

Turnovers plague SLUH offense

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down. Another pass from Hannah and then a Scott run got the Jr. Bills in Rams' territory, and then Scott sparked the SLUH crowd back into full life with a 27-yard rushing touchdown. The extra point was hit and SLUH now trailed 17-7.

Next, the Jr. Bills' defense successfully held the Rams to a four-and-out after the kickoff with 6:24 left in the half. Pounding the ball inside on four separate rushes eventually led to yet another Scott touchdown, this time from 29 yards out, making it 17-14 with 4:05 to go in the half.

A dropped pass down the field on the subsequent drive caused Ladue to stall out again, punting back to SLUH, but an impressive

punt, giving the SLUH offense a great opportunity with the ball on the Ladue 37. Unable to capitalize, they punted the ball right back to the Rams. Another golden opportunity followed, with the Rams punting from their own goal line. But this time, a couple of incomplete passes failed to advance the Jr. Bills into Ladue territory.

"If we had one more offensive drive after the second score, we could've scored again because of our tempo and intensity, but after the half, we didn't come out as strong as we wanted to," said Massenber.

Hannah converted a huge third down pass to senior Anthony Freeman to keep SLUH's first drive of the fourth quarter alive after be-

ing. On the ensuing possession, the quarterback option play proved effective, and the Jr. Bills marched into the Ladue red zone. But facing fourth down on the 9-yard line, SLUH's field goal attempt was unsuccessful and Ladue took over with 3:53 left.

Playing to run the clock out and preserve their lead, Ladue began to run the ball every play, forcing Jones to use his timeouts. SLUH finally forced fourth down with 22.5 seconds left, but it was too late. On the last play of the game, Ladue picked off Hannah again on a tipped desperation pass, dropping the Jr. Bills to 1-1 on the season.

"We went into last week's



Senior Austin Hannah attempting a pass last Friday night.

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punt pushed the Jr. Bills back to their own 20-yard line to start their drive with 2:02 left. The Jr. Bills, looking for deep plays, were unable to move to ball downfield and were forced to punt.

A huge sack on third down by senior Kam Bowdry halted the Ladue drive and forced yet another punt from the Rams, who had been struggling to move the ball in the second quarter. The first half ended on a big run by Hannah, but he was tackled before he was able to do any more damage on the scoreboard.

Going into the half, the Jr. Bills had five penalties.

After the break, both squads traded four-and-outs before Terry blocked Ladue's

ing pushed deep into their own territory. But the next play, a huge run by Scott, was negated by a holding penalty. SLUH then fumbled the ball, which was recovered by the Rams on the SLUH 14-yard line with 9:46 left.

"We had too many mistakes," said senior AJ Hardin.

Taking advantage of the great field position, Ladue ran a fake screen pass to the right, then threw it back to the left for an easy score that increased the Ladue lead to 24-14 with 8:53 to go.

On the following SLUH drive, a tipped pass was intercepted by Ladue and run back to the SLUH 33 with 7:57 to go. The Jr. Bills bounced back though, with an interception by Hardin with 7:38 remain-

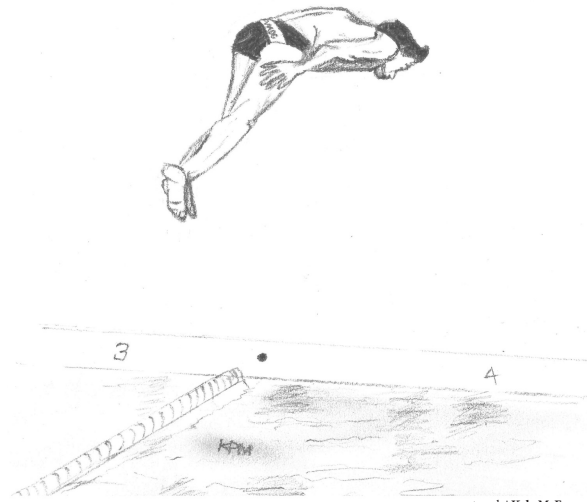
game coming off a big win the week before, thinking we were going to do the same thing," said Hannah.

The Jr. Bills' defense played well, forcing two turnovers as well as three fumbles. Although they allowed 17 points in the first quarter, they would only allow one more touchdown in the game.

"So now that we had that loss, it woke us up, so we are coming in this week prepared mentally and physically, and with a better mindset for the game this week," said Hannah.

Tonight SLUH plays their second home game, against the Chamainade Red Devils, at 7:30.

Divers raise scores against CBC



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Jellinek, Bodnar, and senior Nick Mattingly; and, most notably, from Fink in the 500 Freestyle. Fink was named Swimmer of the Meet for his strong race, his first individual qualification.

"It's nice to have it done," said Fink. "I was kind of worried that I was going to get close but never achieve it."

"I'm really proud of him," said Ehret. "He really swam well."

Notable swimmers also came from senior Jacob Fields in the 100 Butterfly, Jellinek in the 100 Breast-

stroke, Slatin in the 100 Freestyle, and Burke in the 200 Freestyle. Fields, Jellinek, and Mattingly all came within a half second of a state qualifying time.

Also notable were the divers, the unsung heroes of the team.

"We've had great improvements since Marquette (Relays)," said diving coach Brendan Lebrun. "The greatest improvement was from (junior) Justin (Surber) going from just under 100 points at Marquette to 123 points against CBC."

The team is also looking towards sophomores Gabe Mattingly in the 100 Breast-

stroke, Slatin in the 100 Freestyle, and Burke in the 200 Freestyle. Fields, Jellinek, and Mattingly all came within a half second of a state qualifying time.

Overall, the team is looking good so far. The next meet isn't until Friday, Sept. 8, against De Smet, giving the team a chance to recharge and remotivate after the first three meets.

"We're trying to be like megalodons, rising out of the deep depths of Forest Park Community College pool to swallow the competition and secure these wins," said Mattingly.

Cross Country Weekend Preview

This coming Saturday, Sept. 2, the St. Louis U. High varsity cross country team will have its first meet of the season.

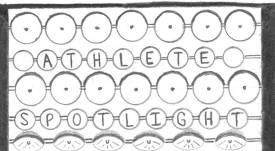
The runners will be participating in the Granite City Invitational, hosted by Granite City High School. There will be a total of 32 teams participating in the meet.

"Most of the schools are from Illinois and we won't race most of them the rest of the season," said head coach Joe Porter. "Edwardsville and O'Fallon both look really strong, as does Chatham Glenwood out of Springfield. It's hard to tell though since this is everyone's first race of the year."

The course is predicted to be a relatively fast course for the runners, though there are quite a few turns on the course, and the runners are not allowed to wear racing spikes, because part of the course goes through areas of concrete.

"I think that as long as the team executes the plan we have a really good chance at winning the meet, and if that doesn't go as planned I don't see us coming in anything worse than third or even second," said junior Patrick Hetlage. "The competition is good and the course is fast, so we're going try to wake up the sleeping giant that SLUH cross country is with a win."

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Junior Joe Feder qualified for State in five different events: the 400 Freestyle relay, 200 Freestyle, 200 Individual Medley, 100 Butterfly, and 200 Medley Relay last week in meets at Marquette and against CBC.

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