



## Mudfest 2k18: XC edges rival Rockhurst; takes 2nd at FPXC in front of hype fans

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Mud flew as young men slid down the hills. The Blue Crew screamed and cheered on the boys to the finish on their home turf. The Saint Louis U. High cross country team had a big day, defeating the number one team in the state, Rockhurst. SLUH's varsity placed second to Nequa Valley, a team from Illinois just outside Chicago, known for their numerous National Championships.

The race was held in Forest Park last Saturday. Head coach Joe Porter led and set up the event with the help of a group of parent volunteers and other coaches in the area. He took off school Thursday and Friday to prepare the course.

"Our coaches were out there measuring and marking. We were filling holes with mulch. We had to cut a little grass. Stages and porta-potties and all those different things that came into what needed to be done," said Porter. "It was a very large undertaking."

Porter and his crew worked hard the week preceding the festival, and it paid off.

"There were 3,499 participants from 122 high schools with 197 teams when you split up the genders by school, all from four states. It is one of the largest meets in the Midwest," said Porter. "We organized over 150 volunteers. It was not an easy job."

Come raceday, the varsity finished second among the 23 teams racing in their division. They beat the number one ranked team in the state, Rock-



XC varsity after their second place finish. photo | Mr. Jim Hetlage

hurst, by one point, 114-115. SLUH's scoring order was 3-20-22-24-45(62)(68).

Senior Patrick Hetlage led the pack for the Jr. Bills, finishing third overall with a 17:20 5K, with the next closest SLUH runners being a close pack of junior Lucas Rackers, senior Chris Staley, and senior Reed Milnor taking 20th, 22nd, and 24th place with times of 18:03, 18:05, and 18:08, respectively. The top four Jr. Bills earned medals. At 45th, the final scorer, was junior Joe Callahan who ran a time of 18:32. Freshman Grant Brawley, junior Noah Scott, and sophomores Daniel Hogan and Ryan Kramer rounded out the rest of the varsity squad, all placing in the top 100 in a race with 176 runners.

Appearing at the varsity race was SLUH STUCO's Blue Crew. While students in the past have rarely come to races,

the loud cheers from the student section helped motivate the top nine to a strong finish.

"I think the combination of the conditions and the energy that filled Forest Park really got the excitement up. It was a great time with fantastic energy," said Blue Crew member Brian Lymberopoulos. "The boys from Blue Crew really let the energy out when the SLUH runners passed, and it was awesome to see the runners react positively."

The JV team finished 6th out of 20 teams. The only medalists were senior Jack Buehring, who placed 22nd, running a 19:31, and junior Peter Dillon, just three seconds behind at 19:34. Sophomore Reid Jackson, junior Garrett Seal and senior Chuck Perry all finished together, crossing the finish line at 19:41, 19:41, and 19:44, finishing 32nd, 33rd, and 35th.

## Soccer steadily collects pair of late wins; high energy fires up team against Webster

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The St. Louis U. High soccer team is playing a season of David vs. Goliath—SLUH being the size of David. Playing at a disadvantage in size and physicality, the Jr. Bills conquered Webster and Rock Bridge, winning both games 1-0. However, the team suffered a 2-0 defeat against the De Smet Spartans.

SLUH kicked off the week against the Webster High Statesmen on SLUH's own turf. In the first half, the only real opportunity the Jr. Bills had was a free kick that was saved by Webster's goalkeeper. The rest of the half featured constant changes in possession and lots of mid-field play.

"At half it was obvious that the energy just wasn't there—something consistent through a few games this season so far," said senior Luke Stachowski. "But during

halftime, people like (Alex) Lehmann and (Brian) Lymbo really got the boys hyped up and I think that's what changed it for us."

The energy was clearly different as the team entered the second half. Despite some questionable calls from the referees, the boys kept their

heads up. Tempers flared slightly, too, as two Webster players were both given yellow cards less than a minute apart; intensity continued to rise as Webster missed a free kick far left with 17 minutes left.

"We wanted to win and so did Webster, so we knew

that if we didn't come out of the break with that energy, we would not get the result we wanted," said sophomore Adam Wolfe.

The Jr. Bills broke through when a pass from junior Charles Neuwirth to sophomore Tilahun Murphy

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## Swimming strategy in dual meet impresses despite pressure

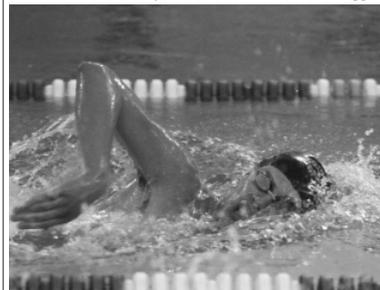
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The St. Louis U. High Swim and Dive Team made a couple of big splashes this past Saturday afternoon at the Ladue Invitational and at a dual meet against CBC on Tuesday. JV took eighth at Ladue and varsity bested CBC by 40 points.

