

Footbills Pommel Chaminade Flyers 43-0

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The first taste of the Metro Catholic Conference play for the Gridbills this season was sweet as they earned their first conference victory of the year against the Chaminade Flyers. SLUH's defense held the acclaimed Flyer offense to less than one hundred yards to garner the first Jr. Bill shutout of the season.

The Flyers received the ball first and began the game by offering the SLUH defense aggravation for the opening minutes. Chaminade recovered from an early loss of yardage, resulting from a sack on the first play, to move the ball forty-one yards. But the SLUH defense regrouped to stop a fourth down pass play, ending the drive. The offense had to settle for the ball on downs deep in its own territory. After the first series netted no points for the Jr. Bills, SLUH was forced to send punter Jay Galli (2 punts, 74 yards) out to return the ball to Chaminade. Following

three quick plays, Chaminade brought in its punting team. The snap to the punter went over his head, and he was tackled in the end zone for a safety.

With a 2-0 lead, the offense went back to work. Junior quarterback John McArthur's pass to junior Jason Williams advanced the ball to the two yard line, but the Jr. Bills were unable to score by the fourth down.

After switching sides at the end of the quarter, the Chaminade running back fumbled the ball in the end zone, and senior Eric Simon recovered it to score the game's first touchdown. An attempt for a two-point conversion failed, but SLUH still held an 8-0 lead.

A fumble later in the quarter gave the Flyers an excellent opportunity, starting at midfield, to score. With the momentum on their side, a quick running play gave Chaminade a first down, but two plays later Flyer quarterback Blake Allen tossed see PIGSKIN POMMELING, page 6

Harrierbills Sweep Metro Invitational

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SLUH's cross-country squad swept a major invitational for the first time this year last Friday, placing first in the varsity, junior varsity, and sophomore-freshman divisions at the Metro Invitational in Jefferson Barracks Park.

Junior Pat Hamel again led the varsity squad, finishing fifth with a time of 16:47 on the new 3.1 mile course. He was followed by seniors Ray Griner (17:15) and Jack Kennebeck (17:30), juniors Kevin Myers (17:34) and Tim Denny (17:39), sophomore Tim Chik (17:42), and senior John Hunzeker (18:02), who placed thirteenth, twenty-third, twenty-ninth, thirty-second, and forty-eighth out of the field of twenty-one teams. SLUH's score of 102 put them nine points ahead of district rivals see USING THE BROOMS, page 6

Varsity Waterpolo Continues to Dominate Foes

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With the district tournament fast approaching, the Polobills continued their domination of the league by beating John Burroughs and University City by scores of 19-4 and 22-5 respectively. The Jr. Bills improved their record to 14-0 this week, and many feel, including MICDS coach Don Casey, that if the Bills continue to play the way they have been playing, they will be the easy winner of the district championship.

The top-ranked Busenbills have exhibited an overwhelming offense which has continually racked up 20 or so points per game. The Burroughs Bombers seemed shell-shocked by the Jr. Bills aggressive attack and never really threatened the Bills after the see SHARKBILLS, page 6

Varsity Soccerbills Beat St. Mary's But Fall in Rematch With Aquinas-Mercy

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The Soccerbills continued play in the Granite City Tournament last week, advancing to the semifinals by defeating St. Mary's; however, their title hopes were dashed by Aquinas-Mercy. Exhausted after the grueling tournament play, the Jr. Bills then dropped a 1-0 contest to Oakville on Tuesday.

The semifinal game against the St. Mary's Dragons was one of the most physical of the year. The frequently tested defense kept the ball away from the net most of the time. This defense, combined with senior co-captain Greg Jermak's solid goaltending, thwarted the Dragon offensive threats.

Play seesawed back and forth until senior Darek Rensing broke the gridlock twenty minutes into the game. Rensing see BATTERED BILLS, page 7



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an errant option pitch into a crowd of SLUH defenders. With the game back in the control of the Jr. Bills, the offense took over and scored on three successive possessions. McArthur's nineteen yard pass to a wide open junior Dave Ries gave the offense their first touchdown of the game and made the score 15-0.

The Flyers were forced to reach into their trick play bag during the next series, but two plays netted a negative gain and they were again forced to punt. Only two and a half minutes after the first touchdown, McArthur went over the top of a Flyer defender for twenty-seven yards and senior Ryan Watson made a spectacular catch to increase the lead to 22-0.

SLUH's "hurry-up" offense was in full effect on the next drive. With time winding down, McArthur settled back to pick away at the secondary and put the ball in the end zone after a 1-yard run.

After only four minutes, Chaminade suddenly found themselves in a twenty-nine point hole which would prove insurmountable. Senior Chris Doll said about SLUH's success, "We weren't sure what to expect from the Flyers. They did have

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rivals Webster Groves for the first place trophy. East St. Louis Lincoln, Parkway South, and Northwest House Springs placed third to fifth with 143, 145, and 147 points respectively.

