

Nilbills tally two shutouts

Tony Billmeyer
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High soccer team (15-2, 3-2 MCC) extended its winning streak to 11 games with consecutive shutout wins over Parkway South and Edwardsville this past week, earning the No. 20 ranking in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll and the eight-spot in ESPN/RISE's most recent Fab50 rankings.

Tuesday night SLUH kicked off the legendary Jr. Billiken Classic against an Edwardsville side that was riding the momentum from their upset over CBC a week prior. But the Old-manbills dominated every aspect of the game from the start, and shocked the No. 4 team in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 6-0.

"They were aware of the result against CBC," said coach Charlie Martel. "We told



Senior captain Chris Gomez flies past a South opponent in SLUH's 5-0 win.

them that it was going to be a tough game, and that (Edwardsville) would probably be one of the top teams we play all year."

The scoring began in the 11th minute, as senior captain Tim Milford played a perfect ball from his wingback position into the box to fellow senior captain Brian Schultz, who brought the ball down and buried the shot for early 1-0 lead.

Schultz struck again just minutes later, when he cleaned up a rebound from sophomore Richie Hoffman's shot. The flustered Tigers defense then misplayed a ball in its own penalty area, allowing senior Ryan Vincent to tap in for his fourth goal of the season.

Junior Dominic Hewitt tacked on another about 14 minutes from half with a 20-yard strike that deflected off the post and into the back of the net, putting the game further out of reach at half, 4-0.

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Swimming tests JV depth

Pat Nugent
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High varsity swimming and diving team sat back this week and let the JV team take on DeSmet's JV team at Forest Park Community College on Tuesday. Unfortunately, this resulted in a loss, 94-78.

Despite the loss, the meet enabled the Jr. Bills to test the strength of their JV team and witness several strong performances. In the opening races of the dual meet, sophomore David Laughlin swam the 200-yard freestyle in a time of 2:17.33 and sophomore Mitch Kramer finished the 200 individual medley in 2:34.71. The Shirtlessbills then watched sophomore Kevin Kleinschmidt dominate the 50 freestyle with a 26.17 and sophomore Shane Panchot flutter kick his way to a 1:22.34 in the 100 butterfly.

"The JV guys looked pretty good," said senior Will Page. "They have a lot to improve but they are definitely showing potential."

After the break, the Chlorinebills

returned to the agony of FoPoCoCo and cheered on freshman Michael Savio and sophomore Andrew Beckerle in the 100 freestyle. The two finished in 1:02.56 and 1:02.85, respectively. Sophomore Eddie Harris later completed the 500 freestyle with a time of 6:13.04, after an all-diver 200 freestyle relay squad (freshman Mike Berry, junior Collin McCabe, senior Ryan Berger and senior captain Mick Dell'Orco) swam SLUH's fastest time of the meet with a 1:48.54.

"The relay was actually really impressive," joked senior David Muller.

"The chlorine is my perfume," added senior Trenton Going.

In the last stages of the meet, freshman Tim Rackers sped his way to a time of 1:12.29 in the 100 back and junior Sean Daily pummeled the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:21.78. Panchot also raced the breaststroke, and finished it with a 1:14.23.

Overall, the Innocentebills weren't too upset with the showing from the JV swim

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Undefeated Harrierbills win Jorgenson

Brandon Thornberry
Reporter

As soon as the cool winds of autumn push away the blazing temperatures of August and September, the St. Louis University High cross country team knows that the end of its season is approaching quickly. October also brings both academic and physical stress to SLUH athletes, making it crucial for the athletes to remain focused and motivated.

While the top seven varsity took this past week off to recover from Rim Rock and prepare for the MCC Championships, the second seven slipped into the navy blue jerseys and led the team at the Ron Jorgenson Invitational this past Friday.

The 2008 Ron Jorgenson Invitational took place in Blackburn Park, located in Webster Groves, instead of its usual spot at Ladue Middle School. The varsity departed from school early on Friday to survey the new course before their race at 4 p.m.

The new course at Blackburn forced athletes to navigate an extremely narrow path, only five to seven runners wide. In a field of 112 athletes, it was extremely easy to get caught behind other runners and then expend energy getting back up to the front as the race spreads out.

However, the Jr. Bills sprinted to the front of the field at the start. After winding through many sharp turns, the team approached the first mile with all seven runners separated by only seven seconds. As the Jr. Bills entered their second loop around the perimeter of the park, the varsity began to fight O'Fallon for the lead. Into the third mile, all seven varsity runners, led by juniors Tim McLaughlin and Nick Seckfort, kicked home and clinched medal after medal. The varsity managed to defeat O'Fallon by an impressive 18 points to take first.

