

## Football tramples rival De Smet, breaks records in process

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The St. Louis U. High football team crushed winless De Smet 49-7 under Thursday night lights last week, breaking two school records and achieving a milestone in the process.

Action started early as senior linebacker Bryan Edwards intercepted a pass in the first two minutes of the game and ran it back for a touchdown.

"We felt like if we could stop their first few running plays they had, they would try to pass it, so I just dropped in my zone and tried to make a play," said Edwards.

"That just got the train rolling," said junior lineman Chris Stahl. "Everybody was high-energy after that."

"It gave us a confidence and a momentum to go into the next defensive series and get a stop," said Edwards.

But the Jr. Bills were far from stopping, as junior running back Daniel Isom punched in another touchdown with 2:14 left in the first quarter, for a 14-0 lead.

At the start of the second quarter, junior wide receiver David Jackson joined in with his first touchdown of the day, snatching a pass from sophomore quarterback Mitch Batschelett.

"David Jackson looked good with that reception," said head coach Gary Kornfeld. "Mitch Batschelett also threw that ball extremely well."

However, De Smet didn't go away easily, as senior Jack

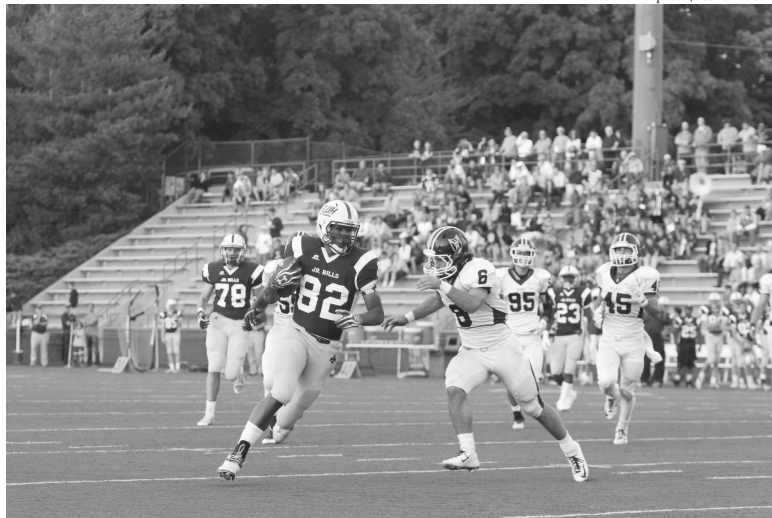


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Sophomore BJ Wilson runs the football up the field against De Smet last Thursday night. The Jr. Bills won 49-7.

Czajkowski caught a 25-yard touchdown pass to make the score 21-7 with 8:43 left in the second quarter. It was De Smet's first touchdown in their last three games and their only one on the night.

That seemed to rally the Jr. Bills, who scored another four touchdowns in the next nine minutes to finish off the quarter. Edwards had a second pick six and a rushing touchdown, and Jackson caught another touchdown pass.

"I just went out, caught the ball as usual, and it opened up as I scored," said Jackson, who finished the night with 120 yards and two touchdowns on six catches. With a running clock in the second half, SLUH got their subs some playing time. "They played hard, they didn't play long," said Kornfeld.

Several school records were brought down with De Smet that night, including one by Edwards for most pick sixes by a single player in a game, with two. "Those two pick sixes were just tremendous," said Kornfeld. "He was clicking on all cylinders."

SLUH also broke the school record for points in a quarter, with 35 in the second quarter.

"We just got what we needed to get done, done," said Stahl.

Jackson said, "We just followed the scheme that we planned for, and it worked."

Nearly lost amidst all the records was the first freshman touchdown pass in SLUH varsity football history as Christian Perez lobbed a beauty to Edwards with 2:14 left in the first half.

"Bryan ran the perfect route, and I was just worried

about getting it to him," said Perez.

Athletic Director Dick Wehner tweeted that night, "SLUH [has] been playing football since 1916 —Christian Perez is the first SLUH Freshman to throw a Touchdown pass in the 98 year history of U. High."

"Coach really set me up well to be successful for this game," said Perez. "(He) really had my back."

The 4-1 Jr. Bills now shift their focus to a Parkway South team who is 3-2 this year.

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## XC runs toward Palatine Invite

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In order to race a wider variety of teams, the St. Louis U. High varsity cross country team will be traveling to Palatine, Ill. tomorrow to race in the Palatine Invitational.

Head coach Joe Porter views this as an opportunity to race many new teams that they haven't seen since the event last year.

"Most of Illinois's top 25 (will be there), minus the first four schools," said Porter. "There are 28 schools from Illinois, and four out-of-state schools; we're one of them."

The other three out-of-state teams are from Ohio and Kentucky, so there are no other Missouri teams. It will be a chance for the team to race without having to compare results to the predicted results of this year's State race. The runners can really focus on running with each other instead of running against other teams.

