

Varsity football outlasts storm, routs Vianney 35-7

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Shortly after the St. Louis U. High football team took the field last Friday night against MCC rival Vianney, it was met with the cheers of 260 screaming blue freshmen. Unfortunately for the Jr. Bills on the field and in the stands, the sky was not so blue.

With 5:01 remaining in the first quarter and SLUH leading 7-0 after a 9-yard touchdown run by sophomore Andrew Clair, dark clouds and lightning rolled over the stadium, suspending the game.

The severe weather caused fans of both teams to take shelter in the Si Commons and the Danis Field House.

However, after a two hour and 18 minute delay, the game was resumed.

"I thought our kids handled it well. We weren't sure if we were going to go back out and play that night," head coach Gary Kornfeld said.

"We were all really excited to play this game and wanted to be out there, so we were extremely excited when (Athletic Director Dick) Wehner made the call to have the game go on," senior defensive end Spencer Chipley said.

The Jr. Bills quickly picked up where they left off. After having to punt to resume play, the Jr. Bills quickly got the ball back after they forced Vianney's offense to stall.

On the first play of the drive, sophomore David Jackson ran around the end, found open space and scored a 30-yard touchdown to put



Junior David Jackson (18) tackles Vianney running back Tionne Harris (2) as sophomore Tony Adams (41) looks on.

SLUH up 14-0.

But the offense was not the only part of the team that was clicking. For the second week in a row, the SLUH defense was dominant. With the Vianney offense inside SLUH's 10-yard line with under 30 seconds to play in the first half, junior Chris Stahl stuffed Vianney's running back at the 1-yard line to end the Griffins' threat and the half.

"I think we're as good at our two down tackles in Chi-

pley and Stahl as we've ever been in my career. They play their rear ends out," Kornfeld said.

"Up front, I think the D-line dominated," senior linebacker Bryan Edwards said.

Vianney started the third quarter with the ball, but the Jr. Bills' stout defense forced a quick punt and then stopped the Griffins' offense again after the Griffins had recovered a Jr. Bill fumble.

SLUH got the ball back deep in their own territory,

then quickly put the game out of reach for the Griffins.

Clair took the ball out of the backfield and ran up the middle 88 yards for his second touchdown of the game.

"It's always good to see the young guys get out there and do well," senior running back Andre Colvin said. "(Clair) is like my little brother."

In the fourth quarter, SLUH's offense continued to have its way with the Griffins' defense. Within a span of two

minutes, senior Bryan Edwards ran for a 5-yard touchdown and Clair scored his third of the game, this time from 6 yards out.

The Griffins' only bright spot came with 51 seconds left in the game. Senior standout defensive end/tight end Kyle Markway fell on a fumbled ball in the end zone to give Vianney their only points of the game. Both Markway, who will play at South Carolina

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Swimming places well despite being split into two squads

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The last week has been a big one for the St. Louis U. High swim team, which competed in three meets, including a dual meet on Tuesday.

First, was the Ladue Invite on Saturday at Ladue High School. Fifteen teams competed in the meet, all with full varsity squads. SLUH, however, did not send their whole team. Since both the Marquette Relays and the Ladue Invite took place Saturday, SLUH sent most of its junior varsity to Ladue, while its varsity team was in the pool at Marquette. SLUH was the only team that split for the two meets, as head coach Joe Esposito felt the team was deep enough to handle it and succeed in both places.

Esposito was correct, as both teams placed second.

At the Ladue Invite, JV swimmers competed in a meet unlike a regular dual meet. The invitational excluded the 200-meter Individual Medley and added both the 100 Individual Medley and 25 Freestyle.

"It was different because I hadn't swam it since 4th grade in summer league," said junior swimmer Chris Kreienkamp about the 25 Free, "but I liked the change of pace."

Highlight performances came from junior Thomas O'Brien, who took fifth in the 50 Free, and from the 200 Freestyle Relay team, which took fifth overall. The Jr. Bills pulled off a second place finish thanks to their depth.

"I was really impressed with the whole team," said Esposito commented, who noted that freshman Mathias Hosteder and sophomores Ryan Neuner and Luke Smith all turned in best times on Saturday.

The dive team also had a great meet on Saturday at Ladue. Senior Ike Simmon took first place overall, while fellow seniors Kier Verhoff and Evan Schultz took fourth and fifth.

The Marquette Relays is also different than a normal dual meet schedule. As the name implies, every single event is a relay.

"I think the Marquette Relays really showcased the depth of the team," said junior swimmer Dan Walsh. "We competed with 12 teams from St. Louis to Columbia, Missouri and, with only half the team, we placed second overall, three places higher than last year."

The Jr. Billikens opened up a lead early, taking first

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Cross country team runs toward Forest Park XC Festival

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Seven of the top ten teams in the state will be there. One of the top teams in the nation will be there. The St. Louis U. High cross country team faces no easy task this weekend when it hosts the Forest Park XC Festival, its second meet of the year.