McLaughlin placed sixth in the race with an incredible time of 17:00. Following McLaughlin was Seckfort at 17:08, senior Ben Carron at 17:14, junior Emmett Cookson at 17:27, sophomore Dan Raterman at

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STARTERS' BOXES: A CROSS COUNTRY SURVEY

	John Clohisy (senior)	Austin Cookson (senior)	Cliff David (senior)	David Kuciejczyk -Kernan (senior)
<i>Pairs of running shoes bought since fr. year</i>	15	13-14	16	15+
<i>1/8, 1/4, or 3/8 inch spikes</i>	3/8 inch	1/4 inch	3/8 inch	3/8 on most courses
<i>Farthest training ground from SLUH</i>	Sanibel Island, Florida	Montreal, Canada	Hawaii	Quintana Roo, Mexico
<i>Race-day breakfast</i>	Oatmeal, banana, Gatorade	Pop Tarts, orange juice	Chocolate chip pancakes	Three pancakes
<i>Music while running?</i>	none	NO MUSIC	No.	No
<i>XC, track, or road races</i>	XC	Track	XC	XC
<i>Worst thing about running</i>	Making up school work	(multiple answers)	N/A	Chafing
<i>Favorite course</i>	Oak Hills Golf Course	Sioux Passage	Rim Rock	Big Driver
<i>Wear short shorts?</i>	Yeah	Yes.	Yes!	Nope
<i>Estimated miles run since freshman year</i>	4,000	8,000-8,500	8,400	6,000+
	Caleb Ford (junior)	Bill Gabler (junior)	Tony Minnick (junior)	Mr. Joe Porter (asst. coach)
<i>Pairs of running shoes bought since fr. year</i>	10	10	7	72
<i>1/8, 1/4, or 3/8 inch spikes</i>	3/8 inch	1/4 inch	1/8 inch	1/4 inch
<i>Farthest training ground from SLUH</i>	Topsail Island, North Carolina	Balboa Park, California	On a cruise ship near Hawaii	Rome, Italy
<i>Race-day breakfast</i>	Strawberry yogurt, banana, Bran Flakes	Wheaties with many raisins, OJ	Bagel, granola bars (carbs and protein)	Bagel, cream cheese
<i>Music while running?</i>	No music.	No music.	The Stooges	No Music
<i>XC, track, or road races</i>	Track	XC	XC	Road races
<i>Worst thing about running</i>	Middle of a race	Passing out	Too much time	Long tempo runs
<i>Favorite course</i>	State XC	McNair Park	Rim Rock	State XC
<i>Wear short shorts?</i>	No	No	Yes	No
<i>Estimated miles run since freshman year</i>	5,500	5,000	4,000	21,000



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17:29, junior David Fleming at 17:31, and sophomore Alan Ratermann rounding out SLUH's seven with a 17:39. SLUH's second seven took seven of the top 25 medals in the varsity division.

The Jr. Bills held strong positions in the top 25 and took 14 of the 40 medals given, with freshmen Tyler Gardner and Joe Eswein leading the team with eighth and tenth place finishes, respectively. Rounding out the team's scoring five were seniors Chris Cowlen and Matt Kocisak and junior Will Bufe, who took 13th through 15th, respectively.

Although they finished strong, SLUHJV finished second to O'Fallon's strong second seven.

"We competed against other teams' second seven with runners beyond our third seven," said senior captain Matt Kocisak. "A second place is still very good."

The weekend presented yet again the depth and strength of the SLUH cross country team. Now, eager for the approach of the MCC Championships, the team turns its focus toward tomorrow's competition at Chaminade, a very fast course where a lot of athletes post personal bests. SLUH will be competing in all three divisions at MCCs, and sets a goal of sweeping on all three levels.

Races begin at 9 a.m. tomorrow at Chaminade. Come see how many runners can drop times of under 17 minutes. Possibly 16?

SWIMMING

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mers. The team is now trying hard to focus on executing better flip turns – they worked almost exclusively on speedy turns and finishes in practices after the meet.

Senior captain Nick Debandt summed up the week, saying "I think everyone worked hard this week, especially on our turns. I'm really excited to swim against Vianney next week for our first MCC meet and I think we'll do well."

Attention all writers, photographers, artists, or otherwise willing and able SLUH students! The *Prep News* wants you. Come up to J220 after school to try your hand at newspapering.

Sports shorts and shots



Photos by Zac Boesch

Soccer

SLUH faced off against Lutheran South in game two of the Jr. Billiken Classic. SLUH won, 2-0, with goals from seniors Ryan Vincent and Tim O'Connor. At left, senior Brian Schultz pauses for a photo in mid-shot.

- Zac Boesch



Swimming

SLUH beat a tough and small Mehlville squad last night. Senior diver Mick Dell'Orco scored 280, missing the SLUH record by four points. At left, junior Daniel Pike floats like a butterfly in the butterfly leg of the 200 IM. - Pat Nugent



Hockey

The Busiebills faced off against the Lindbergh Flyers in the Top Hat Tournament on Tuesday. Senior Colin FitzGerald opened the scoring with a goal with 5:34 left the first period. Senior captain Jack Berger scored twice, and junior Drew Tierney added a goal in the team's 4-0 win. The team plays the CBC Cadets next Tuesday at the Webster Rink at 7 p.m. At left, senior Joe Stratton skates past center ice.

- Zac Boesch

C-Football responded to last week's close loss to Vianney by crushing Chaminade last night, 42-21. SLUH began the scoring via a flea-flicker, and led 35-0 at half. Every Jr. Bill played in the second half, as the starters were removed. Chaminade put up 21 points but was not able to climb all the way back. The win moved the Jr. Bills to 6-3. They play Mehlville next. - Brendan Langford