

Tie with host gives soccer first CBC tournament win in five years; team tops Webster and falls to Vianney

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Titles, titles, titles! The Soccerbills snagged the CBC Tourney title for the first time in five years on Saturday. After the tourney, the Bills played Webster Groves and Vianney, going 1-1.

Last Saturday, the Soccerbills faced the daunting task of playing CBC in the final game of the CBC tournament, a challenging and physical opponent.

Both teams were off to a slow start, neither getting more than ten scoring chances in the first 20 minutes. From the 25th minute to the end of the first half, the Soccerbills were able to control the ball, getting loads of chances with shots on net in the last ten minutes.

Head coach Charlie Martel set about to motivate the Soccerbills at halftime in order to pick up a victory over CBC, but the second half's evenly matched play led to a 0-0 tie, good enough for SLUH to pick up the CBC Tournament title for the first time in five years.

"It feels great," said Martel. "I don't think we've ever had three shutouts in that tournament, which we did this year, and that was huge. I



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With a ripped jersey and exasperated face, senior Elliot Boerding broods over a missed shot in Wednesday's loss to Vianney.

was really proud of them. That was a great week for us."

The Soccerbills played the Webster Groves Statesmen on Monday at SLUH in another evenly played match.

"They're one of the best teams we've played this year," said Martel. "They hold the ball so well; they're patient; they're athletic. It was a real

battle."

Senior Kyle Schnell and junior Peter Simon both had great shots in the first half, but Schnell's shot went high and Simon's hit the left netting.

In the 15th minute of the second half, pass work between Simon and senior captain Gram Tolish allowed for senior captain Clark Conway

to redirect a cross from Tolish into the Webster net.

In the 24th minute, Webster grabbed the equalizing goal to tie the score at 1-1.

Senior Joe Jasso picked up the winning goal in the 34th minute.

"Joe Jasso has been really awesome," said Martel. "We didn't know how he was going

to be at the beginning of the year, but he has done an incredible job stepping up."

The Bills hung on to their lead though. Webster kept the Bills on their toes, leaving the Soccerbills no space to move with the ball. Webster also had a free kick outside SLUH's box with 20 seconds to go.

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Swim team tops Jesuit rivals, relay qualifies for State

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The St. Louis U. High swim team battled its Jesuit rival De Smet last Friday afternoon at Forest Park Community College. After a slow start, the SwimBills pulled off an impressive 128-52 win over the Spartans.

De Smet began the meet by taking the top three positions in the 200-meter Freestyle for a quick lead. But SLUH countered by taking the top three positions in the following event, the 200 Individual Medley, and De Smet never really threatened again. SLUH cruised to an easy win, finishing with a state qualifying time in the 400 Freestyle Relay.

The highlight of the meet was the return of junior star club-swimmer Justin Andrews to the team. Andrews, who set the school record in the 500 Freestyle his freshman year, broke his record again Friday with a time of 4:51.10.

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XC takes third at Forest Park, shows big improvements

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After taking second to Lafayette in its first meet, St. Louis U. High's varsity cross country team took third place last weekend at the Forest Park XC Festival.

Over 4,500 athletes competed throughout the race-filled weekend. SLUH finished third out of 36 teams in its division with 119 points, behind Festus and O'Fallon. The team finished first out of all Missouri Class 4 teams.

"It was a significantly better race than we ran two weeks before at Jefferson Barracks," said head coach Joe Porter. "I was ecstatic. It had been a very difficult week for our guys."

Senior Matthew Hennessey, SLUH's first man, placed seventh overall with a time of 15:54. It was a personal record (PR) by 29 seconds.

"I was feeling really good. Honestly I thought about (senior Connor Lewis) during the race," said Hennessey. "All of the varsity racers wore his initials on our arms, and I kept thinking about him."

Until the second mile, Hennessey was running close to his teammates.

"At the beginning some of my teammates were in front of me. We ran together, then I slowly saw an opening and I went for the gap," said Hennessey.

Finishing 25 seconds be-

hind and in 23rd place overall, junior Dustan Davidson ran 16:20. Not far after, senior Jack Sullivan took 25th place overall with a time of 16:22, and senior Jack Gallagher ran 16:30, finishing 30th overall.

Hennessey said, "I thought Jack Gallagher ran really well. He's still new to the varsity scene, and I think it was great that he ran such a good race."

"Jack Gallagher ran awesome. His time was a PR by 51 seconds," said Porter.

