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Cross country takes second in state

Matt Lawder
Reporter

After waking up early last Saturday morning and eating breakfast together while debating whether or not Stefan and Steve Urkel from Family Matters are really two separate people, St. Louis U. High's cross country team set their focus towards more important topics, namely the state meet taking place later that day. Arriving to the course around eight o'clock, the team met a slight drizzle of rain to complement the forty-five degree weather—perfect racing conditions.

With more and more fans crowding onto the course, the team took off on their final warm-up jog of the season. As they toured the second mile one last time before the race, the squad passed by both Fort Zumwalt South

and Lee's Summit North (the two other race favorites entering the meet) and exchanged sizing up glances in silence.

After stretching, the top seven gathered for some last words before they headed to the line and the final race of the year, reminding each other to have fun in their last run together as they walked to the starting line.

"I felt really confident in our team," said head coach Jim Linhares. "I didn't believe we were going to have a bad day." And the confidence from the team showed as they stood, toes on the starting line awaiting the gun, looking as calm and relaxed as they had when they had lined up at the Alumni Race in August.

"I thought I would be more nervous before the race, but I felt really pumped," exclaimed John Clohisy after the race.

Chris Murphy had a similar attitude, "I

wanted to go to the line with a good attitude, but it's still the state race."

The leader quickly took control at the front of the race, but surprisingly set a slow first mile pace.

"I was surprised at how slow the race went out," stated Linhares, "but I think our team reacted well."

SLUH's leader, Matt Lawder, stayed in good position with a first mile of 5:05, right behind the leaders. John Clohisy hung in good position just in front of the pack and also kept the leaders in sight.

"The pack (Nathan Banet, Dan Viox, Chris Murphy, Mike McCafferty, and Caleb Ford) got out really well and were in control at the mile," recalled Murphy.

From there, the lead pack began to break away and quicken the pace, led by a surge

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New stop signs placed on Oakland

Scott Mueller
Sports Editor

In an effort to improve the traffic situation around the school and make the surrounding roads safer, St. Louis U. High installed an additional stop sign on Oakland Avenue at the Science Center boulevard that connects to Berthold. The changes were made Tuesday, Nov. 7.

On Tuesday morning the stop sign at SLUH's Oakland entrance (to the faculty parking lot) was moved down the street to the Science Center driveway. Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick said the change was necessary "(because) when parents come in the morning, when parents exit, when stu-

dents exit, there was no stop sign there. So you had cross traffic along Oakland moving at a high rate of speed and people trying to exit the boulevard out of nowhere."

The general concern among student drivers was that it was too difficult to pull out

on to Oakland from the boulevard, as the cross traffic did not stop.

The school approached the city to ask if they could install an additional stop sign at the Science Center driveway and keep the original stop sign at the faculty parking lot. Zarrick said, "The school's position is that we want stop signs at both. We have kids that cross at the Oakland lot to get to the bus and our faculty goes in and out there, see STOP, 11



PHOTO BY MATT HUBBARD
The new stop signs in action on Oakland Avenue.

Prep News Amendment 2 Survey

Students opposing: 73% (130/178)

Students supporting: 27% (48/178)

Seniors opposing: 71% (25/35)

Seniors supporting: 29% (10/35)

Juniors opposing: 52% (28/54)

Juniors supporting: 48% (26/54)

Sophomores opposing: 82% (36/44)

Sophomores supporting: 18% (8/44)

Freshmen opposing: 91% (41/45)

Freshmen supporting: 9% (4/45)

Students influenced by Dr. Onder's presentation: 33% (59/178)

Not influenced by Onder's presentation: 67% (119/178)

Not supporting, influenced: 40% (52/130)

Not supporting, not influenced: 60% (78/130)

Supporting, influenced: 14.5% (7/48)

Supporting, not influenced: 85.5% (41/48)

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from CBC's Dan Quigley (not to be confused with John Quigley of SLUH). Lawder stayed within striking distance of the leaders and hung with the surge, while Clohisy began to move up.

"I could hear Coach Rosario yelling at me, 'You're in 18th; you're in 15th; you're in 10th,'" Clohisy recalled.

The pack remained in about 50th place, trying to hold on during a fast second mile.

Heading into the third mile, the team felt good and ready to start taking places when disaster struck. Viox, leading the pack, slipped in some mud rounding a turn and fell down. He got up as fast as possible and tried to get back into rhythm, but had fallen away from the pack and would now have to run on his own.

The team continued to charge through the field, heading toward the infamous Firehouse Hill about a half mile from the finish, where Linhares was waiting to give some final instructions.

"I loved where Lawder and Clohisy were at going up the hill, but got a little worried when I saw the pack in the 50's and 60's. I

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the Spirit of St. Louis award last September (see Issue 7). Zarrick has also been informed that SLUH has won an award for the track. There will be an announcement about the track award sometime in December.

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must be brought to us by another student," said Clark of the punishments for violations. This solution may not be satisfying to some students, but as Clark said of the public parking, "That's the nature of the beast."

Many students were pleased with the change. "I like it," said senior Tyler Caldwell. "I'm glad they did something...because I was tired of underclassmen parking on the (senior) lot."

Junior Chris Brown had a similar opinion. "I think it's fine because when we're seniors, we're going to want the same privileges. They've waited, they should get (senior parking), and so should we (next year.)"

didn't realize how fast the times were. But I wasn't sure how we would hold up," Linhares recalled.

Once at the top of the hill, the team kicked to the finish line, giving everything they had for the final race of the season. Lawder finished first for the team in a school record of 15:59 and fifth place. Clohisy finished strong in 16:24—over a ten second PR—and captured an all-state medal for 13th place.

"I was so excited with my place," he recalled after the race, "I think I had more energy after the race than before it."

Murphy was third on the team and also set a PR (an almost unheard of event at the state course) with a 17:02 good for 50th place. McCafferty was close behind in 17:05 in 54th place. Banet rounded out the scoring five with a 17:09 in 62nd. Viox and Ford finished sixth and seventh on the team respectively in 17:25 (84th) and 17:33 (98th).

SLUH's team score of 114 was not quite low enough to catch Fort Zumalt South, but was good for second place, the highest finish a SLUH team has had since 1999.

"You've got to tip your hat to Zumwalt South," said assistant coach Joe Porter. "They had a great day and weren't going to let

anybody catch them, but I felt we ran a good race and second is a great team place."

"Our guys came through, and I felt we were where we ought to be," said Linhares. "If it hadn't been for everyone going to the well and finishing strong, if it hadn't been for Murphy taking some leadership, if it hadn't been for McCafferty holding strong to the finish, we could have easily been caught."

Lebanon was third, six points behind SLUH, and CBC finished fourth with 146 points.

SLUH headed to Shakespeare's Pizza in Columbia to celebrate their podium appearance, after of course several of SLUH's fans (painted blue) had the traditional jump in the lake.

At Shakespeare's all one could see were smiles stretching across the restaurant and a look of satisfaction on the faces of all the team's members. After a year of intense hard work outs, excruciatingly long runs, injuries, and victories, SLUH finally got to cap off the season in the perfect way—a state trophy.

"I was so psyched about the team trophy," said a happy Clohisy. "We wanted to get one and we got it."

SOUZA SIGNS WITH ILLINI

PHOTO BY MATT HUBBARD



Abe Souza signs a letter of intent with the University of Illinois. Souza accepts his letter from tennis coach Dennis Dougan, flanked by Principal Mary Schenkenberg and Souza's counselor Ken McKenna. Other varsity tennis players (seated around table) show their support for Souza.