

The Redcoats are coming! SLUH punishes the Patriots 44-0

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The St. Louis U. High football team played Parkway South in the KSDK Game of the Week last Friday, and the Jr. Bills did not disappoint, routing the Patriots 44-0.

The Patriots got the ball to start the game and they quickly moved into SLUH territory, but senior captain Spencer Chipley sacked South's quarterback to end the Patriots' drive.

However, SLUH's defense was called upon again almost immediately, after the SLUH offense fumbled on its first play from scrimmage.

Parkway South got the ball at the 25-yard line and quickly moved the ball inside the 5-yard line. But on fourth and goal the defense stood tall and turned away the Patriots.

"I was very pleased with how we (dealt) with adversity," head coach Gary Kornfeld

said.

Towards the end of the first quarter, the offense finally broke through. Sophomore quarterback Mitch Batschelett found junior receiver David Jackson down the sideline for a 69-yard reception that put the ball at the 6-yard line. A couple of plays later, Batschelett ran it in from the 1-yard line, giving SLUH a 7-0 lead with 11:25 left in the half.

Not wanting to be outdone, the Jr. Bill defense forced a safety after senior punter Will Komos pinned the ball at the Patriots' 1-yard line.

"Our D-line played amazing," senior defensive end Jack McCarthy said.

Given good starting field position by their defense, the Jr. Bills again drove down the field late in the first half. With 2:52 remaining, senior



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Senior Andre Colvin runs the ball up the middle in last Friday night's game against Parkway South. The Jr. Bills won 44-0.

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XC makes history: wins at Palatine

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SLUH's varsity XC team celebrates after winning the Palatine Invitational last Saturday.

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As the St. Louis U. High cross country team knows first hand, sometimes in order to win, you must first push through adversity.

That is what they did last weekend, when they won the Palatine Invitational for the first time ever by a mere three points, despite the team bus being broken into the night before. Although nothing was

stolen, the window on the door, the driver's window, and a large side window were all shattered and in need of replacement.

Once the gun was fired, the runners bolted off the line, trying to make their way through to the front of the pack. Due to the large number of runners, none of the Porterbills were able to get in a good position right off the start, which was true for many

other teams as well.

"We wanted to get out a little bit quicker, because that's the style of Illinois racing," said Porter. "It's very different from Missouri. We wanted to put ourselves in a position to be successful."

"I said they've got to find each other, which is difficult," said Porter. "With 32 teams and a narrow course, it makes

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Hockey battles to a 3-2 victory

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Obviously, the ultimate goal is to try and win State. With the talent we have this year we are definitely if not number one, at least number two in the state," said hockey captain Patrick Pence (Jr.).

The team won its first postseason game, 3-2 over Lutheran South in the Top Hat preseason tournament at Webster Groves.

Though SLUH dominated in shots on goal, Lutheran South scored first, with 4:30 left in the first period.

But the Jr. Bills battled back, and eventually senior

captain Tommy Espenschied tied the game at one with 55 seconds left in the first period. SLUH outshot Lutheran South 8-1 in the first period.

Halfway through the second period, Lutheran South scored again.

"They beat the defensemen and passed it towards the middle. It was bouncing around, and got tapped in," said junior goaltender Joe Warnecke.

The Jr. Bills thought they had tied the game at two after senior Jack Potter scored, but the ref called high sticking and the goal was nullified. But senior Brendan Walters scored with 45 seconds left

in the second period to tie it again.

The Jr. Bills closed out the game with a strong third period. Walters scored again, with 5:32 left in the third period. A strong defensive effort by junior Andrew Ott and big hits from junior Scotty Berger held Lutheran South to just one shot on goal for the period. The Bills outshot Lutheran South 17-1 in the third period, and 39-8 for the whole game.

"We could have played better. We were missing some guys, and it was the first game

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Swimming and dive travel to Mizzou

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Before the sun was up last Saturday morning, the St. Louis U. High swim and dive team was on a bus headed to Columbia, Mo. for the 2014 COMO Invitational at the Mizzou Aquatics Center.

As the bus left SLUH's parking lot before 6 a.m. Saturday, it was missing one very important senior passenger: captain Colin Derdeyn.

