

## Hockey dominates to start season; has only given up two goals

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Still undefeated. The St. Louis U. High hockey team defeated Edwardsville 6-1 on Saturday and Vianney 6-0 on Monday to improve to 4-0 on the season. The Jr. Bills have allowed just two goals so far.

The Jr. Bills squared off against Edwardsville on Saturday at Affton for the second time this season. SLUH beat Edwardsville 8-0 in the semi-finals of the Top Hat Tournament.

The Jr. Bills scored twice within the first five minutes. The first goal was by senior Matthew Hohl who blasted the puck between the goalie's legs, and the second goal was by junior Henry Wagner.

The first penalty of the game was committed by Edwardsville which gave SLUH their first opportunity on the power play. It didn't take long for junior Justin Jacoby to find the back of the net and convert on their first power play of the game.

Jacoby scored another just before the end of the period to put the Jr. Bills up 4-0. SLUH had 20 shots on goal while the stifling Jr. Bill defense allowed just two shots.

Edwardsville scored two minutes into the second period, the first goal the defense allowed in the regular season. Sophomore Jack Hazelton picked up a two minute minor with two minutes left in the second to give Edwardsville



Junior Gabe Schwartz (left) and senior Joe Winkelmann (right) on the ice at Queeny Park Ice Rink.

photo | Mrs. Kathy Chott

their first power play opportunity of the game, but they quickly committed a penalty themselves to even things back out. Neither team could capitalize on their time on the power play, and the second period ended 4-1.

The third period was uneventful until Wagner netted his second goal of the game with five minutes left. Then, with a minute left in the game, junior Ian Carden scored to make the final score 6-1.

The Jr. Bills outshot Edwardsville 40-9 for the game, making junior goalie Dylan Bak's night easy.

"We added a lot more

guys and it's based on depth," said Hohl. "I think we have a solid three defensive pairs and I don't see many guys in the league that are going to be able to score that many goals on us especially because of our goaltenders."

The second game of the week was against the Vianney Griffins on Monday at Affton.

SLUH got off to a slow start in the first period until they got a break. After Vianney took a minor penalty, junior Gabe Schwartz netted his first of the night with a goal on the power play to put SLUH up 1-0.

Seniors Kevin Einig and

Jack Wachter both committed a penalty in the first period but Vianney was unable to capitalize.

"Throughout the first period there were many hard hits and extracurricular activity after the whistle.

"They came out hitting us and they were the first to push us around," said senior Steven Pawlow. "So our character as a team was tested and coach settled us down after the first period because we were just running trying to hit everyone. As soon as we got back to our game we were able to take care of business."

At the start of the second,

sophomore Bob Lockwood was given a two minute minor and Vianney was once again on the power play. But the Jr. Bills' defense shut down the power play and Vianney was not able to score a goal on the man advantage.

Later in the second, Vianney committed a penalty giving SLUH a power play. Unlike the first period, the Jr. Bills were not able to score on the man advantage.

With 3:32 left in the second period, Schwartz netted his second of the night and was eyeing a hat trick.

The hard hits led to Ha-

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## Fall of the Doc Dynasty: RBall meet streak ends at 76

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The varsity one squad took its first team loss in over seven years, to Parkway West last week, thus ending the streak of 76 consecutive meet wins. Parkway has been one of the Jr. Bills' main competitors, especially when it comes to nationals.

At the racquetball banquet last year, it was announced that the coach who started the program, Joe Koestner, was stepping down from the varsity head coach position. He decided to pass his long-term position down to his right hand man Robert Hoffman.

Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick also stepped down from his position as the racquetball director. He passed his title down to math teacher Stephen Deves.

The racquetball team also acquired a new coach who has worked with SLUH players individually prior to this year. His name is John Kleinschmidt. He worked a great deal with the varsity team last year and especially with doubles, resulting in his employment with the team.

Against Parkway West, No. 1 seed and returning senior James Storgion played Johnny Greenberg, taking Greenberg to three games before losing 14-15, 15-4, 8-11.

"We had a tough break, and we were a little rusty," said Storgion. "We were too confident."

No. 2 seed junior Matt Hayes began his third season of varsity with a loss against Parkway's Mark Duffie, the returning No. 2 seed. Both players fought hard, but Hayes fell 9-15, 12-15.

No. 3 seed and senior Adam Hanson won by forfeit to Jason Sauer, the previous No. 1 seed for Parkway.

Senior Steven Zak started his match off neck and neck with Kyle Anderson at the No. 4 seed. The first match ended 14-15 with Anderson winning. Zak then suffered a back injury and lost his match 6-15 because he could not keep up.

Senior Nick Patrilli was the only player to win his match not by forfeit. He played Logan Marx at the No. 5 seed. Marx was Patrilli's seed for Parkway's JV1 last year, so Patrilli was familiar with how Marx played as well as his weaknesses. All this resulted in a 15-14, 15-8 win for

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## Cross country wraps up season at NXN meet; finishes 3rd

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They're not dead yet! Inspired by Monty Python, the St. Louis U. High cross country team continued its season at the Nike Cross Nationals Midwest Regional last Saturday at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Ind.

