

XC has strong showing at Enke Invitational

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Hungry to prove themselves early in the season, the Saint Louis U. High Varsity II, JV, and C cross country teams capitalized at the Paul Enke Invitational at Sioux Passage last Saturday. Varsity II placed fifth, JV placed third, and the freshman team captured the first place title in their respective races.

Because of the depth of the cross country program, SLUH is able to have a Varsity I team consisting of the top seven runners, and a Varsity II team of the next best seven. The Varsity II team essentially acts like a JV team, but it competes against other schools' varsity teams.

Head coach Joe Porter knew coming into the Invitational that a successful day for Varsity II would be top five as a team, and they were able to do just that—placing fifth. Four of SLUH's runners placed in the top 40 and received medals.

"We're racing against their varsity teams and we're sending out our top JV, so placing fifth just shows how deep our whole program is," said Porter. "We were able to get guys varsity experience early on, which is what we want."

The Varsity II team was led by junior Xavier Ludwig, who ran the 5K in 18:48.2 and placed first for SLUH and 31st overall out of the field of 156 runners.

Because Ludwig had never seen the course before, he had to make some adjustments mid race in order to be successful.

"There was this big hill I didn't know we had to go

up twice," said Ludwig. "So I went out pretty fast, which hurt me when I got to the hill the second time. I got passed by some guys, but there was a downhill finish after the hill and I was able to pass a lot of the guys that had passed me."

Junior Roman Lipinski also had a highlight performance at the meet. Lipinski, a track runner who had played football for the last two years, decided to give cross country a try and he couldn't be happier with the way he's progressed.

"After football wasn't really working out for me anymore, I came to Coach Porter and told him I was thinking about cross country," said Lipinski. "We took it slow to start but I've been running a lot faster than we predicted." Porter has been very impressed with the way Lipinski has worked thus far this season and knows that he's a talented athlete who can contribute a lot to the team.

"There's not many sophomores who can break two minutes in the 800, and he did just that at sectionals last year for track," said Porter. "We knew he was tough, so it's just been a matter of building up more strength. He's turned into a very nice cross country runner."

Though Lipinski had running experience from track, the cross country practices have been a grueling challenge and a change from the track practices he is used to.

"Our track practices have breaks throughout which are really nice, but we don't get those with cross country," said Lipinski. "It's been tough, but I'm loving it. It's great having a team to run with that pushes

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Varsity football routs MCC rival De Smet 63-13, moves to 4-1 on the season



Junior Tony Adams (with ball) had three touchdowns in Friday's win against De Smet.

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De Smet's football team never even had a chance to make a comeback. By halftime in last Friday's game, SLUH had already scored 42 points, and De Smet 13, and the Jr. Bills added 21 more in the second half en route to a 63-13 win and the largest point differential for SLUH football in over a decade.

Unless in its first four games, De Smet came out strong and put the first points on the board with a field goal. The De Smet student section went crazy, thinking that this game might have a different result than their previous four. But the SLUH football team wasn't going to let that happen.

Even though SLUH was

winning 14-10 at the end of the first quarter, the score was concerning to the Jr. Bills. The SLUH offense scored almost immediately on each drive, but the defense had trouble stopping the De Smet drives. The SLUH defense seemed to be in its own world during the first quarter, with players missing tackles and making mental mistakes in the form of penalties on most plays.

Luckily, SLUH's defense improved over the course of the game while De Smet's did not.

"I want to credit our defense because De Smet came on us pretty good... and they got their 13 pretty quick, but then we shut them down the rest of the game," said head coach Gary Kornfeld. "Huge credit to our defense for stop-

ping them." Junior quarterback Mitch Batschelett opened the second quarter with a touchdown to junior wide receiver Tony Adams. In response, De Smet would score its final points of the game on a 31-yard field goal. Adams scored again just 17 seconds after De Smet's field goal on an 80-yard run. Just over two minutes later, he scored again on a 52-yard pass from Batschelett. Batschelett notched one more passing touchdown before the quarter ended.

"I've had a few mental mistakes this year, and I'd like to improve on that," said Batschelett earlier in the season. "Offense can always look a little more sharp."

If Batschelett did have any mental mistakes against De

Smet, they were not obvious. And the offense could not have been sharper.

SLUH did not turn the ball over at all, the first time since the matchup versus Hillsboro, the first game of the season. In the second quarter alone, Batschelett and Adams connected for three touchdowns. Batschelett finished the night 6 for 7 passing for 151 yards and three touchdowns. Adams racked up 88 yards on just three receptions, and also recorded an interception. Senior David Jackson notched the defense's other interception.

