

Gridbills' Defense Flusters Bulldogs' Running Attack

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Touted as one of the most significant games of the year in terms of playoff outcomes, the Junior Bills (8-1) faced off against the Bulldogs of Sumner for the first time since the early '70's last Friday night, defeating the Bulldogs 10-8.

As a result of this victory and other related games, the Bills are one of the few teams to have already won their district. Two weeks ago the Gridbills and Sumner crushed their respective district opponents Beaumont and Roosevelt. Last week Beaumont defeated SLUH's only remaining district opponent, Roosevelt. With SLUH's triumph over seventh ranked contender Sumner, the Bills secured a playoff spot.

The Footballs, facing a much larger opponent, controlled the ball on both sides for the entire game. Although unable to generate the oft seen turnovers against the Bulldogs as a result of Sumner's ground-based style of play, the defense once again came through where needed. The SLUH "D" line consisting of ends Jim DeVoto and Kevin Roy, tackles Tim Haberbuerger and Jeff Bell, and nose tackle Tom Shaner combined for 18 solo tackles and 20 assists. This performance effectively shut down the powerful Sumner offense allowing the SLUH offense to give the loyal fans a good show.

The first quarter gave many Jr. Bills a Halloween fright, however. No, not because of the superfans adorned with pumpkins, but because of the performance of the stellar Bulldog defense on the first SLUH drive. However, after yielding up the ball to the Bulldogs, the Jr. Bill defense showed some muscle of its own, forcing a punt from the Sumner offensive squad. SLUH was forced to start the ball from its own seven yard line. This mattered little to the Jr. Bills who, several

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Cross Country Wins Sectionals, Advances to State Meet for Second Year in a Row

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For the first time in the history of SLUH cross country, the Jr. Bills placed first in the Sectional meet, which was held last Saturday at Sioux Passage Park. This outstanding performance propelled SLUH to the State cross country meet for the second consecutive year.

The Harriers got off to a slow start for the first mile, but recovered nicely and moved up steadily through the field. The top four SLUH finishers performed "very well," according to Head Coach Jim Linhares, and placed in the top eleven. Pat Hamel led the Jr. Bills with a second place finish in a time of 16:50, narrowly missing the individual Sectional championship as Hazelwood Central's Louis Lane

out kicked him in the last one hundred meters. The group of senior tri-captain Kevin Myers, junior Tim Chik, and Eric Monda came in seventh with a time of 17:20, ninth at 17:23, and eleventh at 17:31, respectively.

Despite the strong overall performance by the top four, Linhares felt the team "needed to improve in the five through seven slots," which recorded times of 17:52, 18:13, and 18:18.

Linhares said that the team "really earned [the victory]." He is concerned that "the team might not be able to come back from that far behind in the first mile [at the State Meet]."

The Jr. Bills will be joined at the State Meet by Hazelwood Central, Hazelwood
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Polobills Win Easily, Gear Up For District Finals

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The Polobills started their post season this week with easy wins over Clayton and Lindbergh, and have their sights set on a third consecutive District/State title.

On Tuesday, the Undefeatedbills traveled to Country Day to blow out Clayton 26-5. Mike Zimmerman and Tucker Korte led SLUH in scoring with six goals apiece. Tyler Korte, Kevin O'Sullivan, and Doug Maitz were also major offensive contributors.

The following day SLUH returned to the Country Day Natatorium to knock Lindbergh out of the Missouri State Water Polo Championship Tournament with a 20-4 SLUH victory. Zimmerman again topped the scoring charts for SLUH with six goals.

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Soccerbills Finish Regular Season 13-8-6, Coast to District Finals

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SLUH's varsity soccer team received a distorted view of post-season play last night as the Soccerbills walloped Gateway 10-0 to advance into the finals of Districts.

The Soccerbills needed little defense and provided enough offense to score ten goals. The game ended with over half of the second half remaining due to the ten goal rule, similar to high school baseball's ten run rule. Leading the scoring were seniors Greg King and Doug Schoenekase with a hatrick apiece. Junior Pat Boyce knocked in two, senior Paul Jost one, and senior co-captain Brian Haddock one.

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plays later, including a 65 yard reception by senior Tim Cuneo, handily worked their way down to the Sumner 2 yard line. At 5:35 of the first quarter, senior quarterback John McArthur was able to force his way into the endzone on the very next play giving the Bills a 7-0 lead. Sumner, still unable to advance, allowed the Bills to control the ball through the end of the quarter.