The junior varsity had an equally successful and competitive race as they claimed another first place trophy.

Sophomore Joel Brown and senior John Barrett finished nearly simultaneously at 18:11, with Brown nicking Barrett for fifth place. Senior Chris Jones (18:21), junior Matt Schuckmann (18:26), senior Dave Chilenski (18:28), junior John Weller (18:57), and senior Tim Rooney (18:59) were SLUH's next five finishers as they placed ninth, tenth, eleventh, twenty-third, and twenty-fifth.

Even with a strong performance, the junior varsity nearly fell to a surprising

two conference victories under their belt, so we were surprised we started off so well."

Both teams quieted down in the second half. Chaminade had little success moving the ball, gaining only sixty-two yards during the entire half. SLUH's offense played well but could not put "the biscuit in the basket" until the fourth quarter. Impressive runs by junior Kelly Taylor and Williams highlighted a late drive to increase the lead to 36 points over the hapless Flyers.

On the ensuing Chaminade possession, the Flyers started well, going 25 yards on three plays. On the next play, a stunned SLUH safety, junior Jack Terry, found himself with a fumbled ball in his hands, so he ran it back for a forty-one yard touchdown. "I thought the play was dead, but some yelled 'Go!' so I ran," said a bemused Terry. Senior kicker Adam Meyer's fifth extra-point of the game finalized the score at 43-0.

This Friday, the Jr. Billiken football team will take on Pat Curry and the Granite City Warriors at 7:30 in the SLUH stadium.

East St. Louis squad. East St. Louis had the two strongest runners and finished with forty-nine points, but SLUH's depth came through, leaving the Harriers the victors by only eight points.

In the final race of the day, SLUH's sophomore-freshman team fared equally well. Joe Donnelly (18:27), Ben Fenson (18:47), John Caldwell (19:07), Francis Shen (19:13), Tim Costigan (19:19), John Flynn (19:27), and Keith Myers (19:34) placed fifth, ninth, fifteenth, seventeenth, twentieth, twenty-fourth, and twenty-ninth to score 66 points and complete the sweep.

Tomorrow the varsity JV, and freshman squads will compete in the MCC Conference meet at Blackburn Park to defend their MCC championship. Although Vianney, CBC, DeSmet, and Chaminade promise to field competitive runners, the Harriers look to "sweep it."

Sports Matter

A summary of JV, B, and C sports compiled by Dave Matter, Charlie Oppelt, Jason Tower, and Steve Walentik
JV & B Cross Country: Oct. 9 Metro Meet @ Jefferson Barracks, JV 1st of 20 Teams; Top SLUH JV Finishes: Brown 5th, Barrett 6th, Jones 9th, Shuckmann 10th, Chilenski 11th, Weller 23rd; Top SLUH B Finishes: Donnelly 5th, Fanson 9th, Caldwell 15th, Shen 17th. Next **B Meet:** Monday, Tiger Classic @ SIU Edwardsville, 4pm.

B Soccer (4-4-3): Oct. 12: SLUH 1 Oakville 1; SLUH Goal: Torretta. Next **Game:** Today vs. McCluer, at 4pm.

C Soccer (11-3): Oct. 9: SLUH 0 CBC 2; Oct. 9: SLUH 5 Hazelwood West 0; SLUH goals: Sanders, Shea(2), Twellman, Miller; SLUH assists: Miller, Williams, Gerwitz, Shea; Shutout: O'Connell, Donahue; Oct. 11: SLUH 3 Vianney 2 in OT; SLUH goals: Sommer, Miller, Sanders; SLUH assists: Drete; Oct. 13: SLUH 3 DeSmet 4; SLUH goals: Drete, Sommer, Sanders; SLUH assists: Sanders(2). Oct. 14: SLUH 2, Vianney 0; SLUH goals: Sanders(2); SLUH assists: Adrian; Shutout: O'Connell Next **Game:** Oct. 18, 4:00pm. vs. CBC.

D Football: Oct. 13: SLUH 27 DuBourg 0; Scoring: Thielemier 23 yd. TD Run, Vehige 11 yd & 59 yd TD Runs, McCarthy 1 yd TD Run. Next **C Game:** Tomorrow vs. Granite City, 10:00 a.m.

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opening moments of the game. Shockingly, Burroughs standout Jason Bell was unable to mount much of an attack against the solid defense of the Jr. Bills, anchored by goalie Tom Rea.

As the Jr. Bills traveled to U. City on Wednesday, they were met unexpectedly by a well disciplined team, but the starting six still swamped their opponents, never allowing U. City to challenge the lead. Coach Busenhardt commented on U. City, saying, "This team played great position and gave our second string some trouble."