Batschelett and Adams were not the only offensive machines, however; junior Andrew Clair added a 95-yard kickoff return and a touchdown run during the

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Soccer opens CYC tourney with 2 wins



Senior captain Matt Frein (4) welcomed by teammates before facing Granite City.

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This year could be something special. The St. Louis U. High Jr. Bill soccer team has been in top form for the entire season thus far, and just last week the team won four straight games, escaping a hotly-contested Vianney matchup and handily defeating St. Dominic, Duchesne, and Granite City to preserve a

perfect record of 13-0-0.

The Vianney matchup was a dump and run type of game: each team would clear the ball from the defensive ranks to the quick forwards for a potential breakaway opportunity. Instead of a soccer game, the contest more accurately resembled a ping pong match, the ball bouncing back and forth from the two teams' defenses.

SLUH scored the first goal of the game late in the first half. Senior captain Peter Simon found the ball at his feet, sprinted toward the end line with the ball under control, and knocked it past the Vianney keeper. Simon seemed to be fouled on the play, but that was negated due to the goal.

Almost immediately after Simon's goal, the Golden

Griffins controlled possession in SLUH's zone. With goalkeeper Ty Frederking out of position, Vianney senior Nick Wiss volleyed a ball from nearly 25 yards out. Wiss's shot barely missed the head of senior captain Al Solverud and equalized the score at one heading into the second half.

Vianney threatened to take the lead a few more times early in the second half, but the tide began to turn because of SLUH's quick offense and outstanding stamina.

Late in the second half, senior Sam Rudder shot the ball from an improbable angle from just to the right of the goal and found the side netting for the game-winning goal.

"I was hoping to get something going for us," said Rudder. "I couldn't believe (it) went in and was happy I could help the team out."

"Vianney is better than everybody thinks," said head coach Charlie Martel. "It was a real test. I don't know how long we're going to be able to keep going. We just find ways to win even though we don't play well."

With the 2-1 victory,

the Jr. Bills headed into last weekend with a still-perfect record to face St. Dominic on the road. SLUH wasted no time jumping out to a 1-0 lead thanks to captain Matt Frein's goal in the second minute of the game.

Frein's goal set the momentum for the rest of the game, with the Jr. Bills creating scoring chance after scoring chance. Simon led the charge for the Jr. Bills, crossing the ball from the corners and creating more chances for SLUH. The game was a relentless effort from the Jr. Bills.

Senior Will Minnick added a goal late in the first half to make the score 2-0, which turned out to be the final.

"We got some early goals," said Martel. "St. Dominic came out strong in the second half, but we came out stronger. We had a lot of opportunities to score, but we didn't, and that's something we need to work on."

On Monday, SLUH kicked off the 61st annual CYC tournament against Duchesne, the No. 8 small school in the St. Louis area.

Senior Matt Lesko stuck

true to his roots, providing excellent passing play and dominant control over possession in the midfield.

About 15 minutes into the game, Lesko found senior Trey Haman on an amazing through ball that stunned the Duchesne defense. Haman finished convincingly to put the Jr. Bills ahead 1-0 with most of the first half left to play.

Early in the second half, the Jr. Bills earned a corner kick. Solverud tracked the ball and hammered a head ball into the top right corner of the net.

"That was a great goal," said Martel. "(Solverud) wins every head ball in the back, and has been a great leader and captain for us."

SLUH's energy only rose from there. Haman collected his second goal of the match off of a top goal of the Duchesne keeper's head, and late in the second half, senior Derek Rieke scored to give SLUH a 4-0 win in the first game of the CYC tournament.

The Jr. Bills controlled possession of the ball for at least 80 percent of the game.

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Swimming wins, prepares for Mizzou event

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The St. Louis U. High swim team has had two very exciting meets over the past week. The first came at the De Smet Invitational Saturday where the Jr. Bills took first place overall out of the eight teams who competed. SLUH also beat Lafayette and Oakville in a very close tri-meet on Tuesday.

"The De Smet Invite was by far our best meet to date," head coach Lindsey Ehret said afterwards. "The pool was indeed fast and I think many of the boys like swimming at the Rec Plex. A few noted that the last time they were there was for the state water polo championship, which they won, so I think that might have contributed to their fast mindset."

Other schools included rivals De Smet and Chamina-de from the area, but also Rockhurst and Highman.

The Jr. Bills picked up two more state-qualifying times in the meet as well: Mathias Hosteller in the 100-meter butterfly and Mark Franz in the 50 freestyle.

Hosteller made state in the event last year and was glad to repeat it this year.

The SLUH 200 medley relay team also dropped significant time.

After the swimming portion of the meet the Jr. Bills trailed Rockbridge, but there was still one key event left,

diving.

