

XC takes third in first varsity race hosted by SLUH

Matt Lawder
Reporter

As runners from 46 different area teams walked onto the Central Fields in Forest Park, a site usually only used by beer-bellied softball players and amateur model airplane builders, they found instead the hundreds of tents, flags, and fencing outlining the course for the largest meet in all of Missouri this year.

Over 1,100 runners from all levels participated in the first annual Forest Park Cross Country Festival last Saturday. St. Louis U. High hosted the event, which was the first ever varsity invitational hosted by the school. Coach

Ben Rosario and head coach Jim Linhares spearheaded the project, with help from other coaches, area runners, and team parents.

They had been planning the meet since last year when McCluer North decided to stop hosting a meet that occupied the same week. Preparations finished up in the wee hours of Saturday morning as coaches with headlamps worked diligently through the night to finish setting up the course.



PHOTO BY SCOTT MUELLER
Matt Lawder crosses the finish line in fifth place.

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PN slaughters STUCO in bashball, yet another time

Tom Nagel
Reporter

STUCO and *Prep News* kicked off spirit week '06 on Monday by playing each other in bashball in the stadium at activity period. As expected, the infallible newspaper singlehandedly overthrew the oppression of the government, won the game, and cured cancer during one activity period.

After a brief sequence of Louie-esque shout-outs by STUCO members, the game was underway.

The defenders of truth decided, in order to be "Men for Others," to let STUCO score the first goal, a lucky shot by a STUCO player whose name doesn't matter on a net left open by Sports Editor Scott Mueller.

With STUCO up 1-0, *Prep News* kicked into action. Features Editor Sean Kickham valiantly stopped a shot by STUCO and passed it up field to fellow Features Editor Andrew Mueth, who brilliantly decided to deflect a shot off of goalkeeper Chris de-

Worstgoalie and into the hands of Charlie Landis, who shot and scored, tying the game at one.

The *Prep News* decided to keep up their rally, working the ball all around the STUCO end of the field before scoring again off a stunning shot from Drew Burkemper.

Prep News rose above the screams of anguish being raised from the STUCO bench, riding on a wave of Truth, Justice, and the American Way to end the oppressive rule of the unjust government.

It should be noted that *Prep News* was missing its superstar goalie, Matt Hubbard, who was offering up prayers at the ACES retreat that his team would at least let STUCO live to fight another day. Mueller stepped up and brilliantly filled Hubbard's role.

Prep News went on to win, 4-2, after an unfortunate own-goal by a confused STUCO president who had forgotten that the teams had switched sides at the half.

Prep News kindly gave STUCO what they asked for: a loss.

No. 2 ranked soccer captures CBC tournament

Kevin Gier
Reporter

The second-ranked St. Louis U. High soccer team continued its winning streak this week, easily defeating DeSmet and Fort Zumwalt South (both by scores of 6-0) and grinding out a 2-1 win over Vianney.

Thursday, the Jr. Bills played the second game in the CBC Tournament against archrival DeSmet, which fielded a mostly young side that had not truly been tested. SLUH controlled the match early, yet they could not convert their scoring chances. That changed in the 12th minute when Andy Weis got a through ball from junior defender Tom Meyer and shot it at Spartan goalkeeper Scott Meyer. Scott Meyer was only able to parry it away, and Matt Leinauer picked up the rebound to put the PSGbills up 1-0.

One minute later, junior David Ziegler (winning the *PN* Man of the Match award for his second consecutive game) doubled the lead by taking a throw-in and getting a ball through traffic into the net. DeSmet, shocked to be down 2-0 in the first 15 minutes, struggled to put passes together, although they did get a good ball in to forward Will Bruin in the 22nd minute. Bruin, however, was ruled offsides.

SLUH then went up 3-0 off a Leinauer run that ended in traffic. Rather than chance a shot, the forward laid it off to his strike partner junior Chris Haffner, who easily beat Scott Meyer to put the Jr. Bills up 3-0. The team could have added to the lead via an excellent chance from sophomore Nick Maglasang just before halftime, but the ball was cleared off the goal line.

However, after the break, another goal came for SLUH—an own goal. Off of a throw-in, a DeSmet defender standing inside the six-yard box attempted to settle it back to his goalkeeper, but it instead went into the goal, putting the Romabills up 4-0. Later on, sophomore substitute Brian Schultz extended the lead to 5-0 by stealing the ball from a defender and easily beating Meyer 1-on-1,

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School addresses slow login system

George Boston
Reporter

Since the start of the school year, delays have been clogging the electronic arteries of St. Louis U. High. Sporadic login delays, freeze-ups, and sub-par Internet speeds have been vexing students and faculty attempting to use the school's computers in the past month.

