

Futbills stomp Duchesne, fall to Vianney

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Reporter

The St. Louis U. High soccer team (10-3-1) beat Duchesne 5-1 Thursday, lost to Vianney Saturday in the semifinals of the CYC tournament 2-0, and then defeated Duchesne again Tuesday night 2-0.

Thursday night, SLUH played their final pool game in the CYC tournament in sloppy conditions. A constant, light rainfall caused the turf field to become very slick, and the ball played very fast. But these conditions could not slow down the UHighbills.

Within in the first three minutes, SLUH had a 2-1 lead. Goals by seniors Dominic Hewitt and Brysan Duvall gave SLUH all the lead that it needed. But the Pelebills wouldn't stop there.

Three minutes after the Duchesne break-away goal, junior Richie Hoffmann got his

own. With two defenders chasing him, the Duchesne goalie came out to block the shot, but Hoffman chipped the ball over him and into the net. After some scoring chances but no results, the Varsitybills went into halftime with a comfortable 3-1 lead.

The Jr. Bills went out after halftime and continued their dominance on the turf, scoring a quick goal. Senior Pat Macauley rocketed a cross from Hoffmann and put it top shelf. The SLUH Jr. Bills cruised to a 5-1 defeat over Duchesne.

Thursday night, the Jr. Bills went to Soccer Park to begin the championship rounds of the CYC tournament, hoping to win it for the fifth straight year. They faced off against the Vianney Golden Griffins, whom SLUH had tied 2-2 earlier in the year in the CBC tournament.

The Jr. Bills came out aggressively,

jumping the gun slightly with some early offside calls, and the teams traded scoring chances and fouls throughout the first part of the half.

But at the 21-minute mark, Vianney scored first, off of a pass from midfield. A Vianney forward shot the ball, which ricocheted off of the crossbar and into the back of the net, giving the Golden Griffins a 1-0 lead.

Despite trailing for the first time in the tournament, the FIFAbills continued to battle with Vianney in a physical game. In the last few minutes of the half, the Jr. Bills got chances down low, thanks to corner kicks and throw-ins, but just could not capitalize. The Jr. Bills went into halftime trailing 1-0.

SLUH started with the ball in the second half and applied pressure. But the Varsitybills could not get a shot on net, as the Vianney

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XC learns lesson, finishes 2nd at Rim Rock

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After several impressive performances to start the season, the St. Louis U. High cross country team took a somewhat disappointing second place at Rim Rock last Saturday.

Impressive performances from junior Tim Rackers (16:37), senior Tim McLaughlin (16:53), and senior Emmett Cookson (16:55) were not enough to make up for the absence of senior Caleb Ford, who was showing early symptoms of a possible stress fracture.

Ford met with his doctor and is expected to return to racing next week at the Metro Catholic Conference (MCC) Championships

at Chaminade. "The doctor said that there is no sign of a possible stress fracture. In my opinion, if there was one, it was miraculously healed by the healing power of Sam Bufe's ... 'prayers,'" Ford said.

Senior Tyler Jennings and junior Dan Raterman wrapped up the scoring for SLUH. The team finished behind Liberty High School, coming from the suburbs of Kansas City.

Longtime coach Tom Flanagan looks at the race as an important learning experience for the squad. "We're okay. We've got five weeks to get ready for the state meet. I'm not giving up the crown yet. At Rim Rock, we learned something. I don't think it was what we wanted to learn. We learned that we

really aren't the greatest, and we have hard work to do," said Flanagan.

The second seven dominated the field in the Rim Rock JV race, sweeping it with a perfect score. Senior Charlie Stoltze finished first for SLUH, and will be competing for a top seven spot at the MCC's. "My key to the race was staying in a competitive position, keeping my eye on where I wanted to be, and in the last 1200 meters passing the guy who led the entire race, who happened to be teammate (junior) Alan Ratermann," said Stoltze.

The third seven raced last Friday at the Ed White Warrior Classic at Arnold City Park. Another tremendous performance from

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JV Sports Updates

JV XC

Last meets: Rim Rock Classic, 1st, Ed White Warrior Inv., 2nd

Key runners: Rim Rock, senior Charlie Stoltze 1st place; Ed White, senior Quin Thames 5th place

Next Meet: Ron Jorgenson Memorial Inv. 10/2

JV Football

Record: 1-3-1

Last game: 25-14 loss vs. CBC

Key player: Sophomore Cameron Stubbs, TD pass

Next game: At Vianney 10/5

JV Soccer

Record: 3-2-1

Last game: 2-0 loss vs. CBC

Next game: vs. DeSmet 10/6

B Soccer

Record: 4-1-1

Last game: 1-0 win at Duchesne

Key player: Sophomore Joey Gasperoni, goal

Next game: vs. Webster 10/8

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were ultimately impeded by the wily SLUH defense, which held CBC's offense to a field goal after a big red zone stop.