The meet hosted high school teams from five states: Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, and Indiana. The team could not be officially coached by head coach Joe Porter, nor run under the SLUH name, though teams were restricted to runners from the same high school. To get around this rule, Jr. Bill runners ran as the St. Louis XC Club, coached by Jerry Burka, father of senior Paul Burka, and James Hetlage, father of junior Patrick Hetlage. Despite being restricted from coaching, Porter made the trip to Terre Haute strictly as a fan, cheering on the SLUH runners.

Fourteen SLUH runners made the trip, with a variety of classes represented. There were 952 finishers that had



Junior Reed Milnor (left), senior Paul Burka (middle), and junior Patrick Hetlage (right) in the Nike Cross Nationals Midwest Regional meet last Saturday.

photo | Mr. James Hetlage

to be split alphabetically into two separate races. The team was placed in the high school open division and finished third overall.

"It was a much better race than I thought we had at the state week before," said Porter.

"It was a much bigger

race than what we were used to and some high level competition," said sophomore Noah Scott. "Seeing this success in a race like NXN is good for a group that is really young like us because I think some of the trouble we had at the state race was we weren't used to running and having

success in a big field. Having that in this race is really good looking forward to next year."

Sophomore Adam Mittendorf and Burka led the Jr. Bills, finishing within a split second of each other at 16:22, taking 11th and 12th place overall respectively.

"It was a good thing for

a sophomore to be our lead guy," said Porter.

Hetlage (16:34) followed close behind in the chase pack and sophomores Lucas Rackers (16:51), Scott (17:02), and Garrett Seal (17:51) and junior Reed Milnor (16:52) rounded out the top seven places for the St. Louis XC Club.

"I was happy that I could run a PR in my last cross country race, and I was impressed at how well Adam Mittendorf ran," said Burka. "The team as a whole ran great too, we averaged 16:36 for the first five guys, faster than all but one guy last year."

"It was really good to race in a varsity caliber race," said freshman John Hogan who finished with a time of 18:22, leading the freshmen that made the trip. "It was good to get some experience."

The team also hosted Hogan's older brother Michael, a senior at CBC who trained with the team during the week and ran as an individual runner because CBC did not send a team to the meet.

"It was a fun dynamic," continued on page 7

## Varsity RBall falls, JV1-1 rises to occasion

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Patritti to start off his season.

"I had played him last year once, and lost to him, but I knew his play style really well," said Patritti. "After that, I was saucing everything."

No. 6 seed junior Ryan Lieser lost to Andrew Lofgren, 1-15, 7-15.

The doubles team of sophomores Nick Schulze and Andrew Porterfield won by forfeit.

"It was the first match of the season, and there's a lot of time to improve," said Deves. He continued with optimism, "We play Parkway again for the last match of the season, so we can see how we progressed."

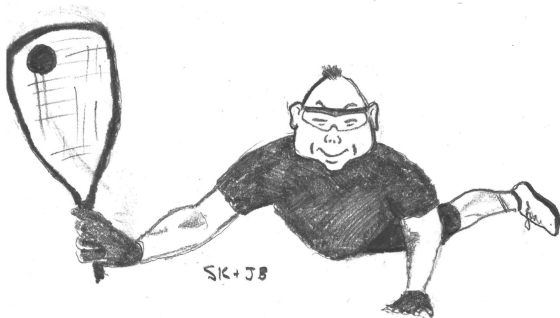
With the rough start to the season, the team has to focus on high percentage shots and ceiling balls in order to maintain control of the court.

The JV1-1 squad faced

Parkway as well with a win of four matches to one.

This weekend, the teams will be playing in the annual Rollout Tournament which is required for all the players. The competition is usually harder than the regular season.

After the break, on Nov. 28, the JV1-1 and varsity guys will be taking on Lindbergh's teams.



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## XC makes statement at NXN for next season

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said Porter. "We called him our one day senior transfer."

This race provided the up and coming varsity team, consisting of the six underclassmen runners from this season and other promising underclassmen runners, the chance to make a lasting statement to end the 2017 cross country season and foreshadow the

2018 season.

"I think that the freshman and sophomore classes are really strong and made a good statement about the future of our cross country team at the meet," said Hogan.

SLUH cross country looks to have a majority of their varsity runners returning next season, as Burka was the only senior varsity runner.