Senior Thomas Hogan, who ran 16:32, was the team's

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Junior Dustan Davidson leads the SLUH pack with seniors Matthew Hennessey and Jack Sullivan trailing just behind.

In the midst of mist, football falls to Chaminade

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In a battle of two great defenses, the St. Louis U. High football team lost its first game of the season, 13-6 against Chaminade.

"We knew we going to have trouble with Chaminade's defense," said head coach Gary Kornfeld. "They have some athletes over there that can flat out play."

Sophomore Andrew Clair was active on defense early on, making two great open field tackles to force the Red Devils to go three and out on their first two possessions.

Unfortunately, CCP's defense was just as active, keeping the Jr. Bills scoreless in the first quarter for the first time this season.

Chaminade struck first. Starting deep in their own territory, Chaminade used its running game to move the ball down the field. They were also aided by a couple of untimely penalties by SLUH's defense.

"We helped them on both of their scores with penalties," Kornfeld said.

With 11:29 left in the second quarter, Chaminade scored the first points of the game on a four-yard touchdown run by Sam Frelich.

Then, after stopping the Jr. Bills deep in SLUH's territory, the Red Devils got the ball with great field position. With just under six minutes to play in the first half, Chaminade made it a two-possession game on a 15-yard run by Andre Whitley, although

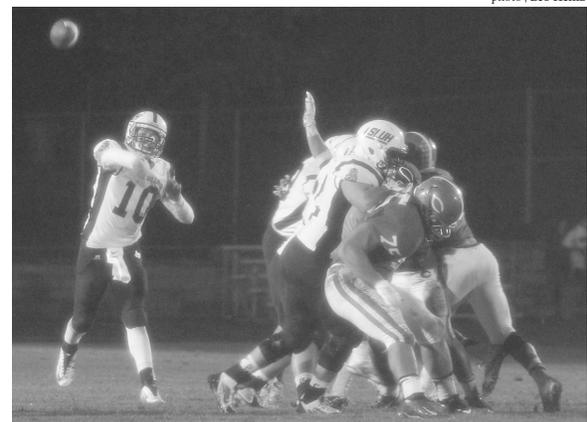


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Quarterback Mitch Batschelett throws a pass in last Friday's game against Chaminade.

a missed PAT made the game 13-0.

Coming out of halftime, freshman quarterback Christian Perez started in a move Kornfeld hoped would help spark the offense.

"We always want to make sure that he gets a series every game we play," said Kornfeld.

The Chaminade defense stood tough, though, forcing an interception.

But the second half belonged to the Jr. Bills' defense.

With 5:31 left in the third quarter and the Red Devils driving deep into SLUH's territory, SLUH's pass rush forced a fumble, recovered by junior Anthony Sansone. After the Jr. Bill offense stalled, SLUH forced another fumble on the Red Devils' next possession; senior Aidan Jacob-

son recovered.

Starting with excellent field position after the recovery, SLUH came close to scoring. Sophomore quarterback Mitch Batschelett hit junior receiver Daniel Isom with a long pass, but Isom couldn't corral it before going out of bounds, and the Jr. Bills ended up turning the ball over on downs.

The Jr. Bills finally found the end zone late in the game. After junior Chris Stahl recovered CCP's third fumble, the offense began inside the Red Devils' territory. Two personal fouls on Chaminade put SLUH on the eight-yard line. With 5:10 remaining in the game, Batschelett found junior receiver David Jackson in the end zone with a beautiful fade pass. A blocked PAT

made the game 13-6.

SLUH got the ball back with 3:35 left, but couldn't score.

"We had opportunities," Kornfeld said. "I've always told the kids, winning and losing on the high school level is a very fine line, and we found that out on Friday night."

Offensively, the Jr. Bills struggled, amassing only 98 total yards of offense, with the majority of it coming through the passing game.

"Probably the fact that we had trouble running the ball (was the most frustrating) because I'd say running our ball is our identity," said senior offensive tackle Max Kavy. "We couldn't really get anything going in the run game."

Cross country finds success at Forest Park

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Betwixt Famington and Kearney, the SLUH varsity racers ready themselves before the Forest Park XC Festival begins.

(continued from page 6) fifth man. The spread between SLUH's first and fifth racers was 38 seconds.

"I was happy with the one to five spread. With the team that close together, we are right where we should be," said Porter.

