up, 15-0.

The Footbills

were forced to punt on their next drive. After Kirkwood passed and scampered their way to the 1-yard line once again, they pounded

Kirkwood returned the opening kickoff to SLUH's 23-yard line, and after a 22-yard pass, they pounded it in from the 1-yard line

Shinsplintbills

Michael Jonagan
Reporter

There is on the journey toward every great goal a point at which success is so close that you can tell it didn't wear deodorant that day. After last week's sectional victory, the St. Louis U. High cross country team reached that point. With DeSmet barely and nobly beaten once again by a narrow margin of 53 points to 55, the team has turned its full attention to State.

The Elysian weather was a good sign at Sioux Passage Park on Saturday as SLUH stepped to the line. Running a relaxed first two miles and bringing it home in a close contest with CBC's Dan Quigley was Ben Murphy-Baum, who laid down a swift 16:04 for second place.

Maintaining a top five place for the third straight week of post-season competition, SLUH's rising star, junior Matt Lawder, finished second on the team and fifth overall at 16:29. Solidifying the team's formidable triumvirate at the front of the race was Drew Kaiser, who sweated his way to a personal record 16:44 and seventh place overall.

Next for SLUH was junior Dan Viox,

win sectionals, move to state

who saw the gap left by Michael Jonagan's absence in the race and responded with strength in the third mile to finish 21st in a 17:26. Also with a strong third mile and three more cross country seasons to improve, freshman Cliff David ran a 17:33 and finished in 24th place.

Outside of the scoring five were two runners

who consistently give their best but have dealt with unfortunate physical difficulties as the season has drawn to a close. First, sophomore Chris Murphy, suffering through abdominal pain for the second week in a row, put together a strong finish.

Shane Lawless, who is perhaps most ironically stricken given his obvious natural talent, was again hampered by lung difficulties.

As it stands in the wake of the sectional race, the state lineup will be as follows:

it up the middle for a third touchdown. With the extra point, they went ahead, 22-0.

The Speedbills came out firing on their next drive, making two big plays to give them a score. Quarterback Paul Chaney gained 37 yards on a draw play up the middle to set up a lateral pass to Eric Hunt, who sliced and diced his way for 26 yards to the end zone with 1:56 left in the first quarter. After a good extra point attempt by kicker Andrew Guenther, the Jr. Bills were on the board but down 22-7.

As the first quarter came to a close, the U. High defense forced a fumble after a Kirkwood reception and recovered it on their own 48-yard line.

SLUH began the second quarter with the ball but fumbled, and a Kirkwood defensive back recovered it and took it sixty yards for another touchdown, extending their lead to 29-7.

The Perseverancebills, however, con-
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Murphy-Baum, Lawder, Kaiser, Jonagan, Viox, Murphy, and David, with junior Nate Banet as an alternate. They will be an intimidating team in an elite field, battling to assert themselves amongst teams like Fort Zumwalt South and Liberty.

At the front of the race will be icons such as Ben Brammeier of Parkway South, Kyle



Junior Matt Lawder (938) overtakes an opposing team's runner as Drew Kaiser (937) prepares to do the same.

Rood of Zumwalt South, Kip Hill of Liberty, Dan Quigley of CBC, Jacob Boone of Lee Summit North, and of course our own Ben Murphy-Baum. As these men race for the individual title, each member of SLUH's pack will have a target on their

desired place and an opponent's back who can help get them there.

However, when it comes to race day, it is expected of each to take more out of

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HEARTBREAKER

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ued to fight. On the next drive, Chaney threw downfield to the 7-yard line. He dropped back to pass on third and goal, but couldn't find an open receiver. He made a run for it and broke through three defenders, diving inside the 1-yard line. From there, he pounded it in behind the superb blocking of junior tackle Niko Mafuli. Guenther booted in another extra point, making the score 29-14.

On Kirkwood's next drive, they reached the 4-yard line on two huge pass plays, but the Belichickbills stripped the ball away, and the first half came to a close with the Pioneers on top, 29-14.

In the second half, Kirkwood threatened to score once again, but the U. High defense again recovered a fumble. However, SLUH was then forced to punt.

