

Season wrap-up: Swimming looks back on best season since 2003

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The St. Louis U. High swim and dive team had a very successful season this year. The Jr. Bills won MCCs for the fourth straight year and took fourth overall in the State meet, their best finish since 2003.

Looking ahead to next year, the Bills will have four new senior captains: Chris Kreienkamp, Michael Krause, Patrick Schuler, and Dan Walsh.

The team will lose some key swimmers next year though, as senior captain Colin Derdeyn, who placed third at State in the 50 Freestyle and seventh in the 100 Freestyle, is graduating.

SLUH will also lose State seniors Arthur Larson, Peter Brooks, and Michael Ken-

edy. There are 10 total senior swimmers graduating.

"We are losing many dominant swimmers," Walsh said. "We still expect to hold our place at State though next year, or exceed that."

SLUH is looking for some big performances next year out of returning state swimmers juniors Krause, Mark Franz, Justin Andrews, and freshman Mathias Hostetler, as well as some new faces.

"We can't rely on two swimmers to carry us through State next year," Kreienkamp said. "It must be more of a team effort. We need to qualify multiple swimmers for different events who, even though they might not win, will still contribute to the team."

Though the swim team looks good, the dive team could be a big problem for SLUH next season. This year,

SLUH is graduating all three divers and there are no new divers expected as of right now. Having three divers was a great advantage for SLUH in meets last year, helping secure consistent points.

Head coach Joe Esposito had the same goals for the summer as the captains did.

"My expectation is to repeat as MCC champs, both varsity and JV," Esposito said. "Also to break two more school records, especially the 400 Free Relay. I also want to offer an intensive summer training camp and encourage SLUH year round swimmers to swim high school. Finally, repeat as the best team in St. Louis at the State meet and place second at the 2015 State meet."

Basketball begins season on Dec. 1

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ple accountable if they mess up, (but) not be too hard on them," said Nester.

Sophomores BJ Wilson (6'8") and Ryan Hebenstreit (6'7") will replace the height lost from Sottile and David

Schmelter.

Despite the new nucleus of young players, SLUH still wants to compete and succeed on a high level.

"I'm thinking 20 wins," said Nester.

SLUH will host its pre-up season jamboree this Friday and Saturday. The regular season starts Dec. 1 with the Pat- tonville Tournament.

All-MCC football team selections

— Offense —

Offensive Tackle
Max Kavy (First Team)
Joe Mattingly (Second Team)

Wide Receiver
David Jackson (First Team)
Daniel Isom (Second Team)

Running back
Andrew Clair (First Team)
Andre Colvin (Second Team)

Quarterback
Mitch Batschelett (Second Team)

Kicker
Jake Cox (First Team)

Honorable Mention
P Will Komos
OL Peter Lynas
OL Aaron Kilgore
OL Christian Stewart

— Defense —

Defensive End
Anthony Sansone (Second Team)

Defensive Tackle
Spencer Chipley (First Team)
Chris Stahl (First Team)

Linebacker
Bryan Edwards (First Team)
Aiden Jacobsen (Second Team)

Defensive Back
Tony Adams (First Team)
Perri Johnson (Second Team)
Andrew Clair (Second Team)

Honorable Mention
DB Daniel Jackson
DE Michael Niese
LB Parker Pence
S Dan Tarlas

Season in review: XC runs the SLUH way

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Although the St. Louis U. High cross country team didn't capture its third straight state title, the results and the effort put forth throughout the season were enough to leave the runners and coaches satisfied.

"At the beginning of the season, we sat down and said 'Defend the Title' and it's not in the way that you have to go out and win, but it's the way that we approach training and tenacity in our races, and putting out our best effort in everything we do," said head coach Joe Porter. "I think we met that expectation, and defended the title."

The team started the season with a successful home stand at the Forest Park XC Festival, taking third place over strong Missouri teams such as Lafayette and Rock Bridge, as well as running an average time of only 16:19. This performance boosted confidence for the upcoming season.

Their next big race came at their out-of-state race, the Palatine Invitational. In their history at the meet, SLUH has never placed in the top five, and hoped to change that this year.

Near the end of the race, the teams were not separated

by much, but SLUH came out on top, beating Loyola Academy (Chicago) by only five points.

Moving forward, the team still wanted to improve in areas such as running as a pack and moving forward late in races.

"I don't think we ever had a race where we were all 'on,' but at Palatine, it was really exciting to see what we could do, even when we weren't all racing well," said senior Jack Sullivan.

The next big race didn't come until the team ran in the MCCs in the showdown between the Catholic schools of St. Louis. While SLUH was the favorite, a few CBC and De Smet runners had a chance to work into the top five at the race, preventing SLUH from getting a perfect score. This was not the case, though, as SLUH went on to take the top six places and ninth place, which is almost unheard of in competitive races.