In his second varsity race ever, junior Billy Balossi stepped up as SLUH's sixth man. He ran a time of 16:49 a PR by 1:50 that earned him

46th place overall. "He went in as our eighth guy, but we weren't terribly surprised that he ran such a great race," said assistant coach Tom Flanagan.

"It's great to have Billy back on the team after he played soccer last season," said Sullivan. "He ran a nice race, and he's going to be a great help to the team."

Junior Joe Butler ran 17:27 and finished 92nd over-

all, and senior Shayn Jackson, who fell at the beginning of the race, ran 17:39 and finished 117th overall.

The team's ninth man, sophomore William Kelly, did not finish the race.

The varsity roster has changed between the past two races. "We have more than seven really fit people, which is a good problem to have," said Sullivan.

The team is looking

ahead and focusing on continuing to improve.

"We are really looking to be in top fitness by the end of the season and going into the post-season with districts and sectionals," said Porter.

A second varsity team of seven underclassmen racers competed at the Parkway Central Invitational yesterday.

"It's all about gaining varsity race experience for these guys," said Porter.

SwimBills break records, look ahead

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Senior Luke Twardowski achieved his personal best in the 100 Breaststroke.

"I felt like a wild tuna out there," he said.

Coming up, the SwimBills have a dual meet against rival Parkway West on Thursday. SLUH is hoping to avenge last year's only dual meet loss,

which came against Parkway West.

The SwimBills will also be competing in the De Smet Invitational this Saturday at the Rec Plex in St. Peters.

Once again, the team will split into two squads, SLUH Blue and SLUH White, but this time both will compete at the same meet.

XC V2 finishes 9th

The Varsity II cross country team raced in the Parkway Central Invitational last night and finished 9th of sixteen teams.

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| Joe Laughlin | 18:00 | 17th |
| William Kelly | 18:11 | 22nd |
| Jake Lepak | 18:28 | 34th |
| Cade Dernlan | 19:07 | 49th |
| Ethan McIntyre | 19:42 | 66th |
| Thomas Leeker | 19:54 | 77th |

Seniors lead soccer scoring this week

(continued from page 6) However, the SLUH defense was able to crush the Webster hope; the SLUH wall stopped the kick. The clock ran out before the Statesmen got control of the ball again outside the box, leaving the Bills with a 2-1 win.

"The guys found a way to get the goal," said Martel. "They've been doing that all year. It was a really solid effort, and they did a great job rewarding themselves for their hard work."

The Soccerbills faced Vianney on Wednesday at SLUH, having beat them just days earlier in the CBC Tournament.

The Griffins struck first

with a quick goal in the 15th minute with a goal redirected by a Vianney forward from a free kick near the SLUH half line.

The Soccerbills found their luck five minutes later. Junior captain Matt Frein placed a good ball to senior Elliot Boerding, who held up two Vianney defenders long enough for senior captain Elias Asres to sneak up for a breakaway pass from Boerding. Asres chipped a shot that Vianney's goaltender tipped into the net, leaving the score at 1-1.

Senior Cort Held kicked a cross, which was deflected by another player that went narrowly over the net.

In the second half, both teams repeatedly got caught in the middle of the field and struggled with turnovers.

Vianney broke through and put one in the SLUH net in the 34th minute, leaving Vianney with a 2-1 win.

"It could've gone either way," said Martel. "I think we got better chances, but they were able to get the goal. In the second half, Vianney controlled the ball better, and they got the goal. I'm not worried about the one loss; we've started off great this season, and I'm really happy."

The Soccerbills continue their season tomorrow at SLUH at 2 p.m. The team will play St. Dominic High School from O'Fallon, Mo.

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Senior Elias Asres takes a shot on goal during Monday night's game against Webster.

McCarthy notches 400th win

photo | Patrick Enderle



JV soccer coach Tom McCarthy coached his 400th win on Wednesday at the Hillsboro Tournament. McCarthy has coached for 30 years on the B, C, and JV level. Above, McCarthy fires up the team during half time against Gibault earlier this season.

Football crushes De Smet

photo | Patrick Enderle



Senior Andre Colvin breaks past De Smet's defense in last night's game.

The Jr. Bills' football team crushed De Smet's last night, 49-7. With two pick sixes from senior Bryan Edwards and 128 yards on six catches from junior birthday-boy David Jackson, the Bills flashed aces on both sides of the ball, ravaging the Spartans defense in a second quarter wingding as they scored five touchdowns and improved their season record to 2-1 in the MCC, 3-1 on the year.