

## XC finishes fourth without Davidson, Butler

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The goal for SLUH cross country coming into the Parkway West Invitational last Saturday was to decrease the gap between their first and fifth place runners, which had been over a minute in their last race. The team responded well to the goal and decreased the gap to 19 seconds, finishing fourth in the meet.

"We wanted to create a pack and put a little pressure on the guys to see how they would respond without (senior) Dustan (Davidson) there, and they ran great," said head coach Joe Porter. "The key for us was just to move our pack up from where it had been, and we did that."

SLUH's pack was led by

senior Billy Balossi (17:06), who placed first for SLUH and 15th out of 137 overall, and junior Joe Laughlin (17:09.6), who finished second for SLUH and 18th overall.

"Billy and Joe definitely were great leaders for us," said junior Brad Gale. "I was really happy with the guys that we had running and the way we ran."

Gale also raced very well, helping lead SLUH to their strong finish. Gale ran the 5K in 17:17.0—a personal record. He placed third on the team and 29th overall.

"I felt a lot better going into the race than the others so far," said Gale. "I was definitely calmer and more focused."

"It was good to see him back up with the pack," Porter

said of Gale. "He had fallen in both of his two races so far this year—Palatine and the (Forest Park Cross Country Festival)—so it was the first time he stayed on his feet in a race."

Because senior Joe Butler was feeling tight in his Achilles, and Davidson was looking for more training time before the district meet next week, Porter made the decision to rest the team's top two runners for the race at Parkway West. But the team wasn't fazed at all by the loss of Davidson and Butler.

Davidson participated in a hard workout on Friday with Porter, where he had one of his best workouts of the season.

"It's hard to work out by yourself with just a coach,"

said Porter. "It's a lot easier with teammates doing the same thing, but Dustan had a great workout."

In place of Davidson, sophomore Paul Burke was called up to varsity and had his best race of the season, running the 5K in 17:43.6—over a minute faster than his previous personal record. Burke is the first sophomore to run with the varsity team this year.

Because of the district meet tomorrow, the team has a bounce week this week, meaning lighter workouts to make sure the runners will be well rested before the biggest race of the season thus far.

The team will race in the MCC Championships tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. at Forest Park at Aviation Fields.

## Burke and Fields shine vs. Rockwood



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A SLUH diver Friday at a meet vs. Rockwood Summit.

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been working very diligently in practice and it's paying off," said Ehret.

Motivated by the fact that they would not have practice Saturday morning if the team were to produce two goal times—a time set by head coach Lindsey Ehret—the St. Louis U. High swim team handily beat Rockwood Summit 129-54.

Sophomores Jacob Fields and John Burke both met their goal time in the meet.

Burke swam his best time of the season in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:16.02.

"I definitely felt good in the water," said Burke. "My goggles filled up with water almost immediately, but it still ended up being a good race. It was nice to see that despite this I still got my goal time."

Fields swam a personal best in the 100 butterfly, a 1:03.20.

"My 100 butterfly felt really good," Fields said. "I was really glad to be the one that helped the team."

"Burke and Fields have

Following the off-day on Saturday, the Jr. Bills practiced Monday through Wednesday this week, with meets last night against Parkway Central and tonight against MICDS.

As the season continues, the team creeps closer to the MCCs and the State Championship meet, held on Nov. 6 at the Rec Plex.

During the next few weeks the swimmers and coaches will be working extra hard to see who will swim what at the conference meet. Weaknesses of the team include depth in longer distance events. These are the events

Ehret will be focusing on to find depth going into the final dual meet of the season against Chaminade and the MCC Championship meet.

## Soccer plays last home game tonight

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with a special determination. With the regular season winding down in the next two weeks, the Jr. Bills are looking forward to their district tournament, where SLUH is the

top seed.

The next matchup for the Jr. Bills is today at SLUH against O'Fallon (Ill.), and is the final home game of the year.

## —Game Briefs—

### —JV Soccer—

(5-3-1)

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|         | 10/6/15 |
| SLUH    | 3       |
| De Smet | 0       |

Goals: Joseph Krause, Chris Doehring, and Nicolas Delgado

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|      | 10/7/15 |
| SLUH | 1       |
| CBC  | 3       |

Goal: Nicolas Delgado

Key Stat: Junior Klaus Preusser made a diving save on a penalty shot.

Key Quote: "They were a tough team, but we came up short tonight." - Sophomore Colton Nadenbush

Next game: Oct. 15 vs. Pattonville, 6:30 P.M. at SLUH.