The team went through Districts and Sectionals easily, taking seven of the top eight at Districts and seven of the top 15 at Sectionals, scoring only 31 points.

"I really (liked) Sectionals," said senior Shayn Jackson. "Even though we may not have all run fast times, Sectionals was a really good race."

Racquetball routs Parkway West

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The St. Louis U. High varsity racquetball team had its second match of the season on Tuesday, stampeding the Parkway West Longhorns 7-0 to improve its record to 2-0.

Senior and No. 1 seed Kevin Schneier, was very upbeat about the performance of his team against West.

"They have always been one of our toughest competitors, so I was really happy we were able to win. I think it's a great statement for our team," said Schneier. "It was also Doc's birthday, so the victory and shutout on top of that was a pretty great present for him. It was a lot of fun."

"We played really well,"

said head coach Joe Koestner. "I was very happy with how our guys performed. A 7-0 win is huge for us. They got third in nationals last year so that's a huge confidence booster."

Though they were successful in the end, a couple of the matches started out rocky for the Jr. Bills.

"We had some slow starts because of nerves, but the kids settled down and were able to step up and take control of their matches," said Koestner.

With only three returning varsity players from last year, the nerves were expected from the new guys, but they were able to step up to the challenge, receiving the veterans' approval.

These two wins brought the team to the final race of the year, State, where they placed second in an extremely competitive field.

The team was led by senior Matt Hennessey, who consistently ran at the front of races and continued this trend with a sixth place PR finish at State.

"We're happy with (our performance)," said Porter. "We had the fastest average time we've ever had at the State meet and the second lowest point total for SLUH. We've had a great season and a lot of success."

Considering the season as a whole, the group was happy with its results. The runners are proud of their performance and are looking forward to next season.

"We were really excited about the freshman group and how they developed throughout the season to become a really strong group," said Porter. "Everyone is good. We are returning a lot of the group that perfect-scored the JV meet in our conference. In addition we are returning two from State group (juniors Dustan Davidson and Joe Butler) and the first alternate (junior Billy Balossi). So we are returning a lot, which is a great thing to have."

"Some guys were shaky," said senior Brian Kissel. "But everyone found their groove and ended up taking control of their game and winning. It was really cool to see."

The next match for the Jr. Bills is the Top Seed Tournament tomorrow, which features 11 teams.

"We're usually pretty successful in the tournament, so we're looking forward to it," said Koestner.

"With the results from Parkway West, we're really confident for this weekend," said senior Ike Simmon.

The team has its next regular season match against Lafayette next Tuesday at Vetta Concord at 3:30 p.m.

2014 Fall Sports All-SLUH team

Soccer

Joe Jasso (Sr.)

During his first year on varsity, Jasso contributed to many shutouts. Not only was Jasso a brick wall on defense, he was also one of the team leaders in corner kick header goals. His ability to play both ways contributed to the team's success throughout the season.

Albert Reinwart (Sr.)

Though not a captain, Reinwart was the most vocal player on the field. He earned 12 shutouts and allowed only 0.63 goals/game on average. He was crucial in keeping the team's psyche under control during big games.

Matt Frein (Jr.)

A junior captain, Frein was a constant leader in the midfield. Frein's ability to defend proved to be a huge challenge for competitors. Frein's versatile play was a difference maker in almost all games he played this season.

Swimming

Sr. Colin Derdeyn (Sr.)

As captain of the varsity swim team, Derdeyn not only set a new MCC record for the 50 Freestyle, but he also placed third in the same race at State with a time of 21:43.

Jr. Justin Andrews (Jr.)

Junior Justin Andrews broke a MCC record in the 200 Freestyle, and continued on to place second in the 200 Freestyle, the 500 Freestyle, and the 200 Medley Relay.

Cross Country

Matthew Hennessey (Sr.)

Hennessey was the lead runner of the varsity cross country team all year, Hennessey finished his strong season with a sixth place finish at the State meet and a personal record of 15:53.

Thomas Hogan (Sr.)

Hogan, whose PR freshman year was a 19:41, worked his way up to a 19th place, All-State finish in this year's State meet and a PR of 16:10.

Football

Bryan Edwards, LB (Sr.)

Edwards had a superb senior year as he finished with over 80 tackles, three interceptions, and five rushing touchdowns for the offense. Edwards was selected to the All-MCC first team.

Andre Colvin, RB (Sr.)

Splitting time with sophomore Andrew Clair, Colvin led the team in rushing with 884 yards, averaging 6.4 yards per carry. Colvin was selected to the All-MCC second team.

Tony Adams, S (So.)

In his first full season on varsity football, Adams dazzled, recording a team-high four interceptions. The four interceptions made Adams tied for sixth in the area in interceptions. Adams was selected to the All-MCC first team.

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