Although a substantial segment of both teams offense occurred during the second quarter, neither team was able to produce a touchdown as a result of timely defense for the two squads. After an intercepted pass ended the Bills' first drive, Sumner was able to advance to inside the Gridbills' ten yard line. However, one of the two incredible goal line stands by the Footbills that evening prevented the Bulldogs from coming within striking range.

The Bills, late in the half, were able to post their final points of the game. After a personal foul by Sumner allowed the Bills to continue their drive, a McArthur pass to senior David Ries advanced the ball to near the goal line. Sumner's size advantage prevented a McArthur replay and forced the Jr. Bills back to the six. Several incomplete passes later, the Bills place kicker Chris Calsyn punched the ball through the uprights giving the Bills a ten-point advantage over their discouraged opponents. Ries's 39-yard reception and run proved to be one of the most exciting plays the offense created all game. "What a great play," stated one SLUH fan; "Ries must have bounced off and spun around at least five defenders."

With a decent lead, the Bills were able to concentrate on defense the second half—and concentrate they did. Sumner had the first possession of the half, but they promptly yielded up the ball to SLUH. The Jr. Bills, unable to generate anything offensively, returned the ball to Sumner. Similarly Sumner failed to generate any offense. They did, however, succeed to

fake a punt. From SLUH's 20 yard line, the Bulldogs slowly forced their way to SLUH's one-yard line. Confident that on 4 and goal their size would allow them to force their way into the endzone, they ran right up the middle. However, senior Paul Herzberg, who totalled an amazing 8 solo tackles for the game, had plans of his own. Herzberg pounded the hapless Bulldog, preventing what could have been a disastrous blow to the Jr. Billiken cause.

Sumner's offensive spurt continued into their next drive, in which they advanced to SLUH's seven before being deflated by the SLUH defense.

The Bulldogs finally were able to slip in a touchdown with only 1:42 left in the game. A fumble by SLUH's offense on its own 30 yard line allowed the Bulldogs to again advance to the SLUH one yard line. On fourth down, the Bills were hoping that they could again smash the Bulldogs' efforts. But Michael Ware was able to sneak past the Jr. Bill defenders to finally light up the scoreboard for Sumner. In a last ditch effort to save the game, the Bulldogs attempted a two-point conversion, which succeeded, followed by an onside kick, which did not. With just over a minute remaining in the game and a two point lead backing them up, the Jr. Bills played it safe and let the clock do their work for them.

Head coach Gary Kornfeld was ecstatic with his team's performance. He felt that they did exceptionally well controlling the ball against a larger opponent. He was particularly pleased with the way his team played inside its own ten-yard line.

The Bills, now ranked fourth in the area and ninth in the state by the *Post-Dispatch*, will play their final regular season game against the Rough Riders of Roosevelt tonight at Roosevelt.

Next Wednesday, the Bills may well play the winner of tonight's match-up between unranked CBC and #1 Hazelwood East in the sectional contest.

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sophomore Matt Guerrero has been moved up to the varsity team for this week's tournament, and thus far he has two play-off goals.

So far the performance of SLUH's varsity water polo team has been exceptional. Some players' performances were so good that Senior Captain Kevin O'Sullivan has been named the Channel 5 Player of the Week. O'Sullivan and the rest of this legend-in-the-making squad will try to defend the team's last two State Titles and continue their long list of wins.

Tonight, the SLUH water polo team will have to travel to St. Peters for a 7:30 Semi-Final game against its old nemesis Country Day. So far this year Country Day has not given SLUH any trouble, but the Rams always seem to muster up a good performance, and are sure to put some suspense into the game of the "Monotony Bills." If SLUH wins, they will probably meet Parkway South, who is playing Oakville tonight, on Saturday at the St. Peters' Rec Plex at 8:30pm. Admission will be four dollars to view the games in a dry, warm climate.

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West, and Jackson from their Sectional, Parkway South, Kirkwood, Lafayette, and Parkway West from the other St. Louis Sectional as well as eight other teams from around Missouri. Looking toward tomorrow's State Meet, Linhares thinks there are "eight good teams [at State.]" He continues, "West Plains and Springfield Kickapoo are in a field of their own, but the third through eight place teams could be in any order."

The team's goal, according to Linhares, is to finish fourth or above and get the last team trophy. The top seven runners along with the five alternates will leave this morning for Jefferson City. The 4A Boys race is at 11:40 tomorrow morning at Hough Park in the Oak Hills Country Club. All are invited to make the trek to Jefferson City to see the Harriers. Maps are available at the switchboard.