"That's the reason we like it," said Porter. "We are trying to get a look at some different competition and it's good to practice staying in a hotel overnight," which is what the team will be doing before the State meet.

At last year's Palatine Invitational, the team placed

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## Revenge is sweet: soccer defeats St. Dominic

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Junior captain Matt Frein crosses a ball in on goal against Kirkwood on Tuesday afternoon.

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Bouncing back is second nature, winning is first. The Jr. Bills followed their loss against Vianney last week with a 5-1 win against St. Dominic and a 2-1 win against Kirkwood in the first game of the CYC Tournament.

"St. Dominic was definitely a game that we needed to win because we lost to

them last year," said junior captain Matt Frein.

The Jr. Bills wanted revenge for their 3-1 loss to the Crusaders last season.

Most of the first half was played in the middle of the field; neither team had many notable goal chances after senior captain Clark Conway fired a shot just wide of the Crusader net in the 5th minute.

Conway found the back of the net in the 28th minute with a quick dribble into the box and a hard shot. The first half ended 1-0 in SLUH's favor.

Head coach Charlie Martel fired the team up during the halftime, again reminding the players about their result against St. Dominic last season.

What Martel said

worked; the Jr. Bills dominated the second half, scoring four goals and finishing with a 5-1 win. Martel even subbed in most of the team during the second half, something he had previously been unable to do due to the heavy competition of the CBC tourney and the other games last week.

In the 10th minute, senior captain Gram Tolish

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## Swimming surprised by Longhorns, takes 2nd at De Smet Invite

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when asked about his first place finish.

With senior like Simmon scoring only 1.4 points below first place, with a score of 211.5, diving ended up being another upset. Kier Verhoff had a strong fourth place finish with a score of 191.2 and Evan Schulz placed sixth with a score of 152.9.

Despite placing second to Rockhurst in the De Smet Invitational at the Rec Plex in St. Peters this past Saturday, the Jr. Bills had reason to celebrate. The team was projected to lose by almost 300 points, but SLUH only lost 571-466, a 105-point deficit.

"I feel like the guys are working incredibly hard, and that's the proof of how hard we're working, top to bottom a great team effort," said Esposito.

Among the many highlights was junior sensation Justin Andrews taking first overall in the 200 Free, smashing the competition by over four seconds.

"I was very happy with my swim," said Andrews. "My time was good for this part in the season and I beat my biggest rival, Colin Nill from

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## XC reps Mo. at Palatine

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sixth overall and would like to improve this year.

"We'd like to be in the top five," said Porter. "But it's still seven weeks away from when we want to run our best race, so we are still looking more for style of racing: what's our best style, what are our best tactics, and trying to gain some information in what are our strengths and weaknesses as a team."

The varsity team includes seniors Matthew Hennessey, Jack Sullivan, Shayn Jackson, Thomas Hogan, and Jack Gallagher and juniors Dustan Davidson and Billy Balossi.

"Our goal is to compete

strongly with some of the other fast teams that will be there," said Hogan. "(After) the Forest Park race we are going to be especially focused on having a tight front pack."

The team's goal is to lower the one-to-five man gap from 38 seconds to 30 seconds.

Junior Joe Butler, who usually runs varsity, will instead be running in the JV race at Palatine. Also running on the JV level are senior Garrett Fox, juniors Jake Lepak, Cade Dernlan, and Ethan McIntyre, and sophomores Joe Laughlin and William Kelly.

"We're going to try to stick together as a pack, an-

compete well against the tough teams," said Laughlin.

"The JV race from this meet is very competitive," said Porter. "The JV race at Palatine is a lot like a varsity race here in Missouri."

The predominantly young JV team is focused on gaining experience in an extremely fast race.

The team leaves for Palatine tomorrow at 8:00 a.m., and will take a charter bus for the four-and-a-half hour drive, instead of the usual team vans.

## Swimming finds success at tri-meet, in good position for State

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Rockhurst."

Derdeyn placed first in the 50 Freestyle and started his 400 Free Relay in an impressive 48.71 seconds, a time that is currently ranked top four in state.

In order to boost morale after losing two consecutive meets, senior Peter Brooks grew his mustache out.

"I think it's been a drawback honestly because everyone's scared of me now," said Brooks. "It either has done that or it has made everyone happy and realize that swim-

mers are great."

The Jr. Bills won a tri-meet on Tuesday against Lafayette and Oakville, outscoring the competition 145-135 and 145-45 respectively. Lafayette brought good competition to the meet, placing first in almost every individual event, but the Bills brought depth and their superb relay skills.

"It's a tri-meet; things are going to get weird," said senior captain Hap Burke.