SLUH divers Ben Bott (Jr.), Andrew Gammon (Jr.), and Thomas O'Brien (Sr.) propelled the Jr. Bills to the victory as Rockbridge did not have any divers. The team also knocked off defending state champion Rockhurst, although some of Rockhurst's swimmers were on college visits.

"We started the season with no divers, and now we have great divers helping the team win major meets like the De Smet Invitational," Ehret said.

The other exciting meet this week took place at Lafayette High School on Thursday where the Jr. Bills competed in a tri meet against Lafayette and Oakville. Lafayette has a very good team this year, and the Jr. Bills knew it would be a close margin at the end.

Despite great swims from many SLUH swimmers, including freshman Joe Feder's comeback win in the 500 freestyle, the meet came down to the final two events. The Bills were down one point going into the 100 breast stroke, but with a second and third place they moved ahead by one going into the last event, the 400 freestyle relay.

"Standing on the block I felt a little bit nervous," senior captain Chris Krienkamp said about the race. "I did not want (this) to be the first loss of the year if we lost the 400

free relay, but when I saw everyone standing on the other side of the pool, I think it's the first time in swimming that I have ever gotten chills. So I got excited to race and things turned out well."

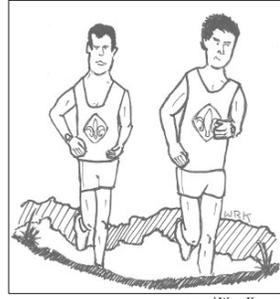
SLUH won the meet by 11 points, 148-137. Even the coaches were getting nervous as the meet finished.

"The other coaches and I were getting nauseous from nerves on the sidelines," Ehret said. "But we performed well in the final event going 1-2, with an especially fast leg by Thomas O'Brien."

Moving on from the big win Thursday, the Jr. Bills will swim next this weekend at Mizzou for the COMO Invite. This is another very fast pool for them to all drop time in and also to hopefully get a few more state cuts. Sophomore Joe Jelinek, sophomore Nick Mattingly, and senior Dan Walsh are all very close in their events. Diving will again play a huge role as it did in the last invitational.

"COMO will be lots of fun," O'Brien finished. "For once there will be more than a handful of divers... there is supposed to be 30 to 40 so it'll be pretty cool. The competition will be stiff, but the best part by far will be getting to sit in the hot tub. That is the one perk of diving, the hot tub at Mizzou."

Cross country ready for Palatine meet



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me and makes me faster."

Being the largest and heaviest runner on the team, Lipinski has been able to use his big build to drive his way through the field, which can often be very tightly packed.

"I call him the ox because of the way he can just pummel through people," said Ludwig of Lipinski. "I can just follow behind him and he paves the path."

Another major bright spot for the Jr. Bills was freshman Reed Milnor, who placed first individually out of the field of 111 runners in the freshman race, running the 5K in 19:16.4. Milnor led the C team to a first place victory in its first 5K competition of the season.

"The guys ran really well, especially considering it was their first competitive 5K," said Porter. "We chose to have them run their first competitive 5K on the hilliest course in all of Missouri, which makes their success even more impressive."

Coming off of the Paul Enke Invitational, the varsity and JV teams will take 16 runners to race in one of the biggest races of the year this Saturday—the Palatine Invitational. The competitive 32-team race is held in Palatine, Ill., about an hour west of

Chicago.

Last year the Jr. Bills upset the competition and took first place in the massive meet over some of the top schools in Illinois. But Porter is more focused on the team improving on its performance at the Forest Park Festival and getting more experience in big races than he is about defending the title.

"We'll get the chance to practice what it's like to stay at a hotel, which is really valuable because the state meet is the same way," said Porter. "(Palatine) is a big highlight for the guys. A lot of them, when we talk about setting goals at the beginning of the season, put down that they want to go to the meet."

The team will leave from SLUH after Pope Francis' speech Friday morning, in order to get to the course early to run it a few times before the race the next morning.

"The course is narrow, fast, and extremely hard to move through," said Porter. "It's a really physical race that'll be good for the guys to experience."

While the Varsity I and JV teams compete at Palatine, the varsity II, part of the JV team, and the C team will compete at the Hancock Invitational at Jefferson Barracks at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Football dominates

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third quarter and scored three touchdowns for the night. Clair rushed for 159 yards on 13 carries for an impressive 12.2 yards per carry; Clair has a whopping 9.6 yards per carry on the season.

In the second half, the first-team SLUH offense played for a series and the first-team SLUH defense played for two. For the rest of the game, second and third string players filled the positions on the field.