"Days before the meet, Coach Esposito joked about who would be the one to show up late for the bus," Derdeyn commented. "I felt it was my destiny to show up late. I snoozed my 5:00 a.m. alarm clock only to be woken up by Justin Andrews's phone call at 6:00 saying the bus had just

left SLUH!"

The bus picked up Derdeyn near his house, though, and all was well again.

For the third time this year in a large meet like this, the Jr. Bills split into two squads, SLUH Blue, made up of mostly varsity members, and SLUH White, comprised a few JV members.

COMO is one of the longest meets of the year, featuring 28 teams and having both prelims and finals for every race all in one day. For the state finals, the prelims and finals are on separate days, but here everything is put together, with the dive meet taking place in the middle of the two in its own pool.

The meet didn't begin the way SLUH hoped. The 200 Medley Relay team took 12th,

adding time and bringing frustration to the team.

"We showed up very tired, and it showed in our prelim races," Derdeyn said. "As a result, we did not get seeded as high as we should have from many of our races in the finals."

After a pep talk from head coach Joe Esposito, though, the team rallied in the next few events. Junior Justin Andrews seeded first for finals in the 200 Freestyle, while senior Michael Kennedy also qualified. Freshman Mathias Hostelter also dropped almost three seconds in his 100 Butterfly to qualify for the finals, which was a big achievement for him.

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Soccer wins CYC tourney

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Senior captain Gram Tolish passes in Tuesday's game against Eureka.

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Winner winner, chicken dinner! The Jr. Bills snagged the CYC Tournament title for the second time in three years last weekend, and the team also won a hard-fought match against Eureka on Tuesday.

The Jr. Bills had a ton of both goals and wins (in the

CYC Tournament), outscoring opponents 23-2 and going 5-0 in the CYC Tournament, and beating both Chaminade and Webster Groves 2-0 in the playoff round.

In round robin play, the Jr. Bills started off the tourney with a 2-1 win against Kirkwood and a 7-0 win against Oakville.

Last Thursday, the Jr.

Bills beat Belleville West 5-0 in their last round robin game of the tourney. The team continued its phenomenal play from the previous two games, giving senior goalie Albert Reinwart another shutout.

The Jr. Bills came out for the game with lots of speed and momentum. In the 26th

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Soccer is now ranked No. 1 in the city

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minute, senior Elliot Boerding, after a pass from senior Will DelaRoche, fired a shot into the side of the net to make it 1-0 SLUH.

In the 41st minute, senior Andrew Patke made the score 2-0 when he scored off of a penalty kick earned after junior Peter Simon was fouled in the Belleville box. Senior captain Clark Conway finished a cross from Simon on the back right post in the same minute, 3-0 SLUH.

Senior Rocco Vienhage struck next on a breakaway goal, after running through two Belleville defenders. Junior Sam Perry worked his way down the line and passed it to junior Matt Jansen, who then fired a shot on net. Senior John Ratermann tipped in Jansen's shot to make it 5-0 SLUH.

Playoff rounds, baby, playoffs! The Jr. Bills faced off against MCC rival Chaminade, who defeated the Bills earlier in the season 3-0. SLUH sought revenge.

The team worked like a well-oiled machine, creating multiple goal opportunities from Simon, Boerding, and Conway and preventing Chaminade's offense from getting into a groove.

In the 31st minute, senior Joe Jasso and junior Al Solverud worked together in the backfield to stop Chaminade's dangerous set piece play from the right wing. Jasso isn't just a defensive star, though. He almost caused an own goal by a Chaminade defender off of a free kick near half in the 35th.

Conway, off of a pass from junior captain Matt Frein, found the back of the net with a low right to left shot, putting SLUH ahead 1-0 at halftime.

The Jr. Bills kept their control of the game in the second half, especially in the 33rd minute when Boerding went toe-to-toe with the Chaminade goalie on a header and won, pushing it past the goalie and into the back of the net to make it 2-0 SLUH.

"I think everybody played well," said head coach Charlie Martel. "This is a great



Senior Will DelaRoche dribbles the ball upfield against Eureka Tuesday afternoon.

win; it's awesome to move on to the finals for the third year in a row. Our midfield played really well; it was probably the best effort from those four guys all year, and I think that is the reason we won."

After their hard-fought match the previous week, the Jr. Bills knew the daunting challenge they had moving on to the finals against Webster Groves. The SLUH crowd packed a punch as well, and the team vowed not to disappoint.