At the Ladue Invitational, many of the athletes competed in their first large swim meet. Freshman Eric Piening and sophomore Carson Cornett, both of whom dropped multiple seconds swimming lead-off legs of the 200 Free and 400 Free Relays, respectively. Other notable swimmers came from senior captain Will Slatin, who went to Ladue to swim the 500 Freestyle and shaved off about 1 minute and 20 seconds from his time, and sophomore Charlie Wills, who dropped over four seconds in the 100 Butterfly for a

defeated dual meet season at risk, the team was able to perform under pressure, achieving 19 of their best times of the season. Senior captains Joe Feder and Daniel Fink led the team off the blocks with a one-two finish in the 200 Freestyle, bettering their state qualifying times by two seconds and one second, respectively. It is worth noting that Feder's time of 1:46.52 places him second in the state of Missouri, and Fink's season best time of 4:52.70 in the 500 Freestyle is also a number two ranking in the state. Additionally in the 200 Free, Russian exchange student Mikhail Shulepov made his home-pool debut on Tuesday with a time of 2:00.31.

Next, in the 200 Individual Medley, in addition to solid time drops from senior Garrett Baldes and junior Josh Brown, freshman Cooper Scharff added a second individual state-cut, dropping



Senior Daniel Fink at CBC dual meet. photo | Louis Barnes

new personal best time.

"We had a lot of the JV guys swimming the 200 Free, the 200 IM, those kinds of events that are good to get experience in because they are longer and a little more challenging," commented head coach Lindsey Ehret. "We did well and showed a lot of improvements in technique that they are applying from changes made at practice."

Because the JV squad had already received an opportunity to race at the Ladue Invitational, it was varsity's turn to churn some water this past Tuesday, in a match up against one of its strongest competitors: the CBC Cadets.

"We went in thinking it would be a really tough meet, so we showed, and we were competitive," said Ehret.

In anticipation of one of the most difficult dual meets in her four year coaching career at SLUH, Ehret "stacked the meet"—she placed each swimmer in his best event and put an extra emphasis on relay depth. Her strategy worked, with the U. High grabbing two of the top three spots in every event, a testament to the depth of the swim team.

With the goal of an un-

four seconds for a 2:01.51. The 100 Freestyle also proved to be a fruitful event for the SwimBills, as Slatin snagged another one second drop, and Feder earned a state cut, posting a time of 48.47.

The 200 Freestyle Relay, comprised of Scharff, junior Andrew Zimmermann, Slatin, and Feder, pulled off a trifecta, earning the team's third state cut of the evening with a time just five seconds shy of the team record. Baldes, as well as juniors Evan Lu and Nicholas Dalaviras, each clocked a one second time drop in the 100 Breaststroke to close out the individual events.

The final event, the 400 Freestyle Relay, saw the team of Fink, Slatin, Scharff, and Feder at the brink of exhaustion, as each swimmer had raced at least once in the past five minutes. The squad did not let that faze them, as they pulled together a come-from-behind performance, out-touching the CBC team by just .23 seconds and sealing the victory for the Jr. Bills. Scharff was named Swimmer of the Meet, not only for his state qualifying

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## Around the Hallways

**Mirrors in the hallway**  
In the middle and at the end of every hallway, students have noticed new panoramic mirrors that were just recently installed to improve security. According to Assistant Principal for Student Life Brock Kesterson, the mirrors serve two purposes. They allow first responders to get a glimpse at

the hall and where they need to go. The mirrors also give Kesterson a view of the hall by standing in just one place.

**Safety drills**  
This past Monday and Tuesday, all students were required to take part in emergency drills at the beginning of activity period. The fire drill

was held on Monday, where all students, faculty, and staff were to report to the football field. On Tuesday, lockdown and tornado drills were held. Due to the ongoing construction in the basement, the routes for some in the tornado drills were slightly altered.

**Family Mass**  
Last Sunday, Sept. 9, Campus Ministry hosted the SLUH

Family Mass in the Chapel. Students were invited to celebrate Mass with family members. Following the Mass, all were treated to a free continental breakfast in the Commons, including muffins, pastries, coffee, and juice.

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## XC takes 2nd at Forest Park; V2 prepares for Enke

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-ing with the same conditions and if you're going to let that determine how you race then you're not going to do well," Porter said.