"When you step on this field, on the depth chart you might be second or third team, but when you step on this field to play the game and you're on there, you're first team," Kornfeld told his players. "Let's go play. You're out there; you're first team."

During the fourth quarter, juniors Andrew Grassi and Dan Mattingly recorded their first quarterback sacks. Senior Austin Danback recorded his first punt of the year, and junior Peter Hennessee recorded his first kick-off and extra point. Starting defensive end junior Ryan Hebenstreit recorded his first reception of the year—an 11-yard touchdown pass that was backup quarterback Austin Hannah's first touchdown pass of the year.

Though De Smet was not as talented nor as physical as Chamina-de, the Jr. Bills substantially improved on their performance since playing the Red Devils.

"Any time you win by 50 points over somebody, everything's gone pretty good," said Kornfeld. "Your offense, your defense, your special teams—all three faces were pretty good for us Friday night."

The Jr. Bills take on the Parkway South Patriots tonight at SLUH at 7:00 p.m. The Patriots are currently 1-4 while No. 9 SLUH is 4-1.

Game Briefs

—C Football—

	(3-3)	9/21/15
SLUH	6	De Smet
De Smet	32	

Scoring: Ishmale Woodard scored on a halfback dive (PAT no good)

Key Stat: Turnovers were a huge part of why SLUH lost De Smet forced two interceptions and one fumble. De Smet also blocked a punt. SLUH only managed one fumble.

Key Quote: "We just counted ourselves out to early," said offensive lineman Joe Miner.

—JV Football—

	(5-0)	9/21/15
SLUH	21	De Smet
De Smet	14	

Key Stat: SLUH's ferocious defense forced a fumble that SLUH returned for a touchdown to take the narrow lead in the game.

—B Soccer—

	(3-3-1)	9/19/15
SLUH	1	St. Dominic
St. Dominic	4	

Scoring: Scott Janasik

Key Stat: Sophomore goalkeeper Reed Gooding made a clutch penalty kick save in the middle of the second half to secure the win for the Jr. Bills.

—JV Soccer—

	(7-2-1)	9/18/15
SLUH	11	Festus
Festus	1	

Scoring: Two goals each from juniors Jacob Kircher, Matt Ceriotti, Doehring, Joe Knapp, and Matt Grady, and one goal from Gremaud.

Key Stat: Ended early because of ten goal limit

	(3-0)	9/19/15
SLUH	3	Cape Central
Cape Central	0	

Scoring: Two goals from Ceriotti, one from Grady

Key Stat: Junior Klaus Preusser was in net for the shutout.

	(2-2-1)	9/21/15
SLUH:	2	O'Fallon:
O'Fallon:	0	

Scoring: The goals from Grady and Ceriotti

Key Stat: Preusser was in goal for the shutout

Key Quote: "We had some pretty good opportunities in the box the first half, but couldn't put them away. In the second half we were able to finish a few, and ended up winning," said Ceriotti.

—C Soccer—

	(5-5-2)	9/19/15
SLUH	3	St. Dominic
St. Dominic	2	

Scoring: Brian Lymberopoulos, Louis Vacca, Jon Brown

Key Stat: Junior Billiken notched the winning goal for SLUH in the final minute.

	(2-0)	9/22/15
SLUH	2	Eureka
Eureka	0	

Scoring: Chris Cerriotti, Henry Wagner

Key Stat: Freshman goalie Charlie Steenberge picked up his second shutout of the season

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"We slowly wore out, even though they were a pretty good team," said Martel.

For the second match of the tournament, SLUH faced off against Granite City, a team that has only won a single game this year.

Within the first five min-

utes, SLUH was awarded a free kick nearly 20 yards out after a Granite City hand ball. Senior Jack Dempster knocked the ball in off of a defender's deflection, and SLUH jumped out to an early 1-0 lead.

The main factor in SLUH's win was senior Jack Berset's finishing efforts on two goals in the first half.



PHOTO | BRENDAN VOIGT

Junior JV soccer player Henry Byrne during yesterday's game.

The first was on a cross from senior Ian Hurford, with Berset pinging the ball off of the crossbar and into the goal. The second goal was a solo effort from Berset, who snuck the ball past the Granite City keeper for his second and the team's final goal of the game.

SLUH defeated Granite City 3-0 and currently leads its division in the CYC tournament.

"I thought it was one of our best games in terms of how we played," said Martel. "Even though we used our second team for most of the second half, we still controlled the midfield in that game. We had some great chances to score more goals."

SLUH looks to capitalize on more scoring chances this weekend with the playoffs of the tournament approaching. In the upcoming week, SLUH will face Eureka and Priory before heading off to Louisville to play against more Midwest competition in Trinity (Ky.) and Floyd Central (Ind.).