

Oh baby! Jr. Bills rack up 500+ yards of offense, upset Kirkwood 38-35

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The St. Louis U. High football team refused to leave Ernest L. Lyons Memorial Field without a win. Thanks to heroics from their defense, the Jr. Bills held off the determined Pioneers on Friday night, 38-35.

Going into the game, the Jr. Bills knew that taking down the Pioneers would not be an easy task. Ranked the No. 4 large school in the area, the 7-0 Pioneers came into the game averaging 43 points a game while allowing just 19.

"We still thought that we could match up defensively," said head coach Gary Kornfeld. "We knew that they were going to hurt us because they have talented kids. But we liked our matchup on the offensive side."

A large reason for SLUH's success came from the Jr. Bills' ability to counter with their

potent running back duo of sophomore Andrew Clair and senior Andre Colvin, who combined for a staggering 283 rushing yards on only 28 carries.

"That's who we are," Kornfeld said. "We're a downhill running team."

SLUH's running game first put them on the board with 7:29 left in the first half, when Colvin ran the ball in from a yard out to tie the game at seven.

After Kirkwood scored with 42 seconds left in the half, it looked like the Pioneers would go into the locker room with the lead and momentum. But the Jr. Bills countered with a 52-yard run by Colvin sprung by great downfield blocking to put the ball at the Pioneers' 13-yard line.

Two plays later, with



Photo | Dominik Skroska

continued on page 8 Sophomore Andrew Clair sprints upfield against Kirkwood last Friday night. SLUH will play Hazelwood West tonight in districts.

Soccer finishes regular season, win 4 out of 5 Swim eyes state crown

BY CONNOR FITZGERALD
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The St. Louis U. High varsity soccer team has been working to finish off the regular season off with a bang, winning four of five games in the past two weeks.

On Saturday the Jr. Bills fell to De Smet in a 2-1 loss at home following their wins at O'Fallon Township on Oct. 10 and against Parkway South Oct. 14 at SLUH.

De Smet struck first, netting a shot from the right side of the box while senior Albert Reinwart was stuck on the left side.



Photo | Courtesy of Mr. Paul Jasso

continued on page 7 Senior goalie Albert Reinwart punches the ball out of the box against Eureka earlier this year.

Cross country V2 tops at Borgia; Districts next

BY KEVIN MURPHY
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The St. Louis U. High cross country team, excluding the top eight, took the long trek out to Washington, Mo. last weekend to compete in the Borgia Invitational.

Since the team runs its V2 group at this meet every year, the past races have led to lower placing races than what would be expected from the V1 group. This year, the team wanted to focus more on individual performance, and the runners knew that if they all ran their best race, they would have a good chance of winning the meet.

"We all got off to the kind of start we wanted to, and we all moved through well," said sophomore Joe Laughlin. "I

think that was one of the reasons we were so successful."

Laughlin led the team with the top ten finish that he was looking for, running a quick 17:42. Sophomore William Kelly (18:01; 13th) and senior Garret Fox (18:03; 14th) came in together close behind Laughlin. After them, senior Jacob Marty (18:15; 19th) earned some important points for the team.

One of the main stand-out performances was from freshman Gunnar Himich, who has been the top freshman runner for most of the year. Himich finished with a time of 18:39, and took just enough places to bring home the win for SLUH. He finished in 32nd place, bringing the SLUH point total to 71, an

expected winning total in a varsity race.

"In previous years, we haven't really won this race," said Kelly. "The goal was to win the race and to get as many guys in the top 25 as we could."

The varsity team beat generally good teams such as Whitfield (2nd; 82) and Ste. Genevieve (84). Winning the race brought confidence to the team, because they know that if someone in the top eight is unable to race, there are fast V2 runners ready to step up into their spots.

"I think it shows how hard that group has been working all year," said head coach Joe Porter.

Porter was with the top eight on Saturday, and was fo-

cused on getting them ready for the end of the season.

"(The top eight) did a lot of figure eights on Art Hill, and on Tuesday they did mile repeats and 800s, nothing really fancy, but at a fast pace," said Porter. "In terms of preparing for districts, we aren't. The focus is in a couple of weeks."

The team's focus is on advancing past districts to Sectionals, and after that State.

"We survive and advance," said Porter. "You just want to make sure that you qualify and get through, and we feel like we have a very good shot at doing that."

Next up for the team is the district meet in Forest Park tomorrow.

BY PATRICK SCHULER
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The St. Louis U. High swim and dive team is closing out its season, with everything looking toward the State finals in a few weeks. Over the last week, the Jr. Billikens challenged in two meets, the Lindbergh Invite on Saturday and in their last dual meet against Chaminade.

The team came into Saturday as the defending champs, hoping to repeat this year; but that did not happen. SLUH did take second overall though, losing to Marquette by almost a hundred points.

Despite the second place finish, the team was not super disappointed with the loss.

Senior captain Colin Derdeyn commented, "Being our last major invitational of the year before State, a number of people stepped up in their races. In particular, junior Michael Krause swam one of the quickest 50 Free-styles of the year for us."

Krause is about a third of a second off a state time.

The Jr. Bills swam in their last dual meet of the year on Monday against MCC rival Chaminade. SLUH won the meet handily, although things were a bit odd as Chaminade used manual timers for times instead of touchpads. Despite some confusion, the Bills were able to put on a good performance.

"We definitely saw some terrific swims," said senior Hap Burke. "Though perhaps we didn't get all the times we wanted, I have faith that our hard work will pay off over the upcoming conference meets."

Head coach Joe Esposito also commented that he was proud of the team for going undefeated in MCC play with a record of 8-2 overall.

Now that dual meets are over for the season, the MCC championships are next for both JV and varsity swimmers. JV MCCs will take place Saturday at noon, while varsity will have prelims Wednesday and finals Friday. All races are at Forest Park.

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Hockey downed by CBC

BY TIM NILE
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The Jr. Bill varsity hockey team suffered its first loss of the Webster Groves Top Hat Classic preseason tournament in the midst of several absent players, getting taken down by CBC in a 3-0 loss, but still advancing to the knockout stage of the tournament.

CBC had scored 18 goals in their first two games and allowed just two. The Jr. Bills had scored just five goals and allowed three. But the Jr. Bills were still missing their U16 AAA players for these games. "We know we can beat them with all our players. We played well considering our missing players," said junior defenseman Andrew Ott.

The game got off to a heated start after a big hit by senior Ryan Krippene resulted in a boarding call and a two-ten call that put Krippene in the box for 12 minutes, though the team was only a man down for two.

After the penalty kill ended, junior goalie Joe Warnecke and the Jr. Bills' defense showed strong defensive efforts, but allowed a goal with 7:23 left in the first.

The second period was yet another unsuccessful attempt to score. Trying to build momentum and boost morale, junior Patrick Pence threw a CBC player to the ice and was penalized with a two minute minor. Pence's penalty was in vain, as the Cadets

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**Borgia
Invitational
(XC)**

SLUH Team Scores
Varsity - 1st - 71 points
JV - 1st - 18 points
Fr. - 1st - 32 points

Varsity
Joe Laughlin (Soph.)
17:42 - 8th
William Kelly (Soph.)
18:01 - 13th

Garret Fox (Sr.)
18:03 - 14th
Jacob Marty (Sr.)
18:15 - 19th
Gunnar Himich (Fr.)
18:39 - 32nd