

C soccer jumps to 7-1 start, still looks to improve in MCC play



photo | Jack Connaghan

A freshman moves the ball up the field.

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With a strong record of 7-1-2, the St. Louis University High C soccer team is off to a great start this season, particularly against Metro Catholic Conference (MCC) schools.

"I think the kids are playing well ... I think (they) are getting more and more comfortable being at SLUH and playing here at SLUH," said coach Tom Zinselmeyer on the team's development.

The team kicked off the season with a 5-1 win against DeSmet, and has won three MCC games.

"Our first (game) was pretty cool because it was the first time we were playing with each other and we were able to get five goals,"

said freshmen goalie Klaus Preusser, who started the first half of the game.

Freshman fullback Brandon Trusler attributes the team's success to good chemistry.

"We've gotten to know each other pretty fast, and we've been having a good season so far, but we still have some improvements to work on," said Trusler.

"I think the season is going pretty good. I think our team really combines together and I think we work well together," said Preusser. "We have our ups and downs but overall I think it's been a great season so far."

Continual improvement and development are part of Zinselmeyer's long-term plans for the team. According to Zinselmeyer,

the players are beginning to understand how to play in a system, and how to play with a purpose.

"Honestly, our goal is to be better tomorrow than we are today," said Zinselmeyer. "I want them to develop an understanding that sports allow an opportunity to succeed as well as to struggle and that's okay—that's why we play sports. It's not to win; it's really to learn what it takes to succeed through preparation and planning and that struggle is absolutely necessary and normal. Overcoming struggle, that's what sports are all about."

The team will face DeSmet next Wednesday at DeSmet at 4 p.m.

Freshman XC roundup

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Now a little over halfway through its season, the freshman cross country team has had a slow start but is picking up pace as it looks forward to the Metro Catholic Conference meet.

The team has participated in four races this season. The first was the Fleet Feet Invitational on Aug. 29 at Parkway Central, where the freshman team ran alongside upperclassmen in a JV race which was shortened because of excessive heat.

Due to a MSHSAA rule requiring cross country runners to have had 14 practices before their first race, freshmen joining the team after soccer cuts were not allowed to run.

On Sept. 14, the C cross country team ran in its freshman exclusive race at the Forest Park Cross Country Festival. As this race was early in the season, it was only a 3K rather than the normal 5K so that freshmen who are new to the sport can ease into it. Led by Xavier Ludwig, who finished third, the team ended up taking third place overall.

In the Paul Enke Invitational, the freshmen faced their first 5K on the course nicknamed "Man-

Maker" for its grueling hill that runners must climb twice. Freshmen William Kelly (13th place overall) and Adam Uhlenbrock (20th) helped the team claim fourth place overall.

This past weekend, the freshmen again raced alongside the JV team at Jefferson Barracks in the Hancock Invitational, contributing to a third place finish.

"We like where they're at," said head coach Joe Porter. "It's a good start. Hopefully they'll continue to improve at the rate they're going."

When asked what goals the freshmen team has for the remainder of the season, freshman Danny Meissner said simply: "Win MCCs."

Porter and the freshmen seem to agree with Meissner.

"It's always a really big meet," said Porter. "It's time for them to be a team and see if they can go after DeSmet, who they lost to at the beginning of the season."

"There are lots of areas we can improve before MCCs but I think we're making good progress," said freshman Christian Boxdorfer.

This Saturday the C team will be running in the Parkway West Invitational at Living Word Church at 10 a.m.

B soccer tops Jefferson City, remains undefeated through eight games

photo | Patrick Enderle



Sophomore Jack Dempster settles the ball against Jefferson City

BY LUKE MILLER
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St. Louis U. High's B soccer team won its most recent regular season game last Tuesday against Jefferson City, 2-0.

This win was the latest in the B team's undefeated season. They have won eight straight games since the beginning of the season.

Sophomores Will Minnick and Trey Haman scored the goals against Jeff City.

With another win in the column, the team celebrated its victories but remained focused on the future.

"I think we've only given up one or two goals the whole season," said B coach Bob O'Connell. "Everybody on the team contrib-

utes to the team; we all get the win. We're getting better every game. It's a fun year but we still have the rest of the season ahead of us so we have to keep at it—stay focused."

With the team's success comes more opportunities to learn and improve. They have been getting more consistent in their ability to control the game.

"At the beginning of the season we were struggling to make opportunities happen," said sophomore forward Derek Rieke. "Now we're better able to work as a team and put the game in our favor."

B team's next match comes on Monday at 4 p.m. against Chaminade.

Crossword

The first one to complete the puzzle and turn the solution in at the Publications Room after three o'clock today will receive the two-dollar reward. There will be only one prize. Solutions handed in before three o'clock will NOT be acknowledged. In case of simultaneous arrivals at the news room, the editors of the Prep News will decide the winner.

Students in all four years, excluding members of the Prep News staff, are eligible for the two dollars. Speed, as well as accuracy in filling out the puzzle, will determine the winner.

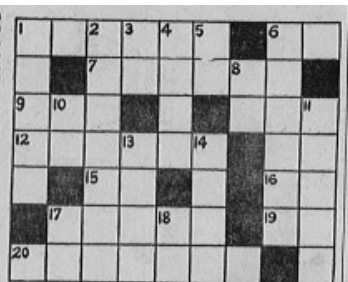
REMEMBER—CONTEST STARTS AT 3:00 TODAY.

ACROSS

1. He's now at a rival North Side school.
6. Exist.
7. One of coaches giving Dauphins "healthy southern exposure."
21. (number missing through oversight) First name of baseball's "Little Professor."
22. (number missing again through oversight) Greek verb ending of present optative, third singular.
15. Preposition noting motion toward.
16. Missouri's second city (ab.).
17. Football Dauphins' game quarterback.
18. Scintillating Kathleen (friend of one of editors (ab.).
- Footballers' hard-tackling guard.

DOWN

1. Former Prep News sports editor who has plaque



- given to outstanding senior athlete, leader, and scholar named in his honor.
2. Another former Backer coach who has had even greater success at Public League school.
3. Silver Anniversary (ab.).
4. Circuit of itinerant judges.
5. Real Life Magazine (ab.).
6. New York's gift to Jr. Bill Gridders.
8. Euphemism for God.
10. Latin, ablative case of res.
11. Dauphins' Prep rivals.
13. Past tense of tell.
14. Magic.
17. The gods.
18. Teutonic name meaning bright, noble, or famous.

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If you're still up for that bashball game with your extremely packed schedule, let us know. Big hands and profound Communists will overtake dance mismanagers. Enjoy your pride flag!