"It was really slow," says freshman Eli Clampett of his recent experience with the system. "It just froze."

Last week, the scene in the library, according to junior Peter Hock, was one of loading bars on every screen and a crowd of

students waiting to use a computer. Biology teacher Steve Kuensting relates that "some faculty have no problem logging in (to the network), and some can't at all."

System Administrator Jon Dickmann attributes these problems to a few of the school's servers, the hubs which allow individual computers to tie into a central computer that holds all the data for student accounts.

"We've had some slowdown issues in the past," says Dickmann. "The only time we can work on the server is when no one is here," he continued, explaining that the network was debugged prior to the begin-

ning of the school year, "but then we can't test them to know whether what we've done has been effective."

After these problematic opening weeks of class, everything is now "running fine," according to Dickmann, but the technology department remains uncertain about what gave rise to the malfunctions.

"We have a bunch of guesses ... (but) we haven't made any changes, so if whatever caused this comes up again, (the delays) could happen again," Dickmann said. They are currently seeking an alternate method of logging in as a more permanent solution.

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had theology teacher Matt Stewart sing the national anthem before the meet and former coach and current Drury Inn manager Tim Chik announced some of the action. The stage was set for some great performances, and SLUH delivered them.

The varsity race got out to a quick pace, with the leaders coming through the first mile at 4:52. There was some question before the race as to how SLUH's inexperienced team would respond to the fast pace and the stacked field. The team answered the call and stayed in great position at the start. Matt Lawder led SLUH through the mile at 4:58, and SLUH's pack was close behind at 5:15.

From there, the pack began to break up, and sophomore John Clohisy broke away. Clohisy said after the race, "I knew we got out to a quick first mile and from there I just tried to keep hammering the pace. ... Coming into the race I didn't expect to finish high because I had been recovering the week before (from an injury), but I gave it my best ... (and when) I crossed the line (and) looked at my watch, I was blown away by the time."

Clohisy finished in 18th place with a time of 16:38. He finished second on the team behind only Matt Lawder, who finished in 5th place overall with a 16:02. (*Editor's note:* All times are converted from finish times to reflect a true 5K time because there was an ambulance on the course tending to a runner from the girls JV race. The varsity

race had to be re-routed and ended up being 140 meters short.)

Junior Mike McCafferty didn't let Clohisy pull too far away in the second mile and stayed close behind him the whole race, finishing in 16:45, good for 22nd place. Nate Banet was fourth on the team, holding strong through the final mile to get 28th place in a time of 16:56. Dan Viox rounded out the scoring five by going 16:59 for a 29th-place finish.

Freshman Caleb Ford finished sixth on the team in an incredibly fast time of 17:23, almost breaking the freshman 5K record. He placed 41st. Sophomore David Kuciejczyk-Kernan rounded out the top seven with a 47th place finish and a time of 17:38. Sophomore Austin Cookson finished in a very high 50th place with a 17:43 and freshman Ben Ford finished up the varsity squad with a 18:00 and a 61st-place finish.

SLUH's team total added up to 102 points and boosted the team into third place behind only Potosi (ranked 14th in the country) and Zumwalt South (last year's state champs), and 58 points in front of Rockbridge.

"I was extremely excited about our team's results," said coach Joe Conley, "even though I couldn't see the races because ... I followed the last place person in each race to make sure everyone finished."

SLUH performed amazingly on all three levels. The freshmen, led by race-winner Zach Thomas (10:33 for 3K), almost swept their race, finishing first overall with sev-

enteen points. The junior varsity team also won the JV race with 24 points. Junior Steve Schumacher won the JV in 14:03 for the 4K course.

SLUH's next race will be this weekend's Jesuit Invitational at DeSmet at 1:00 p.m. Be there to watch the varsity rip all the out-of-town teams to shreds and hopefully to see Dan Warner's much heralded first race of the season.

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lost their life in the war on terrorism in Iraq. Hanging from the fine arts building, was a sign stating "How many dead for revenge?" This morbid display mortified me to the core. I could not believe anyone would have the audacity to taint a day of remembrance for the lives lost with an anti-war political statement. Moreover, I am equally dismayed at the school administration for not taking appropriate measures to ensure a blatant act of disrespect would not occur.

No one, regardless of their political belief, has the right to disrespect the heroic efforts displayed on that solemn day, as well as the civilians and military personnel that have lost their lives during this war on terrorism. I appreciate the right to free speech, but there is a time and a place; and I believe those responsible for this act have gone too far. Thank you, and God Bless America.

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