Kirkwood scored again with 23 seconds left in the third quarter on a 35-yard pass, and the quarter ended with Kirkwood up 36-14.

SLUH began the fourth quarter with the ball but turned it over on downs. Kirkwood's powerful running game scored another six points, and after the extra point, they led 43-14.

Still, the Footbills would not relent. Despite the deficit, they managed to score again. Running back Stephen Simmons took the handoff and powered his way to the 4-yard line. Three plays later, with 5:57 left to play, he pounded it in for the score. After a Guenther PAT, the scoreboard read 43-21.

SLUH continued to fight, but the score remained 43-21 for the rest of the game.

"Our kids hung in there and battled back, and we made a couple runs at them," Kornfeld said. "But every time we'd make a run at them, they'd pull a little bit further ahead."

With a current 8-1 record, the Footbills cannot advance to the playoffs in Missouri's system. Only the district champions may advance, and since Kirkwood is in the same district, they will go on, even though the season records may turn out the same.

On a happier note, Simmons gained 195 yards on the ground against Kirkwood. He needs only 65 yards to break the SLUH career rushing record set by Renato Fitzpatrick, '96, and 181 yards to break Fitzpatrick's single-season rushing record, set in 1995. He'll try to do it tonight against Vianney.

"Obviously, our main goal going into this game is to win the football game," said Kornfeld, "and if we win it, I would imagine (Simmons) would break the record along the line, barring some injury or something like that."

Hunt needs 70 yards on punt returns and Cheney needs 49 yards on kickoff return to break those records.

As for Vianney, even though SLUH has beaten them 17 consecutive times, the game won't be an easy one. A conference and district opponent, Vianney holds an 8-1 record, with their only loss against Kirkwood as well.

"It's going to be a heck of a battle," said Kornfeld, "We're going to have to be able to move the football (and) put some points on the board because they're capable of putting a lot of points on the board."

SLUH will battle Vianney tonight at their place at 7 p.m. Come for the game, stay for the sculptures.

EXCHANGE

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himself than he knows he has, and SLUH's racers have been chomping at the bit for the opportunity to do so.

This year's state race promises to be one of the most exciting in recent history, and as a member of the team myself, I would like to make a breach of journalistic integrity to plead with the members of SLUH's faculty and student body to please, if you can, show your support for the cross country team by being at the 2:15 race at the Oak Hills Country Club in Jefferson City tomorrow.

We race not only for ourselves and our team, but for SLUH as a whole, and by extension each and every one of you. Please, rally around your classmates and comrades on the day of their greatest trial. Directions will be posted on the website and will also be available on the cross-country bulletin board. Come and see the name of SLUH carried in the van.

Quote of the Week

"You're only young once, but you can be immature forever."

—Larry Anderson, relief pitcher

HARMONY

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One session, a fashion show, dealt with stereotyping other people by their clothes. Another activity focused on race amongst Native Americans, Asians, Hispanics, African-Americans, and Caucasians. The final session was mainly a discussion of gender issues and concluded with an activity in which students stepped either forward or backwards based on society's particular view of an issue.

The event concluded at 2:30 p.m. with another group assembly that discussed the accomplishments of the conference.

The remaining four events will be hosted by a variety of schools in the Harmony Project, including SLUH. The next event will be hosted by CBC, followed by Nerinx, and then Cardinal Ritter.

SLUH has already begun to plan its event, a Diversity Mass, on March 10. Fr. Fern Sheri, a Franciscan from Althoff, will celebrate the Mass.

Jones felt that the event was successful and had improved since last year, saying, "The questions were a lot more structured and the sessions were a little bit more open to discussion. There was a great bunch of schools that went."

Jones' only criticism was that the conference focused on the "same generic, clichéd questions about diversity and gender. It would be good to come up with some new questions, but other than that it was a great time."

Evans concluded, "It was well-organized. ... Students were really eager to participate."

BAND

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Mueller said. The shirts are blue and white with a band emblem on the shirt. To go along with the shirts the band also has Australian Outback style hats.

You can see and hear the band at this weekend's open house and at the upcoming basketball games.

Announcement

Paul Chaney Sr., senior Paul Chaney's father will be speaking today in the theater at Activity Period about his experiences in Afghanistan.