

# Futbills open MCC play with loss at Vianney

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Although the weekend finished with a bang as the Jr. Bills took home their eponymous tournament for the second straight year, Tuesday brought a more somber note when St. Louis U. High suffered their first MCC loss in heart-breaking fashion to the Vianney Griffins.

After SLUH tied the first game in their tournament against Edwardsville and only beat Oakville 1-0, they were able to come through with a convincing win on Saturday as they pummeled Jefferson City 7-0.

The Jr. Bills dominated the game from start to finish as Erik Carretero, Jack Twell-

man, Brian Fetter, Brendan Steinway, and Tommy Meyer each netted a goal apiece, and forward David Ziegler scored two goals to boot. The defense was stellar, not allowing one shot to face goalie Zane Reifsteck as the Jr. Bills improved to 15-1-3.



David Ziegler dribbles past the Jefferson City defenders at the Jr. Billiken Classic.

However, Tuesday was a different story as SLUH faced off against MCC rival Vianney. The Griffins came out fired up to play, beating the Jr. Bills to most loose balls and looking to take down a ranked team.

Vianney was able to get on the board first, as Griffin striker Jonny Roeckle, brother of SLUH '07 grad Jake Roeckle, put a shot on goal that just squeaked by keeper Luis Soffner.

Vianney continued to put shots on

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# XC puts big hurt on MCC field

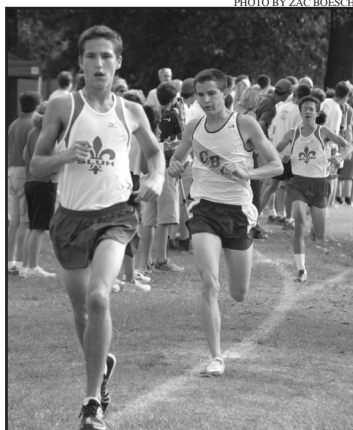
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“You’re running on guts. On fumes. Your muscles twitch. You throw up. You’re delirious. But you keep running because there’s no way out of this hell you’re in, because there’s no way you’re not crossing the finish line. It’s a misery that non-runners don’t understand.”

In this excerpt from her *cnn.com* article “Why We Run Marathons,” marathon runner Martine Costello elegantly expresses a simple and well-known fact: running hurts.

The members of the St. Louis U. High cross country team have become well acquainted with this pain over the last two months, running fast every day and even faster during races. How-

ever, that knowledge did not keep the team from stepping up to the line at Chaminade for the Metro Catholic Conference Championships, nor did the pain of running prevent them from sweeping the meet. That is right: SLUH won the varsity, the JV, and the freshman conference championships last Saturday, another spectacular feat for this year’s team.



Austin Cookson (left) leads the pack and Bill Gabler (far right) follows close behind as they race to the finish for the MCC Championship.

Despite being ranked number one in the region by *dyestat.com*, the varsity team knew they would have to run hard races on a hot day if they were going to beat the strong teams from CBC, DeSmet, Chaminade, and Vianney.

“I never realized how tough a conference the MCC is,” said senior Aaron Shepard.

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# Last-minute touchdown gives SLUH 13-12 triumph

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The score was reminiscent of that classic battle two years ago between St. Louis U. High and DeSmet. Fortunately for the Jr. Bills, the end result was quite similar as well.

SLUH traveled to DeSmet last Friday, hoping to knock off their MCC rivals and the area’s second-ranked team. The Jr. Bills came from behind late in the fourth quarter to win, 13-12.

The Jr. Bills were first to score as Ronnie Wingo ran in a touchdown from DeSmet’s 9-yard line with 9:07 remaining in the first quarter.

The Spartans drove down the field, but were denied a touchdown by the Jr. Bills’ stellar defense. They settled for a 39-yard field goal with 5:47 remaining in the first.

Both teams were held to zero points in the second quarter as each team exchanged punts.

The SLUH defense returned to the field at half ready to continue their second-quarter success. Both teams struggled on offense because of the great defense that prevailed throughout the game. Sophomore Collum Magee and Andrew Bouquet combined for many key tackles.

Head coach Gary Kornfeld felt that Bouquet, who had three sacks, “had a tremendous game.” Bouquet was able to reach the quarterback on a series of blitzes.

The Spartans had to settle for another field goal with 2:28 to play in the third quarter to make the score 7-6.

Kornfeld said, “I thought it was our best game defensively.”

As the Spartans opened the fourth quarter, the momentum appeared to sway in their direction. Their running back, Devin King, ran the ball with ease and scored a touchdown with 8:01 left in the game. DeSmet failed the two-point conversion after the touchdown to take a 12-7 lead.

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## BOEDEKER

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countries? Boedecker traces the idea for the journey back to his senior project, when he traveled with eight other classmates and English teacher Terry Quinn to Brazil.

"After that experience, I really wanted to do (service work) long term," Boedecker said.

In the following years at Coe College, Boedecker kept his eye on his goal. He consciously made efforts to stay out of debt so that the trip would be possible, and he also kept up with his foreign language skills.

