

One step closer: Football runs by Hazelwood West on road to State

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The road to the Edward Jones Dome and the Missouri state title is a difficult path filled with the best teams in the state, but the St. Louis U. High football team took a step in the right direction last Friday night, shutting out Hazelwood West 42-0.

The Wildcats came to play early, forcing the Jr. Bills to go three and out on their first possession.

"We went three and out to begin with, which concerned me, but defensively, we were tough," said head coach Gary Kornfeld. The SLUH defense was tough indeed, sacking West's quarterback five times and intercepting him twice.

"We got pressure on the quarterback pretty well," senior linebacker Bryan Edwards said. "The D-line did their job."

Even so, the game was still close approaching halftime.

With only seconds remaining in the first half, SLUH led 14-0 and senior kicker Jake Cox was set to attempt a 37-yard field goal.



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Instead of holding the ball for Cox to kick, sophomore quarterback Mitch Batschelett rolled out to his right and found a wide open Edwards, who scored untouched as time expired last Friday.

But Hazelwood West called a timeout to ice Cox, giving Kornfeld and his coaching staff time to dial up a trick play.

"When I got to the huddle, coach told me fake it, so I went through my motions and it worked out pretty well," said Cox.

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ball for Cox to kick, sophomore quarterback Mitch Batschelett rolled out to his right and found a wide open Edwards, who scored untouched as time expired.

Kornfeld said the play was a calculated risk that they decided to take based on the film they had on the Hawks.

The fake field goal was the last straw for the Wildcats, who never recovered.

In the second half, SLUH increased its lead to 35 with touchdown runs from senior Andre Colvin and sophomore Andrew Clair, who combined for over 200 yards rushing for the second consecutive week;

Colvin finished with 110 yards and Clair finished with 122. As a team, the Jr. Bills rushed for more yards (279) than Hazelwood West had total offense (159).

Junior Chris Stahl rounded out the scoring for the Jr. Bills with a five-yard pick six

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Hockey falls again to CBC to end tourney run

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The St. Louis U. High hockey team beat Rockwood Summit 4-1 to advance to the semifinals of the Pre-season Tournament, where the team lost 4-0 to CBC.

The team got out to a slow start against the Falcons before picking up the pace in the second and third periods en route to the 4-1 win.

"We played well," said head coach Kevin Fitzpatrick. "We outshot them 44-9. We have to bear down around the net. It could have easily been eight or nine to one. We're going to need those goals for our big games."

Defensive highlights from the Rockwood Summit game came from freshman Steven Pawlow, who broke up a three-on-one, and junior Scotty Berger's blocking and

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MCC swim win marks last step before State

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The St. Louis U. High varsity swim and dive team finished an exciting week yesterday, starting Saturday with the MICDS Invite and ending with the Metro Catholic Conference preliminary and final meets on Wednesday and Thursday. JV also swam Saturday at the JV MCC meet.

That night, SLUH also competed in the MICDS Invite. There were only four schools in the meet, with each school getting only two entries in each event, so the team did not send many swimmers.

For most, this was a last chance to get a state cut before MCCs. Freshman Mathias Hostetler accomplished this goal in the 100 Butterfly, swimming a personal best and qualifying for state.

Junior Michael Krause, however, missed a state cut in the 50 Freestyle by .08 seconds.

"I felt really good about it," said Krause. "I know I can make it this week at MCCs."

The team's next race, MCC prelims, took place on Wednesday at Forest Park. This meet only seeded all swimmers for the finals Thursday, but SLUH still had swimmers going for state.

Krause swam the 50 again and missed qualifying by about a third of a second.

"I felt like this was one of my faster races, but there are still a few things I would like to fix," Krause said. "I took an extra breath on my final lap, which hurt me a lot,

and also my strokes were a little short. If I fix those for tomorrow, I should make it."

Senior Michael Kennedy was attempting to qualify in the 100 Freestyle Wednesday, but he missed his cut by .12.

"It felt awesome overall," Kennedy said afterwards. "I definitely feel like I can do better tomorrow though because I forgot to really mentally prepare myself before the race. I just reminded myself about my kick off the walls as I was on the block. If I go over the race earlier tomorrow in my head, I should be ready."

Lastly, freshman Barclay Dale missed his state cut in the 100 Backstroke by less than a third of a second. As a freshman, qualifying for state would be a huge accomplishment.

Overall, SLUH left the pool Wednesday satisfied with their positions in the finals, but more worried about certain State times.

For information regarding the MCC finals, including meet results and top finishers, see the nightbeat below.

The dive team also had a very exciting week this week. Senior Ike Simmon qualified for state earlier in the season, and senior Kier Verhoff has been trying to follow his lead the entire season. On Saturday at Rec Plex, Verhoff was finally able to do it.

"I was the only diver for SLUH at MICDS, which was great," Verhoff said. "My only real competition was Laddue, and I ended up winning

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Hennessey finishes first to lead cross country to 14th straight District title

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Senior Matthew Hennessey finished first at the district race last Saturday, leading the team to an empathetic win on the long road to State last Saturday. SLUH beat the closest competition by 31 points.

The team went into the race looking for its 14th straight District title and 21st out of the last 22, though two of the usual top five runners, senior Jack Sullivan and junior Joe Butler, were rested last minute. Sullivan was dealing with problems with his IT band and Butler was recovering from being sick earlier in the week. Luckily, the depth of the team allows for some of the best runners to take rests without risking losing the race.

In the District race, junior Billy Balossi and sophomore Joe Laughlin ran in place of Sullivan and Butler, and both helped the team to the victory.

"I thought we ran very solid," said head coach Joe Porter. "We had great races from Hennessey and Laughlin."

Hennessey led the team and the race with a time of 16:00; he beat the second place Webster runner, Tyler Lawson, in the last 100 yards of the race.

"I honestly didn't think I was going to out-kick him," said Hennessey. "He was a little bit more tired than he had let on. It was really exciting, but I was also grateful that he was able to push like that be-



photo | Kevin Murphy

From left to right: Senior Thomas Hogan, junior Dustan Davidson, and senior Matthew Hennessey compete for first in the second half of the District race.

cause it helped me get a better time than I might've gotten if he wasn't there."

After Lawson, the Jr. Bills' two through seven runners came in uninterrupted.

Senior Thomas Hogan (3rd; 16:19) finished just 17 seconds behind Lawson, setting a new personal record in his final race at Forest Park, followed by junior Dustan Davidson (4th; 16:21) and senior Jack Gallagher (5th; 16:44).

Gallagher was followed by the last group of SLUH runners, who stayed together for much of the race. The group consisted of Balossi (6th; 16:56) who took the last

scoring position for SLUH, senior Shayn Jackson (7th; 17:01), and sophomore Joe Laughlin (8th; 17:04), who also set a personal record that day.

"We would like to see the gap between Hennessey and the group closer," said Porter. "Our one-to-five spread was 44 seconds, and we would like to see that closer to 35. I think that will happen with more guys in the field."

The runners are looking forward to their next race tomorrow, partly because they will have the regular group back together, and also because the rearranging of the Sectionals during the off-sea-

son put them in a Sectional race with much more competition. Compared to last year, when the team put six runners in the top 14 of the race, they will now run against Rock Bridge, who have been top four finishers at State for the last few years, and other strong individual runners.

"I think it will help having such a strong team (to race against)," said Porter. "Our goal for sectionals is to first, advance, and second, focus on our gaps."

The team races at Warrenton High School at 10:30 a.m.