

McArthur Returns, Spartans Shutout

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The Jr. Bills, with the 14-0 defeat of Jesuit rival DeSmet last Friday, rung up yet another MCC victory, bringing their conference record to 10-0 since the conception of the Metro Catholic Conference three years ago.

With the return of senior quarterback John McArthur, along with the powerful running by senior Micah Taylor and sophomore Renato Fitzpatrick, the Gridbills made many a Spartan head spin in SLUH's stadium last week, as the Bills totaled 233 yards of offense. Meanwhile, in a superb defensive effort, SLUH allowed only 146 yards to the Spartans. Senior Nathan Cook was not at all surprised by the stellar play of the Gridbills. His opinion was simply stated as, "Just like last year."

In the first quarter, the Spartans gave the Bills a scare, causing many to think it would be a very long night for SLUH. On their first drive, the Spartans pushed SLUH to its own twenty-five yard line before being stuffed by the Bills defense. The Bills, now in control of the direction of play, marched down the field with character, showing poise as they dominated all aspects of the field. Four minutes after taking possession of the ball, following beautiful plays by Taylor, Fitzpatrick, and a twenty-seven yard reception by senior Tim Cuneo, Taylor lit up the scoreboard by powering the ball thirteen yards for the touchdown. While loyal Jr. Bills in the stands were celebrating, senior Chris Calsyn kicked a towering extra point that, without doubt, would have split the posts from fifty yards.

With three and a half minutes left in the quarter, DeSmet began working the ball deep in its own territory. With nine seconds left, DeSmet gave up the enterprise after being forced into a fourth and eleven situation by Jr. Bill defenders. Unfortunately, as soon as the offense took control, a pass was picked off by the

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Opponents Snuff Soccerbills' Attempt to Improve Record

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The Jr. Bills' varsity soccer team really likes the .500 mark. SLUH entered the week with a 4-4-4 record and finished three games with ones across the board. The Martelbills progressed from a loss to Vianney to a tie against Chaminade and then a victory over Oakville.

Against Vianney, the Soccerbills jumped out to an early one-goal lead that held until halftime. The goal came on a shot by senior co-captain Brian Haddock from a cross by junior Matt Eilerman.

But Vianney took charge of the second half. Martel said, "It looked like [we] were confused and tired." The Griffins' Todd Valdez apparently concurred, scor-

ing a hatrick in the final forty minutes of play.

After resting a few days, SLUH met up with MCC rival Chaminade in the first game of the first round of the Granite City Tournament. The Soccerbills did what they have been doing with surprising success this season. That is, tying.

Although the Soccerbills controlled much of the game, both teams had their chances. Chaminade took advantage of such a time when Ben Bocklage headed the ball past the Jr. Bills' keeper. SLUH did not give up, though. Late in the first half junior Matt Powers headed a pass from senior Paul Jost by the goalie.

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Harriers Show Speed, Strength, and Depth at Parkway West Invitational

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The Parkway West Invitational held last Saturday at Parkway Central became the Jr. Bills first invitational victory of the year, as they easily outdistanced the ten-team field in what many consider to be one of the best small meets in the area.

Seniors Pat Hamel (17:19) and Kevin Myers (17:23) led the Harriers with fifth and sixth place finishes after being one-two at one point during the race. Tim Chik (17:31), Eric Monda (17:52), Tim Denny (17:58), and Joel Brown (18:15) finished in the top twenty and medaled along with Hamel and Myers. Sophomore Joe Donnelly came in twenty-eighth place in his first varsity race with a time of 18:33.

SLUH won this meet for the first time ever with a low score of 52 points, followed by Lafayette (75), Kirkwood (78), Marquette (107), and Jeff City

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Aquabills Defeat Rival MICDS Rams in Closest Game of Season

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The Polobills played their closest game of this year against the Rams of Mary Institute/Country Day School on Tuesday of this week. Up until Tuesday's contest, SLUH's tightest game was probably against Parkway South in the semi-finals of the *Suburban Journal* Tournament when the Blow-outbills scraped by with a 14-2 nailbiter.

Tuesday's game was played at MICDS, which worked to the Rams' advantage, as the game was played at 8 p.m. as opposed to the usual 5 p.m. weekday starts. SLUH established control early by scoring before one minute had expired from the game.

At the end of the quarter, the teams switched sides and things started to go against the Busenbills. Proving that an offense runs better in the deep-end than the shallow-end of the pool, Country

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Sophomore Soccer Team Improving With Every Game

by Chris Pelikan and Dave Matter
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After a second place finish in the annual SLUH B-Soccer Tournament, Coach Tom McCarthy, along with supporters of the B-Soccer team, have begun to assess the team and the first half of its '94 campaign.