The meet is the biggest SLUH will run in this year, featuring 119 teams and over 4,500 athletes.

Some of the big teams competing include Missouri schools Lafayette, Festus, Rockbridge, and Rockhurst, but also teams from across the Midwest like O'Fallon, frequently a top Illinois team, Marquette University High School (Wis.), and Rogers High School (Ark.).

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Kicking and screaming: varsity soccer caps week with 1-0 win over De Smet after loss to Brebeuf

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The St. Louis U. High soccer team followed a prosperous four-win week by snagging a win against De Smet after a hiccup loss to Brebeuf Jesuit.

The Jr. Bills woke up early last Saturday for their bus trip to Indianapolis to face Brebeuf.

After Brebeuf struck first with 10 minutes left in the first half, the Jr. Bills came back fighting, answering Brebeuf's first goal with senior captain Clark Conway's left-foot laser that tied the score at one.

The second half was grueling; neither team could find the net until about 10 minutes left in the match, when Brebeuf was awarded a penalty kick after a questionable call. The Brebeuf player netted the ball and Brebeuf held on for a 2-1 win.

"It was frustrating," said senior Elliot Boerding. "There was a lot of one-sided refereeing. The referee was way more into the things around the game than the game itself. He kicked out six people, and at one point, he asked the super-



Senior Gram Tolish dribbles the ball up field against De Smet Tuesday night. SLUH won 1-0.

visor what he thought of one of his calls."

"(Conway) was giving us a lot of chances," said senior goaltender Albert Reinwart. "We spent a lot of time in their box, but we were a little unlucky that day."

After their weekend road trip, the Jr. Bills opened the CBC tournament Tuesday with a game against De Smet at 5 p.m.

Both the Jr. Bills' soccer

team and their Jesuit brothers from De Smet shared in a moment of silence for senior Connor Lewis; both teams also wore tape around their wrists with Lewis's initials on it.

After an hour rain delay, the Jr. Bills struck first with a goal by Conway off of a cross by senior captain Gram Tolish. At half, SLUH was leading 1-0.

"It wasn't our best game

last night," said Reinwart. "We finally got some footwork going, and (Conway) was able to get a really nice goal."

Early in the second half, lightning struck again, and the game was called. It was marked up as a 1-0 win for the Jr. Bills.

The team's next CBC tournament game is tonight at CBC at 5 p.m. against MCC rival Vianney.

JV football shows grit overcoming deficit to defeat Vianney 27-21, improves to 2-0

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Things are looking good for the St. Louis U. High JV football team (2-0) so far this year.

On Monday against Vianney, the team won 27-21. It wasn't an easy victory, as the Jr. Bills were down 21-7 going into the fourth quarter before fighting back to win 27-21.

"It was definitely not our best start," said JV football coach Sterling Brown. "But we finished strong."

The team won by a similarly close score last week, winning 26-24 against Hillsboro. "We've definitely fought for our wins," said Brown.

The team continues to be led by freshman quarterback Austin Hannah.

"He's been playing well," said Brown, "especially at a position as demanding as quarterback."

Hannah's play has brought results too, as he has thrown for a combined 342 yards in the last two games.

"I was coming in new,



photo | Patrick Enderle

A gang of SLUH defenders take down Vianney's running back on Monday afternoon.

and I didn't really know any of the guys," said Hannah, "but I feel we've really come together."

Hannah feels his own play has been good as well, but the receivers have really been helping him out.

Other players that have stood out according to Brown include sophomore running

back Jaleel Ashford and receivers Brent Smith, Jeffrey Cooley, and Ryan Hebenstreit.

The offensive line has stepped up as well, opening holes for the team to run the ball and protecting the quarterback. "But there have definitely been moments where our whole team has stepped up for us," said Brown.

"We've really come together," said Hannah.

The team looks forward to its next game, a matchup at Chaminade at 4:30 p.m. next Monday. Brown is confident in his team.

"I think if we go out and do the (same) things we've been doing, we have a great chance," said Brown.

Jr. Bills' defense dominant in 35-7 win

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next fall, and fellow defensive end Jordan Hardwick, were kept quiet by the Jr. Bills' outstanding offensive line.

"Our game plan was just to play better than them and I like to think that we did that," senior offensive tackle Max Kavy said. "They had no sacks, and previously Vianney had 14 sacks the previous two games and Markway himself had four."

For the game Vianney was only able to muster 234 total yards. For the second week in a row, Edwards led the team in tackles with eight, while sophomore Tony Adams picked up the team's first interception.

For SLUH, rushing was the name of the game, as the Jr. Bills rushed for 346 yards on only 27 carries. Senior cap-

tain and running back Andre Colvin accounted for most of these yards, rushing 169 yards on 12 carries, while Clair rushed for 103 yards with three touchdowns.

Kornfeld credited the team's successful running game to the offensive line.