At this point in the season, all three relay teams

(200 Medley, 200 Free, and 400 Free) have qualified for State, and are all ranked in the top five of State. Derdeyn and Andrews are the only two individuals qualified for State; Derdeyn is qualified in the 50 and 100 Freestyle and Andrews in the 200 and 500 Freestyle events. Both are ranked top four in the State in their events.

The Jr. Bills swim next at the Como Invite at the University of Missouri Aquatic Center this Saturday.

### JV Soccer vs B Vianney (9/24)

W 3-0

Goals: Trey Haman (3)

### JV Soccer vs Mehlville (9/22)

W3-1

Goals: Danny Barry (2), Derek Rieke

## Prep News

### Sports Player of the Week

Christian Perez #14, Quarterback (fr.)



In last week's 49-7 win over De Smet, Perez became the first freshman to throw a touchdown pass in a varsity game. SLUH has been playing football since

### C Football vs Chaminade (9/11)

	1	2	3	4	F
SLUH	28	14	0	0	42
CCP	0	0	0	0	0

**Offense**  
FB/LB Jay Scott 3 total TD, 2 sacks  
LB/RB Jack Callahan rushing TD

**Defense**  
Callahan: fumb rec for TD  
Scott: 2 sacks

### JV Football vs De Smet (9/22)

	1	2	3	4	F
SLUH	14	6	8	6	34
De Smet	6	0	0	0	6

**Offense**  
WR Cam Gunn 75 yd TD rec  
QB Austin Hannah 70 yd TD run  
WR Brent Smith 20 yd TD rec

**Defense**  
OLB Roman Lipinski Safety  
DE Isaiah Thomas fumble rec



Junior Peter Simon shoots from inside the box in Thursday's game against Kirkwood.

## Soccer tries to defend CYC title

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worked his magic on the wing, placing an awesome cross in the perfect spot for senior forward Elliot Boerding to head the ball in for a 2-0 lead.

After a defensive hiccup in the 14th minute allowed the Crusaders to put it within one, the Jr. Bills played the rest of the game on the upswing. Junior Matt Jansen, senior Will DelaRoche, and sophomore Miles Horton all scored for SLUH after the Crusaders' goal.

"We had been having trouble possessing the ball before that game," said Frein. "But I think our passing was as good as it's been all year against St. Dominic."

The Jr. Bills started their defense of the CYC Tourney title on Tuesday at SLUH against Kirkwood.

The game started with quick opportunities for both teams. In the first minute, SLUH had a corner kick, and in the second, Kirkwood had a breakaway that narrowly missed the SLUH net.

The Jr. Bills made it on the scoreboard in the 7th minute. Frein dribbled down the right wing toward the top right of the 18-yard box and placed a cross right on Boerding's head, who then pushed the ball into the top right of the Pioneers' net.

The next big opportunity for the Jr. Bills came in the 21st minute when DelaRoche's cross to Boerding went just past him.

In the 26th minute, junior Will Minnick's corner led to a header by senior Joe Jasso. Jasso's header was settled by junior Peter Simon, whose shot then went bar down to give the Jr. Bills a 2-0 lead over the Pioneers.

Kirkwood struck back in the 35th minute, leaving the score 2-1 SLUH.

The second half started and ended with lots of chances for SLUH, but no goals. The closest chances both came in the 16th minute when Frein's shot was deflected by a Pioneer defender, leading to a

SLUH corner.

Minnick took the corner, which connected with Jasso's head but went just over the bar.

"The games have been going smoothly as of late," said senior Rocco Vienne. "After winning some big games, we have been riding the momentum of a few big wins and things are coming together nicely."

"We started strong with two early goals," said Frein of the Kirkwood game. "We let them back in the game late in the first half with their goal, but in the second half we dominated the run of play and created many chances that unfortunately weren't finished, but I'm glad we got the win."

The Jr. Bills played Oakville last night; see Nightbeat for results. The Jr. Bills continue their defense of the CYC title this afternoon at Soccer Park at 4:15 p.m. against Belleville West.

## Football looks toward pass-heavy Parkway South team

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"They throw the football like crazy," said Kornfeld. "This will probably be the most throwing ball club we will face all year."

"We feel like we've got a really good scheme of how our offense is and we have really good balance between passing and rushing, so we feel like we

can pretty much handle these guys up front," said Jackson.

The game is at Parkway South at 7:00 p.m. Friday.

### C Football vs De Smet (9/18)

	1	2	3	4	F
SLUH	13	0	0	0	13
De Smet	0	6	6	12	24

**Offense**  
RB/LB Jay Scott 80 yd TD run

### Soccer Nightbeat

The Jr. Bills routed Oakville 7-0 in the CYC Tournament last night. Peter Simon, Matt Frein, Clark Conway, John Ratermann, Andrew Patke, Matt Jansen, and Miles Horton all scored for SLUH.