

Hockey finishes preseason play with semifinal loss in Top Hat Tourney

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The 2012 SLUH varsity hockey team is ready to get its season underway with a cast of talented returning players from last year's playoff run to the State championship. Under new head coach Kevin Fitzpatrick, the team expects another state title run this year with the experience of the returning players leading the way.

The program's only coach in its 41-year history, Charlie Busenhardt, retired after the 2011-12 season, leaving Fitzpatrick with big shoes to fill. The players feel, however, that Fitzpatrick is up to the challenge.

"He definitely brings a respect factor to the table," said junior goalie Brendan Haselhorst of Fitzpatrick's coaching style.

With the experienced upperclassmen leading the way, and the underclassmen trying to make their mark on the varsity level, the team is ready to start a successful season.

The squad began the year in the Top Hat preseason tournament at Webster Groves, a chance for the players to get the feel of each other on the ice and the coaches to scout out opponents they will face during the regular season.

In the first game of the new season, SLUH shut out Francis Howell Central, 9-0. After a 4-4 draw with Lindberg the Jr. Bills lost 4-0 to last year's State champion, CBC. The team struggled to put shots on goal against CBC



The SLUH goalie struggles to make a save against seasoned sled-hockey veterans.

as they were stifled by the Cadets' defense.

SLUH quickly bounced back with an impressive showing against MCC rival DeSmet, winning 5-1 and advancing to the semifinals. The team faced CBC again in the semifinals, but again struggled to score, losing 3-1 to the favored Cadets.

Another one of the SLUH hockey team's preseason activities was a service project, in which the team did a fundraiser to support the St. Louis Blues' sled hockey team. SLUH squared off against the Blues sled team, whose players have no legs and skate on the ice on sleds, propelling themselves with metal picks on the ends of

their hockey sticks.

"It was really an eye-opening experience," said Haselhorst. "It really helps you realize what you've got, and not to take it for granted."

The Blues' sled hockey team showed off its talent, beating SLUH 15-3.

The team is getting prepared

to start a successful regular season under Fitzpatrick's guidance and leadership. The squad's first regular season game comes against Francis Howell on Monday night at 9:15 at Affton Ice Rink.

Freshmen XC wins MCC meet, drops only one race

photo | Austin Striffler



Freshman Cade Dernlan and Rockhurst competitor stride side-by-side in the heat of the race.

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The freshman cross country team has ended yet another successful year by winning the MCC conference again. At the conference meet in the beginning of October, the team was able to pull ahead and win against its primary opponent this year, DeSmet.

"The guys were easily able to excel above the rest of the conference for the win," said coach Joe Porter.

The team lost only once, falling to Jefferson City High School in their second meet (of seven). Their only loss came at the Paul Enke Invitational where Porter had Joe Butler and Billy Balossi,

two of the team's best runners, compete as upperclassmen. The team was disappointed to finish second in the field of thirteen. They eventually avenged their loss by beating Jeff City in their sixth meet of the year at Borgia High School in Washington, Missouri.

"Every time we race, it's an opportunity to learn," said Porter.

Injuries had not greatly plagued the team of 26, with the exception of a stress fracture that sidelines Balossi midseason.

"We just have a few guys with some aches and pains," said Porter.

Porter attributed much of the team's success to the squad's key runners. One of the team's main goals was to develop the freshmen as runners for years to come. Many of Porter's top runners did just that.

Porter mentioned Butler, Balossi, David Stolz, Ethan McIntyre, Dominic Rainwater, and Austin Klarsch as key contributors throughout the year. Butler added Sam Farell to this list as well.

Many of the runners Porter mentioned ran as upperclassmen in a few meets, including the Paul Enke Invitational.

Porter plans to hold many workouts starting after Thanksgiving during the offseason.

"Cross country is not a sport in which you get to rest for nine months in between the seasons," he said.

Porter also said that some of the runners are going to run in the Nike Cross National Regional Meet.

"The sky's the limit for these guys as long as they can stay busy throughout the offseason," he said.

Football records Individual Records Broken

Points Scored in season

152, Raymond Wingo (2012)

Old Record: 122, Stan Gardner (1980) and Ronnie Wingo (2008)

Most Touchdowns Scored in season

25, Raymond Wingo (2012)

Old Record: 20, Stan Gardner (1980) and Ronnie Wingo (2008)

Rushing Touchdowns in season

20, Raymond Wingo (2012)

Old Record: 19, Mark Kornfeld (1999)

Kickoff Return Yardage in game

175, Raymond Wingo vs. Lafayette (2012)

Old Record: 155, Stefan Sansone vs. DeSmet (2011)

Most Kickoff Returns for a Touchdown, season:

4, Raymond Wingo (2012)

Old Record: 1, by many players

Highest Yards-per-Kickoff Return Average, season (min. 10 ret):

32.8 Raymond Wingo (2012) (19 for 624 yards)

Old Record: 29.6, Jason Wagoner (1991) (11 returns for 326 yards)

Individual Records Tied

Most Touchdowns Scored, game:

7, Raymond Wingo (2012) and Ronnie Wingo (2008)

Most Rushing Touchdowns Scored, game:

6, Raymond Wingo (2012) and Ronnie Wingo (2008)

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