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Harrierbills Keep Pace with Local Powerhouses at Hancock Invitational

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At Jefferson Barracks Park last Saturday, the SLUH Cross Country team competed in the Hancock Invitational, one of the biggest and most prestigious cross country meets in Missouri. The Harriers put forth strong performances on all three levels.

On the varsity level, the Jr. Bills raced to a fifth place finish out of a field of 32 teams. Although it was not as high as the team was aiming for, it was still a formidable finish in a meet of this size and competition. The Jr. Bills lined up with x-country powerhouses such as West Plains, Francis Howell, Kirkwood, DeSmet, and Parkway West. Leading the pack of Jr. Bills was senior Ben Fanson, finishing in 22nd place with a time of 17:17.

Head Coach Jim Linhares was very pleased with Fanson's performance; he commented, "Fanson had a great day—he brought his time down, and he led the team." Following Fanson, the next blue jersey to cross the finish line was that of

senior captain Tim Chik in 26th with a time of 17:23. Following Chik were juniors Gerry Fitzgerald and Joe Donnelly in 31st and 33rd with times of 17:32 and 17:35, respectively. Rounding out the top seven were sophomore Ben Rosario 41st with a time of 17:49, junior Tim Blessing 59th with a time of 18:09, and senior captain John Flynn 66th with a time of 18:17.

"We had a lot of strong performances on the top seven—Fanson raced well—along with solid performances from Fitzgerald and Donnelly, and we beat Parkway West," commented Linhares.

Along with the powerful performance on the varsity level, the JV team once again showed their strength by placing second in an large field of teams. Although the JV team had an exemplary day, the Junior Billikens could not help being somewhat disappointed after being defeated by MCC conference rival DeSmet. Leading the JV Harriers once again was senior Joel Brown, winning the

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Cadets Dash Soccerbills' Hopes in CYC Tourney

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After three straight wins over Oakville, St. Mary's, and Belleville West, last week, the Soccerbills earned a spot in the semifinals of the 41st annual CYC/Bob Guelker Memorial Tournament. After defeating the Bills 4-2 earlier this year, the top ranked CBC Cadets awaited the Bills in the semifinals.

The Boys in Blue clearly had the better of the play through most of the first half, rarely allowing CBC into Billiken territory. However, as the clock ticked down under two minutes, CBC was able to net a pair of goals separated by only sixty seconds. Two more goals in the opening ten minutes of the second half put the Jr. Bills in a deep hole. Still, the resilience of the Soccerbills would not let them be buried by the CBC attack. In the 70th minute of the game, midfielder Matt Powers rippled the net for the fifth time this season when he headed a cross from Kevin Hogan

past the Cadet goalie, giving the team new life. Just minutes later, the Bills struck again, when Hogan stuffed in a loose ball after a goalmouth scramble.

Suddenly SLUH had clawed to within striking distance, but the Cadets slammed the door on the Jr. Bill momentum, when they pocketed their fifth goal of the game off a volley from inside the 18-yard box. The game ended 5-2, leaving the Jr. Bills to contend for third place in the tournament, and keeping them winless in five games against fellow MCC brethren.

The Bills needed just forty minutes to put away the Aquinas Mercy Falcons in the consolation game 3-0, with all their offense coming in the first half. The scoring began when Taylor Twellman picked up his team-high eighth goal of the season, on a head ball that floated past the Aquinas netminder. Twenty minutes later, Twellman stormed past several

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Puckbills to Compete at Kiel in Charity Tourney

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Kiel Center, home of the St. Louis Blues, will be transformed into a mecca of high school hockey for the *Pucks of Power* hockey tournament on October 8th.

The *Pucks of Power* tournament was founded by the Sengheiser family after their son Jason, a former hockey player at Vianney, was paralyzed after a tragic fall at his home in Imperial, Mo. Proceeds of the *Pucks of Power* tournament will go to St. John's Mercy Medical Center for spinal cord injury research.

The tournament will feature such area hockey powers as Vianney, SLUH, DeSmet, CBC, Fox, Parkway West, Parkway South, and Webster Groves. The day kicks off with Parkway South against Fox at 9:00 am, and concludes with the championship game at 8:45 pm.

SLUH's first game starts at 10:30 am against DeSmet. SLUH hockey coach Mr. Charlie Busenhardt encourages all students to attend. "It's the only thing in town that weekend, and it's a good way to see the Kiel Center if you haven't already seen it."

Aside from the great hockey action, the tournament also features such amenities as a speed skating exhibition and a shootout for a new Jeep. Tickets for the tournament can be purchased from SLUH hockey players and cheerleaders for \$10 or can be bought at the door for \$13.50.

Quote of the Week

"Hope I die before I get old.

This is my generation."

-Peter Townshend

"My Generation"

Young Guns

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Both teams remained oblivious to the endzone until the 3:24 mark of the third quarter. In similar fashion, Fitzpatrick pounded his way in from two yards to give the Billikens their first lead of the night. Fitzpatrick finished the night with 123 yards on 27 carries in what has become somewhat of a routine output for the junior. With his 123 yards, Fitzpatrick single-handedly matched the entire all-purpose yardage production of the Griffins. After a failed 2-point conversion pass attempt, the Gridbills clung to a 12-7 lead heading into the final quarter. However, with 9:46 left in the contest, insurance came in the form of a 24-yard touchdown strike from Winter to tight end Charlie Ries for his first score of the year.