After the Jr. Bill offense was forced to punt, CBC's offense struck gold, completing a 73-yard screen pass to running back Josiah Stanfield for a touchdown. After a successful PAT, the score was in CBC's favor: the Cadets led 10-0 as halftime approached.

However, SLUH's offense would not surrender the first half to the rival Cadets. McDonagh threw to sophomore receiver Mitch Klug for a long completion and two big first downs, leading to a Meyer field goal going into halftime.

At the beginning of the second half SLUH's offense completed multiple first downs on a long drive. However, the drive was stopped when the Cadet defense intercepted McDonagh's pass at the CBC 20-yard line.

The CBC offense wasted no time to turn a SLUH turnover into points. Marching down the field, the Cadet drive was capped off by a 1-yard run and a completed extra point to make the score 17-3 in CBC's favor.

However, SLUH's offense refused to quit. McDonagh completed a big first down to senior Bill Weiss down SLUH's sideline, setting up good field position for the Jr. Bills and a continued drive. From there, SLUH's offense marched into the opponent's red zone, where McDonagh threw to a wide open Weiss in the end zone. After a Meyer extra point, the score was 17-10 CBC with 3:41 remaining in the third quarter.

The defense once again shut down the CBC offense, forcing a three-and-out drive and a Cadet punt. However, the opposing defense did the same to the SLUH offense, forcing a sack and a McDonagh interception going into the fourth quarter.

CBC's offense moved the ball on a very

long drive which ran out a good portion of time on the game clock. To make matters worse for the Jr. Bills, this long drive resulted in a Cadet touchdown. However, luck seemed to turn when CBC botched the snap on the extra point attempt, keeping the game at the score of 23-10.

Encouraged by this turn of events, the SLUH offense continued to move the ball effectively. After a long screen pass by McDonagh to the 30-yard line, sophomore Stefan Sansone forced his way into the end zone after catching a jump-ball pass from McDonagh. The game seemed to be turning in SLUH's favor; the Jr. Bills had cut the CBC lead to 23-17.

The defense once again stopped the CBC offense. Senior Collum Magee sacked the CBC quarterback for a huge loss on third down, forcing the Cadets to punt.

After a long punt return, the Jr. Bill offense wasted no time after receiving the ball. McDonagh threw to Weiss again for a touchdown, tying the game at 23-23. Unfortunately, Meyer's extra point attempt went just to the right of the uprights, leaving the game tied between the two rivals.

Neither side would give up in this game, which had become a battle of strength and wits. CBC's offense gradually made their way into Jr. Bill territory on a long drive. The SLUH defense was determined to bend but not break in a last goal line stand, but CBC was finally able to put the ball in the end zone on a two-yard run with only 18 seconds left, putting the Cadets ahead 30-23.

In its last drive, the Jr. Bill offense attempted to tie the game with a long pass to Weiss, who in turn pitched it off to junior Lan Sansone. This play put the Jr. Bills within striking distance at the Cadet 30-yard line.

However, in one final effort, McDonagh's pass was intercepted in the end zone to end the game.

Although the outcome was not what the players and fans were hoping for, the Jr. Bills played extremely well and fought valiantly.

"I thought that we moved the ball the best we had all year," said sophomore tight end Andrew Pitts. "When CBC scored, our offense would respond with a big drive or touchdown which kept us in the game."

Indeed, McDonagh had one of his best games as quarterback, completing 22 of 33 attempted passes for 348 yards and three touchdowns. Every member of the U. High offense contributed to an excellent performance. Although running back Lan Sansone only ran 26 yards on 12 rushes, he was able to complete an important 27-yard pass play to extend the offense's drive.

The SLUH players fought extremely hard on the other side of the ball, also. Junior John Brusati led the team on Friday with 11 tackles followed closely by Magee's 9. More importantly, the Jr. Bill defense worked collectively as a group to stop CBC on many key plays.

Unfortunately, all the hard work could not pull out a win for SLUH.

"It's tough to lose in a game so close, especially when we put so much into the game," said junior Tate Macarthy. "We just have to keep working hard and the wins will come."

The Jr. Bills look to bounce back with a win against the Vianney Griffins, known for their explosive offense.

"They definitely like to pass the ball a lot and they're a good team," noted senior Tyler Adolphson, "but we have been working hard all week and been giving good looks on both sides of the ball. We all expect (junior) Tim Pettey to provide a spark step up big for us out there too."

The Jr. Bills travel to Vianney to take on the Griffins tonight. Game time is at 7:00.

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senior Ben Ford helped the Jr. Bills finish a solid fifth place in a competitive varsity race.

Ford, who broke the 17:00 mark for the first time last week, will be competing for

a top seven spot this Friday at Queeny Park in the Ron Jorgenson Invitational. "I think I have a lot of room for improvement. I'm just going to try and stay competitive and be more focused up front," said Ford. He plans to prepare by eating "bagels ... blueberry

bagels."

So is there a new Ford SLUH needs to be watching out for? "Well, we did get a new Ford Escape," Ben said.

The U. High cross country team will race tomorrow in Queeny Park at 6:00.