

Polobills lose 6-5 to MICDS in district final

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Last week, the Polobills tossed away the obstacles placed in front of them on their way to the state championships. After a valiant battle last Saturday, MICDS robbed the Jr. Bills of the state title 6-5 in a painful, anxiety-driven game.

The challenge started with a Wednesday night match against the John Burroughs Bombers. In the first quarter, goals from Tom and Tim Heafner kicked the Floatiebills into the lead, but for the rest of the half, the Jr. Bills could not finish their potent counterattacks or make accurate hole passes, leaving their offense fruitless.

In the third quarter though, SLUH dumped the spice into the soup, spewing fire out of their mouths to burn John Burroughs for the rest of the game. Tim Heafner, grabbing the ball in hole, wrenched his man behind him and pounded the ball through the goalie's body into the goal. Senior Phil Abram, fed up

with his unsuccessful hole work, forced his defender behind him and earned a four-meter penalty shot. Riding on the Jr. Bills' momentum, Bill Dahlmann scored four goals in the second half. Tim Heafner added three goals of his own, giving the Jr. Bills the 9-4 win.

On Friday, the Jr. Bills faced off against the Marquette Mustangs. The Mustangs were a formidable opponent during the regular season, but the Jr. Bills pulled out their own triple crown horse, beating Marquette 11-2.

Losing Todd Patrick to a hyperactive mouth, the Mustangs entered the game without one of their best players. The Jr. Bills powered past guards using quick offensive drives. The Polobills also used a

drop defense—a defensive scheme in which post guards drop off to steal hole passes intended for the two-meter man. The Polobills dominated the offense in the game with Bill Dahlmann scoring five goals, followed by Mark Gloeckler, Tom Heafner, and Nick Konczack each with a goal and an assist. The Jr. Bills' defense held the Mustangs' best player, Kyle Elliot,

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Baudendistel talks to his team during a timeout on Saturday.

XC wins Sectional, moves to State

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This past weekend, the St. Louis U. High cross country team continued on the road towards a state trophy with a huge win at the sectional championship at the newly-revamped Sioux Passage course. The Jr. Bills, who were once again led by senior Peter Schaefer, put together an impressive score of 26.

Schaefer, who continued a winning streak that began at the MCC Championship, ran with the leaders at the beginning of the race and broke from the leaders at the first mile mark. From there, Schaefer climbed the hills and rode the flats by himself, finishing with a state medal time of 16:22.

Following right behind Schaefer for most of the race was senior Drew Noblot, who in the past two weeks has become a dominant force on this very talented team.

Because of a strong kick at the end of the race, Noblot was able to blow past Billy Bell of Parkway Central in the last half mile for a time of 16:40 and second place overall.

The rest of the team—seniors Kevin Crean, Kyle Gonnerman, Matt Killiany, junior Dan Flanagan (who was running in place of a sick Geoff Stewart), and sophomore Alex Muntges—once again looked strong running in a closely-knit pack. Following Noblot was Crean (16:59, 7th), Gonnerman (17:08, 9th), Muntges (17:10, 10th), Killiany (17:19, 12th), and Flanagan (17:54, 25th).

"We ran the most planned and disciplined race of the season," said coach Jim Linhares.

On the JV level, junior Andrew Linhares, who has been recovering for the last month from a stress fracture, dominated the field with a time of 17:41. Because of this, Linhares, who had been

consistently one of the team's top runners before his injury, will run in the state meet in place of Flanagan.

Those familiar with Missouri cross country know that this weekend's state meet will be one of the most highly anticipated meets in decades. Behind the hype this year are two nationally-ranked teams which the Jr. Bills hope to dethrone: Liberty and West Plains. These two teams have dominated the local scene since late August and have kept the pace since. Blue Springs and Lee's Summit will also play a major role this weekend. Even though the Jr. Bills have high hopes for this weekend, they are attempting to be realistic in their goals.

"We hope to come away from state saying that we were respectable," explained Linhares.

