

Jr. Bills run through by Lafayette Lancers on Friday night's 50-20 defeat

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The Jr. Billikens had hoped to get back on track with a big win over the touted Lafayette Lancers last Friday night. Unfortunately for the Jr. Bills, the Lancers had other plans as they handed the Footbills a 50-20 loss, pushing the SLUH record back to the .500 mark.

"It was a tough loss. It was just one of those games where we shot ourselves in the foot with some of our mistakes and penalties we made, and we just couldn't afford to do that," said senior captain Andy Reik.

After one quarter of football, the Bills found themselves in perfect striking position against Lafayette, down just 6-0. But the Bills were buried by the Lafayette offensive attack in the second quarter.

Following a Jr. Billiken safety, the Lancers stormed down the field their next two drives, tacking on two touchdowns that increased their lead to 22-0. Lafayette added one more touchdown to its first half lead as Lancer Trey Perez recovered a fumbled punt for a 31-yard touchdown.

On of the few SLUH bright spots in the first half came on the ensuing kickoff. SLUH junior Raymond Wingo received a dribbling kickoff that rolled down to the Jr. Billiken one-yard line. Picking the ball up, Wingo blasted through waves of defenders on his way to his second 90-plus



Junior Raymond Wingo darts through a herd of Lancers while senior Matt Hinkebein holds off a defender.

yard kickoff return of the season, giving the Bills some hope as they entered the locker room at half-time down 29-7.

The Lancers' offense never slowed, however. Lafayette added three touchdowns in the second half. The Lancers amassed 426 yards of total offense on the night, with 229 yards rushing and 197 yards passing. The 229 rushing yards marked yet another game in which the Jr. Bill defense struggled to contain the run game.

The Jr. Billikens proved themselves offensively in the second half, scoring 13 points in the fourth quarter and returning an

onside kick. The Jr. Bills' 20 points scored against Lafayette was a season high against the previously stingy Lancers, and nearly doubled Lafayette's total yardage allowed for the season.

"I think last Friday's fourth quarter shows the character of this ball club. These kids have got a lot of fight in them and it is just unfortunate that we had dug such a big hole for ourselves to get out of," said head coach Gary Kornfeld of the fourth quarter.

All in all, the Jr. Bills totaled 253 total offensive yards, with 176 of those yards coming from the passing game, and 77 on the

ground.

One of the Jr. Bills' running backs who came up big in the fourth quarter was freshman Brendan Underwood. With just a few appearances in previous games, Underwood came sprinting into the Jr. Billiken offense Friday, running for 62 yards on seven carries. With his shifty movements and quick speed, Underwood kept a consistent pressure on the Lafayette defense, hitting his holes like a veteran and plowing through defenders on Friday night.

"Thanks to my line, the holes were there for me everywhere I

went and I was able to make some big runs," Underwood said. "I expect this out of myself when I play and it's just great to have it happen the way it did."

The Jr. Bills hope to carry the fourth quarter's positive momentum into tonight's game against Mehlville. Though Mehlville is only 1-6 on the year, the Panthers are expected to come out strong Friday as they try to and finish off their season on a high note in their final two games.

"If we can get up on them early and put a few points on the board we should be in pretty good shape," said Kornfeld. "But if we don't then we are going to have quite a battle here on Friday."

This Friday is also senior night for the Jr. Bills and could possibly be the Bills final home game of the season.

"This could be our last time touching the field, and it's going to mean a lot to us," said senior captain Alex Mackin. "It's something special and only comes around once a year and hopefully we will get a good turnout to cheer us on and to see how we have grown and developed over the past four years. Not to mention it should be a great game."

Varsity Hockey

Tuesday 10/2	Tuesday 10/9
SLUH 4	SLUH 8
Lindbergh 4	FH Central 0

Swimming sinks Vianney

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Varsity swimming tallied another dual meet win against MCC rival Vianney in its only meet this week. Last year, the Griffins were able to overcome the SLUH swim team, most likely thanks to the absence of a few of the key swimmers because of college visits. This year, the Jr. Bills fought against the Griffins in full force, with senior Chris Favier dominating in his events while freshman Justin Andrews performed to his usual standard of nothing less than spectacular.

