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JV Football starts slow; looks to build along with new coaching staff

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o far, the IV football sea-Son has been off to a rocky start. With a record of 1-1 against Gateway and Ladue, with varsity. The St. Louis U. High JV football has not had the season they predicted so far.

SLUH beat Gateway 27-0 and lost to Ladue 17-0. The regime are looking forward to into a happy ending. Jefferson City game was canteaching the boys how to ac-

courage against adversity; we ter players and men." don't have the greatest numcoach Teron Sutherlin. "The ter. team's weaknesses are mostly related to numbers and injuries setting them back."

player's level of dedication ing a great job. in practice has nothing to do with their recent losses. They through their scrimmages

rest of the brand new coaching climate to a new system of the "Honestly, I think our game, and preparing them for biggest strength has been our the next level—becoming bet-

One thing holding the JV bers right now but this team back is a lot of players being has the fight, the will to want moved up to varsity, which is to win more than prior groups a great thing intrisically but to win more than prior groups a great thing intrisically but I've been with," said head hurts the talent on the JV ros-

"We're losing a lot of talented guys to varsity. Last year we only had three sopho-Despite the slow start, mores playing varsity football, Sutherlin remains encour- now we have eight. However, aged. He reaffirms that the the new coaching staff is do-

great job. to play De Smet on Sept. 11 They bring more en- at SLUH, but the game was ergy than the coaches from turned into a freshman game were having successful prac- prior years and teach us not where the team brought tices and getting quality reps only lessons on football, but down seven sophomores to lessons on life as well," said play against De Smet's freshvarsity. junior quarterback Steven man team. The JV team was When asked what goals Mack, who looks forward to not able to play due to lack of the team had for the rest of the season with a players and injuires. season, Sutherlin said, "The positive mindset and is determined to turn the rough start CBC Monday, Sept. 25.



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SLUH's next game is at

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Ball continues to roll for soccer; ranked 13th in the nation

(continued from page 9) teams down the road,

said Martel. "Sometimes we need to

refocus on the game," said Gremaud. "We can have fun, but our main focus must be the game." With Martel's words, the

Jr. Bills continued their high level of play. Early on, senior Will Rudder, the team's leading scorer, put up a goal for the team when he went bar down off an open shot.

Ten minutes later, junior Reid Horton scored his first goal of the season to give the Ir. Bills a 2-0 lead.

The Jr. Bills also had strong offensive showing from junior forward Louis Vacca, who put up the final goal of the night after a Bull-dog defender botched a clear off a corner straight into Vac ca, who headed it into the net.

For the rest of the game the Jr. Bills balled out defensively, allowing no shots on goal and keeping possession for most of the second half to coast to the 3-0 victory.

With these victories, No. 13 in the nation and defended their No. 1 ranking in the state. However the Ir. Bills CYC tournament as they will in this area that could be keep playing hard.



Junior Louis Vacca against St. Mary's on Monday

play in the semifinals this ranked 13th in the country weekend. Possible matchups if the ball rolls the right way the Jr. Bills had moved up to include rivals CBC or De at certain times," said Martel.

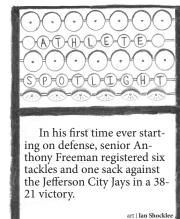
Smet, or Webster Groves or "We've been fortunate. We've created our own good will, "I feel excited about that, but we need to understand

still have to battle through but the guys need to under- that we're not heads above some tough squads in the stand that there are 10 teams everyone else, and we need to Peter O'Malley.

The team's next game is today agaiinst Kirkwood at 6 p.m. at Soccer Park.

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"Come out and watch the boys in blue and the best managers this side of the Mississippi," said senior manager





Senior Anthony Freeman

photo | Mrs. Kathy Chott

XC uses cancellation for time trial: looks forward to Palatine and Hancock

the Stockley verdict and participate in a meet of last Friday, the cross counties a magnitude. try team's scheduled meet, the Paul Enke Cross Country Invitational hosted by Hazelwood Central High School at Sioux Passage Park, was cancelled.

ed to make a time trial contest between squads that first year running it, and it's were determined by the a super-competitive meet." results of the Forest Park

The varsity runners are Cross Country Festival and also hoping to work on their practice workout groups. The teams had a little fun with the competition, with Festival. the names ranging from "Sluhpreme" to the basket-ball allusion "2kXC."

Junior Jack Buehring which was a personal reand sophomore Joe Callatime of 17:48 qualified him of the guys to get back clos-for a varsity letter in the er to it." program.

is looking forward to racing ipating in the 55th Annual at the Palatine and Hancock meets this Saturday.

The top 14 runners on Chicago to run at the Pala- 5K this year," said Porter. tine Cross Country Invita- "When we start thinking tional, where they will face about it that way that's intravelling experience.

chosen to go because one of thing like Hancock." the main ideas of the trip is to give experience on what travelling to State is like," said junior Chris Staley. 'The other guys going are a great group of guys and it's a very cohesive group."

For many of the varsity runners, this will be the first time they race at Palatine

"When I first heard I was guaranteed a spot, was pumped," said Staley. "I think we are going to do very well at the meet, and we want to get top 10 as a Instead, the team elect- team for varsity. I'm still really nervous because it's my

time spacing, something they had trouble with at the

"Where we lacked in the Festival was our one to five spread—in Granite City it was like 45 seconds, and it won the entire race, finish- was about a 1:09 at the Fes-ing with a time of 17:39, tival—so bringing that gap back together," said head cord. Following Buehring coach Joe Porter. "Our first were junior Charlie Perry three ran really well together, with Paul Burka, Reed han, both of whom earned Milnor, and Patrick Hetlage, personal records. Callahan's we just have to get the rest

The rest of the cross The cross country team country team will be partic-Hancock Invitational at Jefferson Barracks Park.

"We're at 12 guys that the team will be travelling to have broken 18 minutes for competition from across the credibly deep, and it's nice country and gain valuable for guys who don't have a chance at a varsity race un-"It's an honor to be less we put them in some-



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