### —C Soccer—

(9-5-4)

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|      | 10/02/15 |
| SLUH | 3        |
| CBC  | 2        |

Goals: Henry Wagner, Sean Cody, Louis Vacca

Key quote: "I think it was kind of a turning point in the season, our team started to play as a collective group, rather than individuals," said head coach Bradley Mueller.

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|         | 10/05/15 |
| SLUH    | 2        |
| De Smet | 1        |

Goals: Chris Ceriotti, Louis Vacca

Key Quote: "In the second half, they came out with fire, that we'd never seen before, much like the one in the CBC game," noted Mueller.

Next game: at Saint Mary's in CBC Tournament Oct. 10

### —B Soccer—

(6-3-1)

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
|             | 10/6/15 |
| SLUH        | 3       |
| Rock Bridge | 0       |

Goals: Alfie Arun, Buck Chevalier (2)

Key Quote: "We're finally getting things together; it was probably the best game we've played as a team yet," said sophomore Jack FitzPatrick. "We're keeping our composure and producing a lot of chances in the middle of the field."

Next Game: Today vs. O'Fallon Township, 4:00 p.m. at SLUH.

### —JV Football—

(6-1)

|      |         |
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|      | 10/5/15 |
| SLUH | 3       |
| CBC  | 34      |

Key stats: Sean Bender had an interception., and the team's 6-game winning streak was broken by the rival Cadets.

Key quote: "We definitely didn't have our best game but the loss exposed our weaknesses," said sophomore Dee McMurrin. "We will work on those weaknesses so we are ready for our last two games to be a better overall team."

Next game: Monday vs. Lafayette at 4:30 p.m. at SLUH

### —C Football—

(4-5)

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|      | 10/05/15 |
| SLUH | 0        |
| CBC  | 44       |

Key stat: Linebacker DJ Sansone recovered a fumble.

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|       | 10/07/15 |
| SLUH  | 13       |
| CBC D | 20       |

Key stat: Nick Shelton had an interception

Key quote: "We can't play poorly against a team that good, and we did not play our best game," said assistant coach Adam Cruz.

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## FROM THE VAULT: The last time SLUH beat CBC in football, October 2004

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Reporter

In the past two weeks, the Jr. Bills have faced two of their biggest rivals, the DeSmet Spartans and the CBC Cadets. The Bills lost to the Spartans but triumphed over the Cadets.



SLUH treated its fans to an exciting game last Friday night. It was a crisp autumn night, but the hike most spectators had to take to get to the stadium from their cars offset the temperature. It was obvious that the cool night air did not affect the Cadetcrusherbills as Simmons rushed for 166 yards and Behr passed for 160 yards on the night.

The only scoring in the first quarter was by the Cadets, on a touchdown with 3:30 left in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, on a play that was both exceedingly lucky and the result of much practice and discipline, sophomore defensive back Willie Shipp blindsided a Cadet receiver, causing him to lose the ball. Junior safety Eric Hunt, who also had an outstanding game, was two paces behind and ready to help him take down the receiver. Hunt caught the ball after Shipp popped it out, robbing the Cadets of ball possession and the momentum they had built up on their drive downfield.

Later in the second quarter, Hunt again demonstrated why he is a starter when he intercepted what would have been a CBC touchdown pass inside the Bills' 5-yard line.

The Dynastybuildingbills came out strong from half, with a seven-minute march downfield that ended in Simmons pounding a game-tying touchdown in.

Early in the fourth quarter, however, the Cadets kicked a field goal to give them the lead.

In the following series, Simmons had big runs on every other play, which energized not only the fans but the team as well. Of his three stunning runs, which brought the Bills all the way from their end zone to the Cadets' 10-yard line, the always humble Simmons recollected, "I was tired."

The Bills decided to go for the sure bet, a field goal by Behr, to tie the score.

After an interception by Shipp, the Bills regained possession of the ball. On the ensuing drive, Behr threw a perfect, picturesque 76-yard pass to Paul Chaney, who ran it the rest of the way to the end zone with 2:34 left on the scoreboard.

The defense, charged with preserving the lead, came out and stonewalled CBC. After another Hunt interception, the game was all but over with the star of the night, Behr, taking a knee while the crowd went wild.

When asked why the Bills lost to DeSmet and fared so well against CBC, offensive line coach Mark Tychonievich responded, "The line held much better."

Senior captain Dave Klug attributed the win to CBC's lack of tackling ability.