"Obviously we were all excited to have beaten Rockhurst who was ranked 1st in the state and 11th in the nation, but we all know we have more work to do," said Callahan. "We only beat them by one point and their sixth man would've beaten ours so if it went to a tiebreaker, we would've lost. If any of our guys were passed by a single runner in the final stretch, we would've lost. If any of Rockhurst's top 5 would've passed just one more runner, we would've lost to them. That being said, we're confident in where we are right now with plenty of time left before state and we know we must continue to work hard and get better if we even want to have a chance

at bringing home the state title." This Saturday, SLUH will race in the Paul Enke Invitational on arguably one of the hardest cross country courses in Missouri. Known for its hilly terrain, runners will take on hills nicknamed "Manmaker," "Confidence Breaker," and "Roller Coaster," before finishing the 5k course. Because in two weeks the Varsity team will be traveling to the Palatine Invitational just outside of Chicago, the team will be running a Varsity 2 squad, pulling out the nine who raced varsity at FPXC. Even though the team will not be running their regular varsity, Coach Joe Porter still remains very optimistic in the team's chances this week.

"We are excited to compete and test ourselves and I am looking forward to seeing where that takes us," closes Coach Joe Porter.

## Three new members add energy to third floor

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-ward to chaperoning the March For Life, and as well as to the many more opportunities coming her way.

While Dohmeyer and Antony are new to the SLUH atmosphere and culture, Liz Tuxbury, the new Events Co-

ordinator is quite familiar with SLUH.

"I handle alumni events on and off campus, out of town receptions, and also just a lot of events that just come up," said Tuxbury.

However, her job will be-



Amanda Antony. photo | Mrs. Kathy Chott

ordinator is quite familiar with SLUH.

"My history with SLUH goes back a little far. My dad was a graduate of class of '83 ... A lot of my friends also went here," said Tuxbury.

While looking for a new job, Tuxbury was shown an advertisement for the position at SLUH. The advertisement drew her to apply, and eventually land the job.

As the events coordinator, Tuxbury has her hands

full with organizing and planning a lot of the events that are SLUH related.

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"I think after those two sacks the O-line really shut down on themselves, thinking that these De Smet guys were too fast for them, but I don't think they were," said Hannah. "I think if we had the mentality that we were better, we could have outplayed them."

## Varsity football overpowered by Spartans 35-7

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play from around midfield with 5:22 left in the third quarter. They marched through the SLUH defensive zone on several big plays from the running back, scored again as the quarter expired, extending the De Smet lead to 28-7 after the extra point

"We knew they had all the momentum at that point, we just had to get a stop to give the offense another chance. We know we could make a stop and get something going on offense," said Thompson. But the De Smet offense proved to be too much to handle.

SLUH started the fourth quarter with possession, looking to string something together for a comeback. They were unsuccessful, however, as all they mounted was a couple of three-and-outs, and De Smet strung together a long drive to score one more touchdown with 3:38 left in the game to seal the 35-7 victory.

"I think I did decently in the first half, but as the rain started coming down, it was difficult for me, for my first game being put in that adversity," said Hannah. "But after seeing that, I think against Jeff City we can definitely get it done."

The Jr. Bills' next matchup will be tonight at home against the visiting 2-1 Jefferson City High Jays. Hannah will be starting at quarterback.

"What we specifically (worked) on for Jefferson City are tackling drills... (focusing) on our assignments. We have too many guys trying to do too much," said Jones. "We need everyone doing their job at the best of their ability."

The Spartans picked up

are all working for here," said Tuxbury.

Dohmeyer, Antony, and Tuxbury have not only been impacted by the faculty, but have also made a positive first impression on their peers.

"Ms. Tuxbury has jumped right in, helping with our events ... Ms. Dohmeyer is a really positive energy, and great for us to get to know her. It is nice to have an outside perspective, and bounce ideas off of her ... Ms. Antony has been great and super helpful," said John Penilla, director of Annual Giving. "They

are willing to get their hands dirty right away and get things done."

So while they may not be very visible, the staff on the third floor, both new and old, are constantly at work improving the lives of SLUH students, and they are motivated by the students to help them keep this school running.