"The time they put in during the offseason has really paid off," Kornfeld said.

The Jr. Bills will travel to Chaminade on Friday, where Kornfeld knows that the team will have its hands full.

"They're very talented. They're very young. They got players who can go the distance every time they touch the ball," Kornfeld said. "Our big thing is that we have to limit the big play if we're going to be successful."



photo | Leo Heinz

Junior Daniel Isom (19) walks in a touchdown against Vianney

XC will face biggest challenge of year Saturday in Forest Park

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said head coach Joe Porter, "(They are) probably the favorite on paper. They were second last year at the Arkansas state meet."

Porter isn't concerned with the competition, though, because he doesn't want the team to focus on winning the race.

"It's our second race, so (we want to) continue to grow racing instincts," said Porter. "It's still early in the season, so we want to focus on improvement from our first race, and continuing to work on our competitiveness and racing."

Porter is not expecting any certain result, and is okay if the team loses to some of the stronger teams.

"We haven't prepared specifically for the festival," said senior Jack Gallagher. "All our workouts and runs are geared toward climaxing at State."

Throughout the past two weeks, the team has done many different types of workouts, including 20 400-meter runs on one day, a four mile fast-paced run with 400's on the back end, and mile splits. Rumors hope that this preparation will not only help them in the weekly races, but also in the end of the year, when their running really counts.

"We want to stick together in the front," said junior Joe Butler. "Last race we didn't do too well doing that. We try to run workouts with each other to get used to running with each other and to help each other out."

The team will be led by a strong senior pack including Gallagher, Jack Sullivan, Matthew Hennessey, Shayn Jackson, and Thomas Hogan. Also running are juniors Butler, Dustan Davidson, and Billy Balossi, and sophomore William Kelly.

The team hopes to give the more experienced runners a glimpse of their biggest rivals this year, while letting the less experienced get a feel for the intense atmosphere of a varsity race, especially one as big as the Forest Park XC Festival.

The varsity team's race is at Central Fields in Forest Park at 12:15.



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High scoring C football improves to 3-0

BY MATT GODAR
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The Saint Louis U. High C football team improved its record to 3-0 last Monday against Vianney with a 35-7 win.

The team, coming off of big wins against Hillsboro and Fox, played a fantastic game against Vianney, completely dominating the first half.

"Even though we won the first two games pretty handily, the Vianney game was the first one where we really played well as a team," said defensive coach Adam Cruz.

"It was really a team ef-

fort, we went out and drove down the field quickly as a team," said quarterback Ricky Brown, who threw for three touchdowns in the game. "We were just connected that game."

Two of Brown's touchdown passes came off of audibles, showing the complexity of the team's offense.

"Coach McCall has them running a very advanced freshman offense, which can be tough, but also very impressive," said Cruz.

The team also scored two touchdowns off of rushing plays, both by Daniel Terry.

"What separates (Terry) from other running backs is that he doesn't only go for fancy moves, but he runs right into the holes, knowing he'll be tackled," said center Drew Kirchoff. "He makes our job a lot easier, and we get off the field a lot quicker."

SLUH's offense wasn't the only reason the victory was so decisive, as the defense was key in keeping Vianney's momentum in check. In the third quarter, Vianney intercepted one of Brown's passes, which seemed to shift the momentum to their side. But SLUH's defense was able to stand tall

against the Griffins and stop them on fourth down.

"People are making plays and I hope that continues for the rest of the season," said head coach Tom Wilson in an email.

Going forward in the season, the team will certainly face challenges. With only 36 players, as opposed to the usual 55 or so, fatigue will certainly be a factor in the team's play.

"The team is progressing and getting better as the season moves along. It's great to see them get better as a team," said Wilson.

JV and varsity both find success at meets

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place in both diving and the 200-meter Freestyle Relay, led by junior Michael Krause. The team also had a big surprise performance in the 400 Free Relay; seeded sixth going in, it took second overall.

"Everyone was always swimming hard in their events," said Esposito. "The 400 Free (Relay) was definitely the biggest surprise of the meet. Seniors Arthur Larson, Michael Kennedy, and Peter Brooks, and sophomore Sam Grasso all were really impressive."

SLUH did somewhat slip toward the end of the meet, but was helped out by their third win of the day in the last event, the 200 Medley.

"The 200 Medley Relay was an exhilarating race to be in," said junior swimmer Mark

Franz. "After the first half of the race, we were almost a body length behind Chaminade, but Colin Derdeyn brought us back into the race, and Peter Brooks out-touched Chaminade for a first place finish."

Overall, the team was

really pleased with two second place results coming out of the weekend. Tons of best times were broken and every swimmer really showed how much the work they have put in at practice is paying off.

The Jr. Bills also had a dual meet on Tuesday at For-

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JV swim team poses with their second place plaque at Ladue.

Quote of the Week

"Blessed is the influence of one true, loving human soul on another."

-George Eliot