Last year fans and coaches did not know what to expect from the sporadic '93 B-bills. With this year's squad, however, Coach McCarthy notices "improvement in every game" due to the defensive style of play adopted by the club.

Highlights of the season to date include victories over Aquinas Mercy, Rockwood Summit, and Collinsville. Outscoring their opponents 11 to 7, the McCarthybills' balance of offensive pressure and defensive stamina have keyed successful results.

Tri-captains Bill Sommer, Mike Adrian, and Ryan O'Connell will continue to lead the B-Bills through the remainder of the schedule. In commenting on the team's efforts so far this season, a cautious Sommer acknowledged that the squad is "having trouble finishing" but he concluded, "Overall, the team is playing fairly well."

Adding to Sommer's comments, O'Connell stated that "the loss to Mehlville was somewhat of a setback, but the rest of the season has been going smoothly." O'Connell was referring to a frustrating 1-0 loss to the Panthers on September 15.

Confidence will most likely be the B-team's strongest weapon when they face conference foes Chaminade, Vianney, and CBC in the upcoming weeks.

One of the few remaining questions about this squad is whether or not they will be able to emulate last year's first place performance at the McCluer JV Tournament.

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Head Coach Jim Linhares commented that the varsity race was "one more lesson and it will help [the team] learn how to race in the state meet."

The JV team annihilated the other squads with a perfect score of fifteen and took ten of the twenty medals that were given. John Flynn won his second individual title of the year with a time of eighteen minutes flat. The rest of the SLUH JV runners streamed in after Flynn. Ben Fanson was second in 18:12, Tim Blessing took third in 18:21, Keith Myers placed fourth in 18:29, and John Weller finished fifth in 18:35. Mark Bonk and John Sauter rounded out the second seven with times of 19:29 and 19:40 respectively.

SLUH's JV success did not stop there as its second JV team beat all but one of the competing teams in placing third. Dan Range, Tim Lescher, and Ben Caldwell, the top three on the second team, also received medals for their top twenty finishes.

Linhares stated, "The JV shutout really stood out." He added, "[The team]

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win the game in the second half also, but, plagued as they are, SLUH could not do it. A missed penalty kick could have given the Jr. Bills the edge, but instead, they had to settle for a tie.

Improving their record as the week progressed, the Martelbills again reached par with a victory in the second game of the Granite City Tournament.

Solid play characterized the battle against Oakville. Both teams equally controlled the offensive and aggressive match-up. In the waning minutes of the first half, senior Greg King took Oakville to school. A pass from Haddock gave King the opportunity to drive a low far-post shot into the net.

But Oakville bounced back after halftime. Brian Coles took advantage of a breakaway and dead-locked the game again.

SLUH did not become disheartened. Instead, the Martelbills fought back and won the game in the final ten minutes.

impressed many people with its performance here."

The C team completed the three level clean-sweep of the meet by leaving a strong DeSmets squad far behind in second place. Ben Rosario won the meet with a time of 19:10. The rest of the top seven were John Ramsey (19:36), John Christie (20:21), Chris LaRose (20:26), Chris Graesser (20:33), Scott Lauer (20:41), and Paul Lotus (20:58).

Last Tuesday the B team won the DuBourg Invitational and the JV team, running in the varsity race, placed second.

Despite these victories, the Linharesbills suffered a temporary setback this week. Senior Tim Denny was hit by a Jeep in practice on Wednesday. Fortunately, Denny is in good condition. He has not suffered any broken bones but only minor abrasions and bruises on his lower leg. Although he is being checked by an orthopedist for tendon damage, he is recovering quickly, and may be back as soon as late next week. He is definitely expected to return this season.

The cross country team is in action today at the Metro Invitational at Jefferson Barracks with races starting at 4:00pm.

Junior Matt Eilerman launched a throw-in which Jost headed over a charging goalie.

This goal, aided by a crisp and confident performance from SLUH goalie Mike Hendricks, who was giving Dave Jetton a break, gave SLUH its fifth win.

"We needed this win," claimed Haddock; "it is a well-deserved confidence booster for Friday's match against CBC. It is time for us to step up and put a streak of wins together."

Senior Jason Salinardi, a regular at SLUH soccer games, thought, "It was good to see the team rebound and keep applying pressure after Oakville came back to tie the game."

SLUH's only chance for extended life in the Granite City Tournament would come if it defeats the CBC Cadets, a team it tied in the CBC Tournament earlier this year. Martel prophesized, "If they want to win, they can win. They're surely capable."