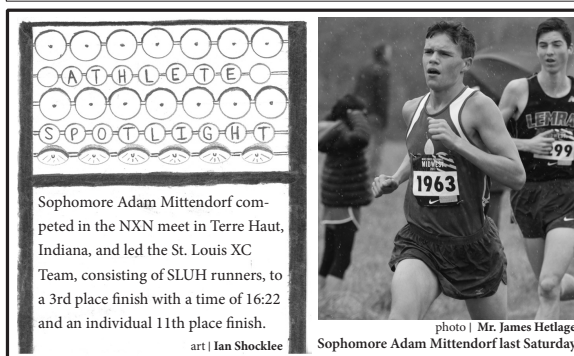
"I have a lot of faith in the guys next year, to train hard, learn from their mistakes, and have a good season," said Burka.

"It was a nice way for Paul to end his SLUH career and great experience for the returning varsity group," said Porter.

## Underclassmen XC Wrap-Up

At the JV level, injuries set in, but still produced a stellar line-up. The team won the MCC meet, the Borgia Invitational, and Juniors Jack Buehring and Chuck Perry provided good options to fill the last varsity spots, running in the low 17:30's for their season records. Sophomores Mitchell Booher, Joe Callahan, and Garrett Seal also looked poised to make a run for the last varsity spots for next season, having run under 18:00 throughout the season.

The freshmen, like almost every SLUH Freshman cross country team, can be best described as nothing short of dominant. In all of their races throughout the season, they were only defeated as a team three times, only ever taking second. The freshmen class offers Daniel Hogan as a candidate to take the last varsity spot next season. Hogan broke 18 minutes at the time trial on the track earlier this season.



Sophomore Adam Mittendorf competed in the NXN meet in Terre Haute, Indiana, and led the St. Louis XC Team, consisting of SLUH runners, to a 3rd place finish with a time of 16:22 and an individual 11th place finish.

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Sophomore Adam Mittendorf last Saturday.

## Gaelic Football plays in inaugural game against local club

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The Irish spirit of St. Louis U. High was unleashed Wednesday night during the first ever Gaelic football match on SLUH turf, against the Irishmen of Saint Louis.

The SLUH Gaelic football team, founded this year by seniors Luke Wilmes, Andrew Lally, and Dominic Watkins, had its first scrimmage against the St. Louis Gaelic Athletic Club (STL GAC) on Wednesday at 7 p.m. on the SLUH football turf.

The game was coordinated by Wilmes, who plays for the Happy Apples team on STL GAC.

"We've been practicing for weeks, and no other school has a team, so I figured the best

way the SLUH team could get some competition would be against the actual Saint Louis teams," said Wilmes.

The SLUH team was a little nervous, but very excited to play with and against STL GAC.

"I felt a little nervous, but overall really good and excited," said Lally.

The SLUH team quickly realized that their speed and agility were no match for the experienced players from STL GAC.

"We came into the first half playing soccer and dribbling the ball on the ground," said Wilmes. "They just scooped it up from the ground and pounded down the points."

"We quickly realized that

it's not all about scoring in the goal but that we should always try to score over the bar if the opportunity arose," said junior Justin Lombard.

The first half ended with a score of 2-9 (15 points) STL GAC to 0-1 (one point) SLUH, with junior Joe Mantych scoring SLUH's only point.

"It was a bit overwhelming losing by a lot, but our team made up for the loss in high spirit and energy, but it certainly doesn't feel bad to be SLUH's all-time leading scorer in Gaelic football," said Mantych.

For the second half the two teams traded players so that the less experienced SLUH players could play alongside the pros.

"The scrimmage was re-

ally fun. Participating in a game with pros was great. It gave me a model of how the game is actually played, and I think it'll help me as I continue to learn how to play," said senior Kevin Murati.

"It was awesome to play with experienced players as many gave us tips on how to improve and how to become a better team," said Lombard. "Being able to play with people who have been playing for years and know the sport was very exciting for me," said freshman Nick Storer.

Although the SLUH Gaelic football team didn't come out of the game with a win, they gained valuable experience and insight on playing the beautiful game of Gaelic football.

## Jr. Bills get rough with Vianney in rout

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more penalties in the third period giving SLUH ample amounts of time on the power play and they didn't waste it. On the second penalty, Einig scored his first goal of the night.

Before the game ended, Wachter netted his first goal of the night to make the final score 6-0.

Junior Brendan Rasch got the start in net and posted another shutout. He hasn't allowed a goal throughout the Top Hat Tournament and regular season.

"Our special teams were very good. In games where the opponent tries to be physical with you, the need to win the battle of special teams is crucial," said Behan. "With two power play goals and one shorthanded goal, we dominated special team play."

The Jr. Bills were 2 for 5 on the power play and 4 on 4 on the penalty kill.

"Every game we challenge the players to improve," said Behan. "Small things from the game that needs improvement will be addressed this week in practice."

The next game is tonight against Fort Zumwalt West at Affton at 9:45, where the Jr. Bills look to go 5-0 on the season.

In the third period senior Louie Perotti netted his first of the night to extend the lead.

Vianney committed two



The SLUH Gaelic football team and the St. Louis Gaelic Athletic Club after their game on Wednesday.

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