

Footbills knock Comets out of orbit

Justin Scott
Reporter

The varsity football team began its quest for a district championship this past Saturday with a game at McCluer. The Comets were no problem for both the Jr. Bill offense and defense, and SLUH cruised to a 44-6 victory.

Although McCluer received the ball first, the Jr. Bill defense stopped the Comets after yielding some early rushing yards. As McCluer attempted to punt on fourth down, junior Ken Meacham was able to penetrate the Comet line and block the Comet punt. In doing so, he gave the Jr. Bills terrific field position. The ensuing drive resulted in a 28-yard field goal by placekicker Justin Scott.

After McCluer turned the ball over on downs on its next possession, the Jr. Bill offense went back to work. This time junior quarterback Mark Kornfeld hooked up with fellow junior Joe Thaman on a 68-

yard touchdown pass, the first of Thaman's four receiving touchdowns.

Thaman also set the SLUH single-game receiving record (eight catches for 175 yards) on a 15-yard reception early in the fourth quarter, breaking David Ries's record of 165 yards.

Thaman said, "I'm very glad that coach gave me the opportunity to accomplish it, and Mark [Kornfeld] did a great job of getting me the ball."

In the second quarter, both the offensive and defensive units continued to dominate. Joe Thaman caught a three-yard touchdown pass, and Evan Noetzel scored on a six yard run, giving the Bills a 24-0 halftime lead.

In the second half, Ian Schuster's interception gave the SLUH offense the ball on its own two-yard line. However, SLUH was too much for the McCluer defense. SLUH's 98-yard drive was capped by a five-yard touchdown pass from Kornfeld to Thaman. Later in the

period, Evan Noetzel returned a McCluer punt to the Comet ten yard line, leading to another Thaman touchdown reception.

In the fourth quarter, Willard Payne ran in from one yard out (the kick was blocked), giving the Bills their final score of the day. Late in the fourth quarter the Comets were able to punch the ball into the SLUH endzone, but the touchdown was too little, too late, as the Bills won the first game of their district schedule 44-6.

On the day, the SLUH offense racked up 446 yards of total offense, 303 of which were passing yards, while the defense yielded only 144 yards to the Comet offense.

Coach Gary Kornfeld said, "I think this game was one of the best displays of football that I have seen in a long time; both the offense and defense played extremely well."

The team continues district play tonight at 7 p.m. in the SLUH stadium against the Hazelwood Central Hawks.

Harriers obliterate competition at district

Dan Graesser
Reporter

As the St. Louis U. High cross country team looked towards its first step on the path to the state meet, it had many reasons to believe that this year would be more difficult than most.

First of all, as a result of district realignment, the team was removed from a fairly weak district at McCluer North to one of the toughest districts in the state at Parkway Central.

At Parkway, the runners would contend with top area teams and conference rivals CBC and DeSmet in a rematch of the previous week's conference meet.

Furthermore, senior Ken Reichert and juniors Murphy O'Brien and Tim Huegerich, three of the team's top seven runners, were sidelined for the meet as a result of injuries and fatigue.

The XCbills, however, were able to surmount these obstacles and emerge victorious at the district meet.

The race began quickly on the fast course at Parkway Central, and soon a lead pack of four runners had separated themselves from the rest of the race.

Among the runners in this pack was junior Ted Snodgrass, who stayed with the leaders for almost two and a half miles. Even though he fell off the pace slightly at the end, Snodgrass still led the SLUH team with a very fast time and a fourth place finish.

Bouncing back from a difficult conference race, senior Matt Schaefer used his finishing kick to pass two runners in the final stretch for a fifth place finish.

Also medaling for the varsity and earning all-district honors were juniors Dan Westlund and Nathan Tower, with

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Martelbills fall short

Mark Grebel
Reporter

The SLUH soccer team spoiled Chaminade's plans for a successful Senior Night Saturday afternoon, tying the Flyers 2-2. The bouncing rhythms of a DJ provided by Chaminade set the stage for the game while the players warmed up. The match that followed was fast-paced and featured quality play on both sides.

Senior Kyle Warwick scored perhaps the highlight goal of the season 28 minutes into the game.

Warwick had one player marking him in the box, another Chaminade player behind that defender, and the keeper protecting the goal. Warwick shook by the first defender and then baked the next defender with fantastic moves, finishing

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respective eighth and tenth place finishes. The final scoring member of the team was senior Matt Crow, in eleventh place, followed by junior Matt Brice in thirteenth.

These performances by Westlund, Brice, and Crow were particularly impressive considering the meet was their first opportunity to run in an important varsity race.

Rounding out the top seven was junior Mark Monda, who was slowed by a calf injury incurred during the race.

As a result of the efforts of all these runners, the Harriers were able to avenge their loss to CBC in the conference meet, as they defeated the Cadets by a score of 44 to 38. The varsity now turns its attention to the sectional meet, which will be held at Sioux Passage park on Saturday morning.

Many members of the junior varsity also raced in the district open race. Some of these runners were looking to earn spots on the state traveling team, and some were looking to run personal records.

Even missing the three top runners who moved up to varsity, the junior varsity was still able to dominate the race.

