

Soccer travels to Louisville today for tough tests



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Senior Matt Jansen's goal against Priory last night.

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would set the tone for the rest of the game, with CBC dominating nearly every aspect of play from possession to finishing shots.

Senior Jack Bersett had a chance against the constricting CBC defense, but shot the ball into CBC keeper Johnny Huber's chest.

"They surprised us," said Martel. "I think if we'd have gotten that goal, it would have been a totally different game."

Shortly after Bersett's shot, CBC sent the ball down the field and knocked in another goal before the half, and

the Cadets led the Jr. Billikens by two.

Unlike several other contests this year, SLUH wasn't able to turn the tide in the second half. CBC stifled hopes for a SLUH win with a third goal early in the second, the ball bending around Frederik's fingertips. CBC led 3-0, and the hopes of SLUH fans declined, several of whom fell silent for the remainder of the game.

After the fourth goal from CBC, the game was all but over. By the time Huber saved Dempster's head ball

late in the second half, CBC secured its victory by a score of 4-0.

"I thought (CBC) played really well," said Martel. "I've never seen a team, for a long time, move the ball like that. They were really dynamic, and it wasn't our night."

"They came out thirsty for revenge and we just didn't have the motivation they did," said Frein. "I thought they played as good as they could play and we had a bad night."

"We still have to put this game in perspective," said senior midfielder Matt Lesko.

"We're still 14-1 and in the top spot in Missouri."

SLUH hits the road today en route to Louisville, Ky. for friendlies against Trinity and Floyd Central. Trinity is a nationally-ranked team this year, so SLUH has been preparing in this idle week to ready themselves for the tough test ahead.

"Trinity is a really good team," said Martel. "It's gonna be a really tough game, but I'm hoping we can eke out a good 2-1, 3-0 win. I think we're capable of doing that."

XC unable to defend Palatine title

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varsity team.

The St. Louis U. High varsity cross country team competed in the annual Palatine Invitational in Palatine, Ill. and placed 25 out of 31 after a disappointing race. SLUH was unable to defend their first place victory in the Invitational last year.

"We looked in pretty good position at the first mile, but the second mile was rough," said Head Coach Joe Porter. "We struggled, and it just wasn't a good day for us."

The team's goal for the gap between the first runner and the fifth runner is around a minute or less, but the team struggled to reach that goal at Palatine. The gap between the one and two runners on Saturday was a minute, which is one factor the team needs to work on.

Senior Dustan Davidson came in first place for SLUH. Davidson's time was a little below average compared to the rest of his races, and he knows that he and his team need to continue to work hard to improve.

"I don't really know why we didn't run well. Sometimes you just have a bad day," said Davidson. "We ran a good workout on Tuesday, and we just didn't perform to the best of our abilities on Saturday."

One bright spot thus far this year for SLUH has been the performance of the freshmen. SLUH took freshmen Patrick Hetlage, Reed Milnor, and Jack Buehring with them to Palatine, which has never happened before in the six years that SLUH has been attending.

Though they all ran in the JV race at Palatine, the freshmen were able to get some good experience being around the older guys on the

"Giving them the time to shine early is really nice," said Porter. "This is one of the best groups of freshmen that we've had in a long time."

The team left Friday after watching Pope Francis' address to Congress in home-room, and arrived at the course around 2:00 p.m.

Having competed in the event for the last six years, the team has gotten to know the course fairly well. Porter likes to get there Friday afternoon so that the team can run it two or three times before the race the next morning.

"It's a pretty flat course compared to what the guys are used to, so it can be a pretty fast race," said Porter.

Though the team didn't run as well hoped at Palatine, there is still a lot of valuable training time before the state meet in six weeks.

"We just have to work and focus," said Davidson. "We definitely have enough time to improve by state, and we're confident that coach Porter can get us ready."

In order to get other runners more race experience, Porter decided Davidson would not be racing in the team's upcoming Parkway West meet this weekend. Because Davidson will be taking the weekend off, he's going to be able focus more on his training—something that will be very valuable for him.

"I need to continue focusing on the workouts," said Davidson. "I've been dieting pretty well lately and since I'm taking the Parkway West race off, I'll be able to train more for conference the next week."

Varsity, JV, B, and the C teams will all race tomorrow in the Parkway West Invitational at Living Word Church around 9:00 a.m.

—Game Briefs—

—JV Football—

	(6-0)	9/28/15
SLUH	16	
Parkway South	12	

Key Stat: The 2015 JV football team currently has the best record in SLUH JV football since 2006, when the team finished 10-0.

Key Quote: "During the second half, Parkway maintained possession of the ball for the entire third quarter and into the fourth because they recovered an onside kick. We didn't get a break for that entire time but our (endurance) stayed strong because of the higher level of conditioning that we have begun doing at the end of practice everyday."—Sophomore Dan McMurrain.

—C Soccer—

	(7-5-3)	9/25/15
SLUH	3	
Vianney	0	

Scoring: Enrique Cervantes (1), Jack Ruyle (2)

	9/29/15
SLUH	1
Vianney	1

Scoring: Chris Ceriotti

	9/30/15
SLUH	4
MICDS	0

Scoring: Sean Cody (2), Louis Vacca (1), Justin Koesterer (1)

—B Soccer—

	(5-3-1)	9/29/15
SLUH	2	
Eureka	0	

Scoring: Buck Chevalier, Jack FitzPatrick

	9/29/15
SLUH	2
Priory	0

Scoring: Alfie Arun and Jack Steffel.

Key Stat: Freshman Alfie Arun scored with a header.

Next game: 10/6/15 at Rock Bridge (Columbia, MO) at 5:00 p.m.

—JV Soccer—

	(8-2-1)	9/30/15
SLUH	4	
Mehlville	1	

Scoring: Nick Baumer, Jacob Kircher, Matt Grady, Chris Doehring.

Key Quote: "We definitely dominated possession and we were relentless throughout the game," said junior Jacob Kircher. "We passed really well."

	10/1/15
SLUH	3
De Smet	0

Scoring: Matt Ceriotti, Jacob Gremaud, and Colton Nadenbush.

Key Stat: Luke Marcouiller's shutdown defense contained the De Smet offense.

—C Football—

	(4-3)	9/28/15
SLUH	27	
Parkway South	4	

Key Stat: QB Nick Lang: 3 passing TDs and a rushing TD
LB Maceo Cummings: 11 tackles, 2 forced fumbles.

Key Quote: "We played well in all aspects of the game—offense, defense, special teams. It was definitely our most complete game of the year," said coach Adam Cruz.

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The varsity soccer team defeated Priory last night 7-0 behind senior Sam Perry's hat-trick.



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