## Calendar

### Friday, September 14 Regular Schedule

Math Department Day  
AP Sophomore Class Mass  
Union College New York  
Drake University  
Snack—Chicken Rings  
Lunch Special—Country Fried Steak  
Vegetarian—Garden Burger  
4:00PM Swimming & Diving vs De Smet  
7:00PM V Football vs Jefferson City

### Saturday, September 15

9:00 AM V2, JV, C Cross Country Paul Enke Invitational  
Swimming & Diving vs Marquette  
9:30 AM B Soccer vs Gateway Legacy  
11:00 AM JV Soccer vs Gateway Legacy  
12:00PM B Football @ Jefferson City  
6:00PM V Soccer @ CBC Tournament

### Sunday, September 16

6:00PM Selective College Sunday

### Monday, September 17 Regular Schedule

M/C Honduran Project Collection  
Fine Arts Department Day  
AP JET College Tour  
The Catholic University of America  
Texas Christian University  
The College of Wooster  
Cornell College  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Indiana University at Bloomington  
Nova Southeastern University  
Snack—Mini Corn Dogs  
LUNCH Special—Chicken Quesadilla  
Vegetarian—Burrito  
4:15PM C Soccer @ De Smet

### Tuesday, September 18 Regular Schedule

M/C Honduran Project Collection  
AP Senior Class Meeting  
Snack—Pizza Stick  
LUNCH Special—Taco Bar  
Vegetarian—Sweet Potato  
St. Mary's University of San Antonio  
Lafayette College  
Monmouth College  
Kenyon College  
Illinois Institute of Technology  
Bradley University  
Lake Forest College  
3:30PM JV Soccer @ Hillsboro Tournament  
4:30PM Swimming & Diving vs Oakville and Lafayette  
5:00PM B Soccer vs Collinsville

### Wednesday, September 19 Regular Schedule

M/C Honduran Project Collection  
M/C Freshman Cookie Sale  
AP DePaul University  
Oklahoma City University  
DePauw University  
University of San Diego  
Northwestern University  
Southern Methodist University  
Trinity University  
Snack—Cinnamon Rolls  
LUNCH Special—Meatball Sandwich  
Vegetarian—Tilapia  
4:30PM C Soccer @ Bayless  
6:00PM JV Soccer @ Hillsboro Tournament

### Thursday, September 20 Regular Schedule

M/C Honduran Project Collection  
M/C Freshman Cookie Sale  
Reunion Weekend  
Soccer 75th Year Celebration  
AP University of Notre Dame  
University of Dayton  
Case Western Reserve University  
Belmont University  
Newman University  
The University of Arizona  
Benedictine College  
Snack—Mozzarella Cheese Stick  
LUNCH Special—Bellacinos Pizza  
Vegetarian—Black Bean Burger  
Eckerd College  
4:00PM JV Soccer @ Hillsboro Tournament  
5:00PM B Soccer vs Vianney  
7:00PM V Soccer vs Vianney

### Friday, September 21 No school—Faculty day

M/C Honduran Project Collection  
Reunion Weekend  
Faculty Day  
4:30PM B Soccer @ Eureka  
6:00PM V Soccer @ Eureka  
7:00PM V Football @ CBC

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## Underclassmen Briefs

**B Football**  
9/10 -De Smet  
SLUH 21 9 7 0 F: 37  
De Smet 0 8 0 22 F: 30  
Logan Neumann/Bobby Conroy: 8 tackles, 1 sack each  
Luke Johnston 2 rush TD 2 pass TD

**C Soccer**  
9/11 - Edwarsville  
SLUH 1 1 F:2  
Edwarsville w0 2 F:2  
Goals: Connor McCullar, Colin Bryan

9/12 - Chaminade  
SLUH 0 1 F:1

Chaminade 0 0 F:0  
Goals: Jared Thornberry (with 1 second left)

**B Soccer**  
9/8 -Rockbridge  
SLUH 0 2 F:2  
Rockbridge 0 0 F:0  
Goals: Jack Rudder, Dominic Poncirol (1)

**JV Soccer**  
9/6 -Webster Groves  
SLUH 1 1 F:2  
WG 0 3 F:3  
Goals: Ben Gremaud, Juan Hernandez

9/7 -Fort Zumwalt West  
SLUH 3 1 F:4  
FZW 1 0 F:1  
Goals: Juan Hernandez (2),

Thomas Reilly, Amar Mujezinovic (1)  
9th Baker Pashea 11:49:91  
14th Joe Labarge 11:55:81  
15th Sean Kellogg 11:58:80  
26th Stephen Derlan 12:14:32  
31st Graham Sanfilippo 12:23:25

-compiled by Jimmy Stanley

**JV/C Cross-Country**  
9/8 Forest Park Festival IV  
Top 5 K  
25th Peter Dillon 19:34:41  
32nd Reid Jackson 19:41:39  
33rd Garrett Seal 19:41:84  
**C Cross Country**  
Top 5 3K