Finishing first for SLUH and in third place overall was senior Sean Burns. Following him were junior Dan Graesser and senior Alex "The Dark Horse" Speiser, who finished in fourth and fifth places, respectively.

Rounding out the junior varsity top seven were seniors Jon Crane and Chris Abbot, junior Bill Freeman, and sophomore Dan Leinauer.

Most of the junior varsity runners ended their season at the Findlay Invitational in Forest Park on Wednesday.

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off the sequence by slipping the ball by the goalie.

Chaminade tied the game minutes before the end of the first half and then pulled ahead later in the game.

Senior goalkeeper Doug Kerr made a number of miraculous saves throughout the game, allowing the Jr. Bills to stay

Sports Matter

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Varsity Cross Country:

10/17 MCC at Forest Park

Snodgrass 4th (16:58); O'Brien, Murphy 6th (17:21); Reichert 9th (17:26); Monda 11th (17:30); Tower 12th (17:35); Huegerich 16th (17:50); Schaeffer 20th (18:27)

10/24 District Meet at Parkway Central
Snodgrass 4th (16:34); Schaeffer 5th (16:50); Westlund 8th (17:02); Tower 10th (17:05); Crow 11th (17:12); Brice 13th (17:15); Monda 34th (20:06)

JV Cross Country:

10/17 MCC at Forest Park

Westlund 1st (17:31); Brice 2nd (17:59); Crow 3rd (18:01); Freeman 5th (18:06); Abbot 8th (18:23); Crane 13th (18:31); Leinauer, Dan 17th (18:40)

10/24 District Meet at Parkway Central
Burns (17:46); Graesser (17:49); Speiser (17:52); Freeman (17:56); Crane (17:58); Abott (18:02); Leinauer (18:04)

C Cross Country:

10/17 MCC at Forest Park

Leinauer, Pat 4th (18:40); O'Brien, Tipper 9th (19:01); Chik 13th (19:10); Kim 14th (19:18); Lachky 15th (19:21); Skosky 21st (19:40); Wahl 22nd (19:48)

10/21 Hazelwood Central Freshman

close.

The Jr. Bills tied the score later in the game when Warwick ripped a shot that the Chaminade goalie could not handle; the ball bounced in front of the goal, and junior Matt Sebek touched the ball into the back of the net to secure the tie.

With only eight minutes left in the game, neither team was able to score again.

Travelling north on Interstate 270, SLUH paid an unpleasant—at least to its opponents—visit to Rosary High School.

The Jr. Bills triumphed over Rosary by a score of 4-1, with goals by juniors Dave Allen, Ricky Vigil, Dave Minges, and sophomore James Twellman. Twellman scored on a diving header.

On Wednesday, CBC stifled SLUH's plans of revenge by defeating the Bills for a third time this season. The Cadets in-

Invit. at Sioux Passage

O'Brien, Tipper 6th (19:24); Leinauer, Pat 8th (19:30); Parr 12th (19:48); Chik 20th (20:16); Skosky 22nd (20:19); Wahl 23rd (20:30); Lachky 25th (20:45)

B Soccer: record: 14-3-1

10/24 W, SLUH:1 Chaminade:0

Ross Taylor 1G; Kyle Ottwell 1A; Shutout recorded by Mark Valdez

10/26 W, SLUH:5 Rosary:0

Dan Jaycox 1G; Tony Albrecht 1G; Ian Mulligan 1G; Ross Taylor 1G, 1A; Tim Fetter 1G; Geno Burmester 1A; Shutout recorded by Mark Valdez and Mike Kutz

10/28 L, SLUH:1 CBC:2

Ross Taylor 1G; Kevin McCarthy 1A

B Water Polo: record: 14-2-1

10/26 W, SLUH: 15 Clayton:0

Nick Hellwig 3G, 1A; Nick Crow 2G, 2A; Chris West 2G; Zach Hartwig 1G, 1A; Charlie Maitz 1G, 1A; Michael Peterson 1G, 1A; Brendan Sanders 1G, 1A; John Pimmel 1G, 1A; Dan Klein 2A; Greg Auffenberg 1G; Sean Leahy 1G; Greg Szweczyk 1G; Don DesPain 1A; Kevin Price 1A; Shutout recorded by Greg Auffenberg, Michael Peterson, and Brien Rea

10/27 W, SLUH:11 DeSmet:3

Zach Hartwig 4G, 1A; Charlie Maitz 2G, 3A; Sean Leahy 2G, 1A; Nick Hellwig 2G; Don DesPain 1G; Greg Auffenberg 4S, 1A

creased their ranking in the national polls from three to two.

Senior goalkeeper Doug Kerr handled a barrage of CBC shots in the first half, but one caught him off guard and squeezed by.

In the second half, the Jr. Bills kicked it into fifth gear, pumped up by the fan support and the shouts of the coaches. Despite some controversial calls by the referee, the team continued to pressure CBC aggressively.

Despite all of the hard work, however, SLUH could not put the ball in the back of the net. The Cadets put the finishing touches on the game when they scored with ten minutes to go, finishing with a 2-0 win.

The game was the last of the regular season for the Jr. Bills, who will enter district play tomorrow.