"We started catching balls this week as we tried to open up the running game. This got us positive yards," commented senior receiver Kevin Roy, whose three catches led the team. Winter enjoyed his most successful outing of the season as he threw for 112 yards on 6-14 passing. After a successful extra point attempt, the score stood at 19-7, and the remaining ten minutes provided no scoring by either club.

In another recurring trend, the defense stifled the Vianney offense in hold-

ing them to a paltry 31 yards on the ground, after Vianney piled up 250 rushing yards the previous week. The solid SLUH-D allowed just 92 yards through the air.

SLUH assistant coach Mark Tychonievich stated, "Vianney ran very well against us last year. We worked on stopping certain running plays that worked well for them."

Once again leading the way was defensive end Nick Sansone. With twelve tackles, including two sacks, Sansone was bested only by fellow captain Brad Pennington, who successfully hauled down a Griffin on 13 different occasions. Defensive tackles Tom Shaner and Jeff Bell also posted strong performances up front in a game in which tremendous pressure on the Vianney quarterback resulted in five SLUH sacks. "It's really good to have a strong performance because it gears you up for playing a team as good as DeSmet," Shaner commented.

Tonight the Jr. Bills make the voyage to DeSmet to face the undefeated Spartans. The Jr. Bill defensemen will have their work cut out for them as they attempt to stop DeSmet wideout Jason Frillman who leads the Spartan offense, which is posting surprisingly strong offensive numbers in its four wins. Kickoff is at 7:30 tonight in DeSmet's stadium.

petitors showed a lot of depth and strength in their race. Leading the B team was John Ramsey with a time of 18:11, racing to an 11th place finish. Backing up Ramsey was the pack including John Christie, 22nd, Matt Crow, 23rd, and Scott Lauer, 25th, with times of 19:10, 19:13, and 19:19, respectively. Finishing out the top seven B team were John Ebel, 40th at 19:41, Mark Fingerhut, 52nd with a time of 19:55, and Matt Schaeffer, 61st, crossing the line at 20:10.

Looking to the future Linhares said "DeSmet is making progress and we need to make it as well." DeSmet seemed to be the biggest barrier between the SLUH harriers and the MCC title on all three articles.

The Harrierbills will be in action at the Parkway West Invitational tomorrow in Forest Park at the Jewel Box fields starting at 10:00 a.m. Next Tuesday the team will participate in the DuBourg Invitational at Wilmore Park starting at 4:00 pm.

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defenders, then dished to a streaking Mike Amann who lifted the ball into the roof of the goal, giving SLUH a 2-nil advantage. With six minutes remaining in the half, Powers volleyed a low bullet into the corner of the net, putting the Bills up by a comfortable three goal margin. Despite some sloppy play and several yellow cards in the second half, the Martelbills were able to hold the lead and capture the third place trophy.

"It is good that we finished with a win," commented senior goalkeeper Dave Jetton. "[Finishing in] third place is better than fourth place." Coach Martel added, "4-1 is a good week. These guys want CBC again."

Monday evening, the North County power Hazelwood Central Hawks visited the SLUH stadium. The teams met just once last year, with the Billikens taking a 1-0 victory. This time the Jr. Bills, plagued with an inability to find the back of the net, suffered a heartbreaking 2-1 defeat, despite clearly dominating the Hawks.

It took a mere forty seconds for SLUH to capture the lead. Twellman was on the receiving end of a successful tackle by Powers. After settling the ball, Twellman unloaded a brilliant blast from twenty yards out, leaving the flamboyantly clad Central keeper with no chance at a save. At the twenty minute mark, Hazelwood knotted the score at 1, after a series of headballs inside the SLUH box. The goal was finished by a diving header which slipped past Jetton.

Neither team could penetrate the other's goalmouth until just six minutes remained in the game. An initial shot by a Hawk forward was knocked down by Jetton, but the rebound was stuffed inside the post giving Central a 2-1 lead. Chances by Powers, Pat Boyce, and Craig Standley were foiled, and the Bills were handed their sixth loss of the season.

For the second time in three games the Jr. Bills faced Aquinas on Wednesday, and once again the Bills proved victorious by the score of 3-0. Two of the SLUH goals were tallied in the first three minutes of the contest coming from Twellman and Powers. In the second half, Boyce lit up the scoreboard for the second time this year, giving his team an insurmountable three goal lead. Formidable goalkeeping from seniors Mike Hendricks and Scott Wallisch kept the Falcons scoreless, despite several opportunities.

Next up for the Martelbills is a Saturday evening contest at Vianney, whose Golden Griffins defeated the Bills 1-0 earlier.

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race with a time of 18:05 and earning himself a place on the varsity team at the next race. Following Brown was junior Eric Monda making his 1995 season debut by finishing third with a time of 18:12. Next came the pack of three Jr. Bills including Ryan Monahan, 12th at 18:58, Shannon Yates, 15th at 19:03, and Dan Range, 16th at 19:04. Rounding out the top seven JV runners were Matt Nischwitz, 21st at 19:13 and Mark Bonk, 25th at 19:21. Linhares was pleased that "a lot of people on the lower levels had personal records, and times came down dramatically for the same people."

Rounding out the impressive performances by the SLUH cross-country teams was the fourth place finish by the B team in the freshmen/sophomore division. The com-