"I got so much help from the college and from my parents. I was really lucky," he said.

Boedecker was not to take his planned service trip immediately after graduation, however. He returned to SLUH for what started as one year but ended as two after being asked to stay to help with a capital campaign. Boedecker initially thought of going to Africa through the Peace Corps and was accepted. He decided to turn it down, however.

"So you've got American foreign policy that does really awful things to most populations in the world, especially third-world countries," said Boedecker. "Then we send these really nice, naïve young people out into the world into those countries and we tell them, 'Okay, do great things, and tell them that you're American.' That's sort of like putting a band-aid on our awful foreign policy wounds."

Boedecker instead chose the Jesuit Refugee Service, a non-governmental organization. Former history teacher Jeff Harrison, S.J., who went with the JRS to Kenya, strongly recommended the organization to Boedecker.

"When I was sort of discerning if I wanted to go, I was talking to him a lot," he said. "His experiences were really helpful (for me) to decide to go."

So he was off on his emotional roller coaster. This past summer he returned to St. Louis. In spite of the relieving benefits of coming home, the return was quite bittersweet for Boedecker.

"I miss a lot of people that I was working with. I miss ... just the experience of it. I felt like we were doing really good work, important work," he said.

Boedecker's still finds himself processing his experiences.

"These (feelings) have been resurfacing since I left Africa, which I guess is how this sort of thing works," he said. "Random things, everyday things, can trigger powerful reactions; sometimes I'm really angry, sometimes I'm overwhelmed with sadness, sometimes I break down. I feel patient with it though, and I find it makes me more responsive to the hurts of those around me."

With thoughts such as those of the child soldiers following Boedecker, he is still making a difference working full-time at Karen House, a women's shelter in old North St. Louis, where he also lives. He will most likely be moving out soon, however, as he hopes to enter law school in the fall of 2008.

"I'm hoping that by learning the discipline and skills that law school promises I'll have something more to offer people around here or abroad," he said. "I'm thinking non-profit or pro-bono work, but it's pretty unlikely I'll end up in some corporate office."

## HURTS SO GOOD

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whether people realize it or not, the MCC is a very tough conference, containing several of the top runners in the state. Led by CBC's Phil Bascio, Chaminade's Matt Estlund, DeSmet's Connor Callahan, and SLUH junior John Clohisy, the varsity race took off to a very fast start.

"We had a really good day," said junior Austin Cookson. "We're running comfortably at a faster pace." Indeed, the race had a very fast pace, with Bascio and Estlund both finishing under 16:00.

However, SLUH's team performance may have outshined the terrific accomplishments of any of the individual runners. Clohisy, who "had a breakthrough day," according to junior Max Ottenlips, finished in 4th place with a time of 16:32.

Finishing closely behind him was team captain Dan Warner (6th, 16:36). Warner, who must understand the feeling that Costello described, gesticulated his pain to his cheering teammates before making a tremendous surge to pass several runners in the last quarter-mile.

Cookson (7th, 16:46) was the next across the line, followed by sophomore Bill Gabler (8th, 16:47). With team captain Mike McCafferty finishing 10th (16:59) and sophomore Tony Minnick finishing 11th (17:05), SLUH had six men finish before any other school had three across the line.

SLUH's final runner, team captain Chris Murphy (16th, 17:37), managed to finish in front of more than half the varsity racers, despite not being able to breathe during the race. Despite his physical trouble, there was no way he was not crossing the finish line.

While the varsity team put on a remarkable display of talent and pure guts, they were not the only ones astonishing the spectators with their ability to push themselves beyond their limits. Juniors David Kuciejczyk-Kernan and Cliff David led SLUH's JV team to another team victory. Kuciejczyk-Kernan's 16:59 first-place finishing time was the only JV time under 17:00, but SLUH's 6th sub-17 time on the day. Cliff David, who raced for the first time this season after recovering from an injury, placed 2nd with a time of 17:05. Sophomore Casey Fitzgerald (3rd, 17:15), team captain Steve Schumacher (4th, 17:17), and sophomore Emmett Cookson (5th, 17:36) joined with the juniors to sweep the JV race.

The rest of the JV team continued SLUH's weekly display of depth, taking 20 out of the top 25 places.

"It was a great course," said junior Charlie Stoltze, "It was really fast."

The freshman, not to be outdone by the upperclassmen, secured the sweep of the meet with their team victory. Dan Raterman took an early lead and steadily widened the gap between him and the pack as he won the race with a time of 18:10. Alan Ratermann (18:37) followed him in for second place. Riley Konzen (4th, 18:57), Nick Schmidt (6th, 19:18), and Nick Hermann (14th, 19:56) also scored for the freshmen.

With three team victories, SLUH left Chaminade as the MCC champs. The team will divide for competition again this week, with juniors running at the Borgia Invitational tomorrow in Washington, Mo., and the underclassmen running at Sioux Passage on Wednesday. They will run on guts and fumes until they cross the finish line.