

XC toils, seeks no rest at Jesuit Invite

Stephen Kuehner
Reporter

Jesuit high school students from across the country gathered at DeSmet for the annual Midwest Jesuit Invitational last Saturday. The SLUH cross country team faced off against their Jesuit brothers from DeSmet, Rockhurst (Kansas City, Mo.), Creighton (Omaha, Neb.), and St. Xavier (Cincinnati, Ohio). As they tested themselves against each other, every athlete ran for the Greater Glory of God.

"It was a pretty relaxed first mile," said sophomore Caleb Ford. "The pack stayed together nicely."

While SLUH's ability to run as a pack this year has been quite impressive, running the first mile in 5:13 and referring to it as "relaxed" is even more



Chris Murphy leads the pack of Harrierbills against their fellow Ignatian runners at the Midwest Jesuit Invitational on Saturday.

remarkable.

The second mile, however, threw a few obstacles for the U. High runners to overcome. Captain Mike McCafferty was forced to drop out of the race due to breathing trouble, leaving SLUH with only six runners.

On top of that, captain Chris Murphy, who had been leading the SLUH pack, started to feel the effects of a recent illness and fell back in the race. Murphy fought through his trouble though, finishing as SLUH's fifth man and placing tenth overall with a time of 17:17.

With Murphy not at his best, leadership of the pack fell upon junior Austin Cookson, who was not at all daunted by the responsibility and finished third with a time of 16:58. He was closely followed by Ford (sixth, 17:05), sophomore Bill Gabler

(seventh, 17:07), captain Dan Warner (eighth, 17:09), Murphy, and sophomore Ben Ford (29th, 17:57).

Despite the setbacks, Ford said, "I thought we pulled through." And the team did pull through, walking away with the varsity team title.

Other stand-out performances included the seven unofficial varsity runners. These seven runners were allowed into the varsity race but did not count in the team score. The team consisted of captain Stephen Schumacher (17:29), senior Aaron Shepard (18:49), juniors David Kuciejczyk-Kernan (17:22) and Matt Kliethermes (18:23), and sophomores Casey Fitzgerald (17:25), Tony Minnick (17:28), and Emmett Cookson (17:48).

The SLUH freshman also made their 5000-meter debut with Dan Raterman (1st, 18:45) leading the way. Alan Ratermann (19:23) pushed to keep up with his teammate and, while not catching him, did manage to finish in second place. Rounding out their scoring five, and securing their team victory, were Riley Konzen (third, 19:37), Nick **see SPIRIT. EXERCISES, 7**

Derdeyn, Dale and divers fuel Fritzbills' fire

Tim Dale
Reporter

When the Jr. Bills walked into Forest Park Community College Tuesday, they were feeling pretty good. Coming off a big win at the Marquette Relays and a week of practice, they were rested and ready to swim against the Parkway North Vikings and Cape Central Tigers.

The Jr. Bills started off strong with a solid win in the 200 medley relay. The all-junior team consisted of Will Derdeyn, Matt Hohenberger, Andrew Howe, and Steve Sigman.

Though the swimming in the meet's first half was great, the real excitement came when the diving event began. The size of SLUH's team once again helped the Nosplashbills to dominate the competition, as four divers went up against two opponents from Cape Central.

Freshman Gil Plitt showed off his moves with his clean dives and splash-less entries. Junior Mick Dell'Orco also made jaws drop

as he qualified for State by a margin of three points. Junior Ryan Berger and sophomore Collin McCabe also were able to pull off their usual stunning constrictions and contortions with ease.

Three races after a great diving performance, Derdeyn added to his living-legend status as he qualified for State in a different event. This time it was the 100 freestyle, and he seemed to do it with ease.

The meet was not all business, though. The swimmers had a little fun, too, when an all-diver relay team competed in the exhibition race of the 200 free relay. They did all right for divers, finishing second to last, but it was pride that they won that day.