The competition, included one of the most hyped swimmers in the state. Vianney freshman Nicholas Alexander has already broken all of the Vianney records by huge amounts (19 seconds in some instances), and he is also expected to break the state record in the 100-yard backstroke. Sophomore Colin Derdeyn, even after an intense practice the day before, was able to keep up with Alexander well, losing by a mere half a body length.

Derdeyn, who already qualified for state in the 100 butterfly

race, proved that he can hold his own with the best in the state.

After only one year of club swimming, Derdeyn has shown the most improvement on the team. If he can keep up with someone who is favored to break state records while he is sore, there can only be more to come from him as State approaches and taper begins.

Derdeyn and the rest of the swim team are getting excited for the approaching MCC meets and State.

Senior captain Ryan Caseltson said, "With the swim season coming closer to the end, more people are focusing on trying to improve times for MCCs and State. Hopefully we can get a few more qualifications in the next final three weeks before State."

This Saturday, the SwimBills will take part in the Lindbergh Invitational Meet where many of the teams in the St. Louis area will be competing. This is also the first time in a number of years where the Jr. Bills will get to face the potentially powerful Lindbergh swim team.

Cross country sweeps through MCC

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The Metro Catholic Conference Championships always carry significant expectations for any St. Louis U. High runner to live up to. The SLUH cross country team continued its march towards State and met those expectations this week with a dominating sweep of the MCC Championships, winning the varsity, JV, and freshman levels. SLUH has now won the MCCs for nine straight years.

DeSmet provided the stiffest competition in the meet, but SLUH still managed a commanding victory. Austin Del Rosso of DeSmet won the individual title with a time of 16:13. He was followed by a close pack of SLUH runners who finished second through fifth to secure the team title. After beating Del Rosso at Parkway West last week, senior captain Matt Nicholson finished second place, but again led all SLUH runners with a time of 16:22. "It was a pretty hard race," said Nicholson. "In the beginning, I shared the lead with some other

guys. On the second (mile) I tried to push a little bit on the hills, but I didn't really get anywhere. So on the third lap I was really tired, and never caught (Del Rosso) again."

"Austin (Del Rosso) is a really good runner," said head coach Joe Porter. "He made a really good move at the two mile mark and I think caught Nicholson a little off guard. He's an all-State quality runner, so to lose to him, you just have to tip your cap."

Nicholson was followed by junior Tom Rubio, who moved up to number two on the team with a time of 16:31. Rubio narrowly beat out sophomore Matthew Hennessey, who finished at 16:32. The ten-second gap between numbers one, two, and three was the smallest so far this year, and is a good sign for the postseason, where a small time gap between the top five runners is crucial to success.

"I thought Rubio ran really well as our two man, beating out Hennessey. The two also got closer to Matt (Nicholson), which is something we've been focusing on," said Porter.

Senior captain Joe Archer held off two runners from DeSmet and CBC to finish in fifth place with a time of 16:43. Sophomore Jack Sullivan was the final scoring member on the day, finishing in ninth place at 17:06.

Porter was very pleased with the victory.

"Our conference has historically been a pretty good cross country conference. This is our ninth consecutive varsity win, so that's a real big result for us and we're happy with the win," said Porter.

The team's next meet is the Borgia Invitational at Big Driver Golf Center in Washington, Mo. The meet will be the team's final tune-up before the District meet Oct. 20.

"We're holding out six guys and running the rest of the program at Borgia," said Porter. "We are expecting a lot out of those guys in the varsity race, and expect them to be close to the front. It's another day to show off the depth of our program."

Underclassmen Sports Update

JV Football (2-4)

Monday 10/8	1	2	3	4	F
SLUH	0	0	0	13	13
Lafayette	0	14	7	6	27

- compiled by Michael Zawalski

C Football (3-3)

Wednesday 10/10	1	2	3	4	F
SLUH	6	0	0	8	14
Lafayette	3	7	7	0	17

- compiled by Sam Tettamble and Keith Thomas

JV Soccer (9-0-1)

Monday 10/8	1	2	F
SLUH	3	1	4
CBC	0	0	0

- compiled by Michael Blood

B Soccer (5-2-3)

Thursday 10/4	1	2	F
Vianney	0	1	1
SLUH	0	1	1

- compiled by Marty Johnson

C Soccer (11-0-2)

Tuesday 10/9	1	2	F
Vianney	0	0	0
SLUH	0	0	0

- compiled by Luke Thibodeau