If the Prefontainebills hope to attain this goal, then they need their senior runners to step up. One of these runners,

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Sophomore retreat format revamped

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After copious amounts of planning, the sophomore retreat format was revised as of Oct. 21. Members of Teens Acting for Peace (TAP)—theology teacher Tim Chik, Assistant Principal for Staff Development Art Zinselmeyer, art teacher John Mueller, Pastoral Director Robert Garavaglia, and Spanish teacher Greg Bantle—organized the revision. A group devoted to respect, TAP travels to local elementary schools to promote respect for self, parents, friends, and God in school, home, and social life.

There are many reasons for the change in the retreat format. This year, organizers felt that they should try something new. Last year, Campus Ministry made it a goal to completely change the idea behind the retreat. One question remained: How should the retreat be changed and what ideas should be incorporated?

In September, TAP members attended a training seminar. The group included 17 sophomores and three freshmen. Organizers Zinselmeyer, Garavaglia, and Chik also attended. TAP members decided that the retreat should be centered around respect. Commenting on the theme, Zinselmeyer said, "The idea really fell into our laps during the TAP seminar."

Other changes in the retreat include a change in location from an outdoor facil-

ity to a retreat house. New activities include journal writing and a reflective period where participants try to connect with themselves in a new way.

All of the activities "help participants to continue building their model of life, and how it can be respectful and disrespectful," said Garavaglia.

In addition, faculty members, instead of seniors, will lead small group discus-



Sample collages from this year's sophomore retreat.

sions. Another change is that one theme will now run the entire day, as opposed to several smaller themes in previous years. The symbol will be light. The theme will be focused on being guided by light and serving as the light of the world.

An art project has also been added to the retreat, creating a thought-provoking experience. The art project was planned by Mueller and Garavaglia. Mueller, who had previously not been involved in the retreat, came up with the project. Each student was given a board, then made a collage of his experience at SLUH and how it is both a respectful and disrespectful experience. They also thought about how they could change their experience to make it more respectful to all. The boards are going to be compiled to make boxes. After completion, the boxes will be stacked in towers for display at the sophomore class mass on Dec. 5.

All of these things fit into the retreat format and correspond to all four retreats throughout a student's tenure at SLUH. In this way, ideas can be reflected more fully to students and one can see how all of the retreats tie in together.

Student response to the retreat was mostly positive. Sophomore Joe Burch said, "The retreat was both enlightening and entertaining."

Art Zinselmeyer said the retreats went "very well...although some students didn't appreciate all of the music."

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cially referred to as the highest possible score.

Thomas's performance is one that SLUH has not recently seen. Occasionally, a SLUH student will score an 800 on the math test and an 800 on the verbal test, but will do so on different dates. However, Thomas is the first SLUH student to score an 800 on both tests at the same time in at least seven years.

"This is an unbelievable accomplishment," said guidance counselor Nina See.

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Schaefer, is hoping to redeem himself after a disappointing finish at last year's state meet. The team also needs Noblot, who put together a strong race at last year's meet, earning 40th place and garnering all-state honors.

Few, however, are nervous at this prospect. "I am going to run a top ten finish, nothing less," said Schaefer.

The Quickfootbills also need their younger runners to step up. One of these runners, Linhares, has been out for the past month. Although Linhares does have experience in several big meets, such as the Hancock and Mizzou Invitationals, he has never run in the big one. Killiany and Muntges, who are the other runners on the

team with no state experience, also have aspirations of glory this weekend.

"I am a little nervous about my leg, but I think we are looking better than ever," said Linhares.

Muntges echoed this sentiment, saying, "I am nervous but rather excited. I will be trying to be in all-state position by the end of the race."

Coach Linhares is not worried about their nerves. "Muntges has the security of the pack working for him, and Killiany is by nature a very steady personality."

Even with this pressure, many do not believe that inexperience will be an issue.

"I believe we will rock and roll at state," exclaimed coach Tim Chik.