Getting back to the business at hand, Tim Dale was able to qualify for State in the 50 freestyle with a time of 23.04 while opening the 200 free relay. Both SLUH relay teams in the 200 free relay placed in the top two spots.

The TYRbills ended the meet strongly with great showings in the 100 breast stroke

and 400 free relay.

"We had some best times and some new state qualifications today," remarked coach Fritz Long after the meet. "Everyone got to swim something a little bit different, exemplified by the divers' relay, and the team was really showing me some good stuff so early in the season."

Co-captain Max Wurm said, "It just goes to show that when you work hard at practice, you win in meets."

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next possession for a touchdown. However, a personal foul was called on the Bartonecnebills to be penalized on the extra point. The kick missed its mark by a matter of inches, preserving the Red Devils' 14-13 lead.

After several strong defensive stands by both teams, Riddering connected for another touchdown pass, this time to tight end Brendan Graczak, but the DarthVaderbills failed to convert for two points.

Chaminade began their final drive on their 4-yard line after botching the catch on the six with a little more than a minute and thirty seconds left. After several incredible runs by the Red Devil running back, Chaminade managed to punch the ball into the end zone with just less than ten seconds remaining.

Down 21-19 with hardly enough time for a play, the Bills threw two incomplete passes to end the game, dropping to 0-2 on the year.

"We've not really played up to our potential," said captain and quarterback Michael Mayberger. "We've made a lot of mental mistakes, but those are easy to fix."

"We've definitely beaten ourselves twice. We should have won both games," said captain Joey Gorla.

Captain Adam Cruz commented on the second halves, "We have a lot of heart. We were two plays away from being 2-0."

Said head coach Dave Barton, "We've yet to play up our potential. I think not having our second game really hurt us because we had a two week layoff and didn't get a chance to play better. We've got to eliminate a bunch of mistakes that by our third game, we should have, and hopefully we'll show it (in the game vs. Ft. Zumwalt). I would say we've beaten ourselves both games. We had a chance to win in the final minute after trailing both games at halftime."

The Bartonicusbills faced off against Ft. Zumwalt West last night, led by team captains Joey Gorla, Kevin Mueller, Mike Mayberger, and Adam Cruz and are looking forward to hosting team rival Francis Howell Central and arch-nemesis DeSmet the next two weeks.

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Schmidt (fifth, 19:49), and Nick Herman (eighth, 20:10).

After the races were run and showers had been taken, four of the five teams gathered for a Mass, celebrating their Jesuit identity. Schumacher, along with a captain from each of the other three teams, gave an inspirational reflection on the connection between faith and cross country.

"It was nice hearing from runners from other schools how running and faith are related," said Caleb Ford.

"I think it's a shame more (schools) didn't come in," junior Zach Stauder added.

But the team is past the thoughts of last weekend and which teams were and were not there. Instead, they have set their focus on the Hancock Invitational. Although resting several of their top runners, SLUH will step up to the line at 11:30 a.m. this Saturday with every intention of winning the race, a race that will be dedicated to the Greater Glory of God.

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and juniors Ben Carron and Neil Backer, rounded out the top four.

"We've improved a lot since last year as well as since the beginning of the season," said junior John Schlesinger.

Junior Neil Backer added, "We're a very back-loaded team. We have depth throughout the team if the varsity team needs more men."

There still are many races left between the JV team and an undefeated season. Five races remain, including the Hancock Invitational this Saturday at 11:15 a.m. at Jefferson Barracks. The team also has to conquer the MCC Championships Oct. 6th at Chaminade.

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performance. "You have to obviously hand it to Chaminade for coming back—getting the key turnover, making some plays happen in the second half," Kornfeld said. "To drive the ball consistently like they did in the second half—you gotta tip your cap to them. And then, obviously, shutting us down the way they did—we had a hard time moving the ball in the second half. You gotta hand Chaminade a lot of credit for that."

The Jr. Bills head west to take on an undefeated Ft. Zumwalt West tonight.

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