Similar to the Chaminade game the day before, SLUH controlled the game, winning headers and ball races and getting lots of opportunities.

In the seventh minute, Solverud shot a free kick from right to left that was barely stopped by the Statesman goalie. Five minutes later, off of the original shot from Boerding, Conway and Simon had rebounds that the Webster goalie knocked away.

Webster had a scary opportunity in the 23rd. Reinwart thwarted that shot with a one-hand punch that led to a Webster corner, which was kicked out of the SLUH box immediately.

SLUH did not wait to get a jump on Webster. Conway ran down the wing and crossed a header that Boerding finished, putting SLUH up 1-0.

Two minutes later, Si-

mon's low cross from the left snuck its way past the Webster goalie, putting SLUH up 2-0 and ending the half on top.

"That was the best half we've played all year by far, in my opinion," said Martel. "Those two goals were world-class goals. That all put Webster under a lot of pressure, and our defense was solid."

SLUH came out with the same intensity in the second half as they had in the first. Reinwart had a big stopped shot when he had a lot of screens between him and the shooter in the third minute. Solverud followed that stop with a huge free kick from nearly half that got caught in the feet of senior captain Elias Asres in the box.

Reinwart protected SLUH's lead once more with an acrobatic, one-handed stop. Boerding responded with a lone run down the wing, until he was tripped and had to leave the field a minute later. Solverud's free kick off the foul led to a Simon corner, which was stopped by the Webster goalie.

The rest of the game was an awesome defensive showing, which included Reinwart dropping bodies while protecting his box for SLUH. The game ended at 2-0 in favor of the Jr. Bills.

"Matt Frein was just unbelievable in the midfield," said Martel. "Jasso and Solverud also played awesome in

photo | Patrick Enderle

First time XC has won meet in five tries

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it hard to work together and to find each other."

The slow start didn't intimidate the Jr. Bills. Senior Matthew Hennessey ended up with a 10th place finish and a time of 15:07, with junior Dustan Davidson close behind in 13th place and a time of 15:09. Although the race was three miles, the times were still extremely fast, and converted to be personal records for both Hennessey and Davidson for a 5K.

"I thought Dustan did a great job going straight to the lead pack and just sitting there on the back end of the pack," said Porter. "Hennessey was in the teens most of the race and moved up into top ten, but I felt like the other guys were struggling to find each other a little bit."

"It was hard," said Hennessey. "In the beginning I got closed in on from both sides, and I had to find a way to get around a lot of runners so that I could get up toward the front and try to stick with the front pack."

"We went into the race just trying to give our best effort like always and it was our day on Saturday," said Davidson.

Following them into the finish from SLUH was senior Jack Sullivan, who despite getting lost at the start, eventually found his way back for a 34th place finish in a time of 15:37. Not far behind Sullivan were seniors Thomas Hogan (15:45; 48th) and Jack Gallagher (16:07; 75th). That rounded off the scoring runners for the team, followed by junior Billy Balossi (16:09; 75th) and senior Shayn Jackson (16:48; 138th).

Jackson, who would usually run with the front pack, suffered from back cramps that started in the second mile, and was unable to run to his full ability.

"We knew that the winner was going to be high scoring just because there were a lot of really good teams and not one team was really dominant," said Porter. "We held true to that, and we felt like we were around third or fourth but we knew that it was close between a lot of (teams)."

The team scored 172 points, beating Loyola Academy (Chicago) by a mere 5

points. The top six teams on the varsity level were separated by only 20 points, which attests to the very close field of teams.

The bus mishap caused a scare among the coaches and runners, but was fixed just in time. The team had a strict schedule, and if they deviated from that schedule, they would have very likely been late to the race. It would have caused a lot of inconveniences that the team wished to avoid, such as having to carry the team tent and supplies to the course from outside the park, along with all of their own bags.

Before the team could leave, head coach Joe Porter assisted in filing a police report on the incident, testifying that the bus was parked on the property of the LaQuinta Inn and that none of the runners' items were stolen. The bus pulled out of the parking lot at 7:50, desperately trying to make the 8:00 deadline.

With a few minutes to spare, the bus pulled into the parking lot of the course. The runners' personal items as well as the tent and other team supplies were quickly unloaded and transported to the tent area, where the runners would wait until it was time to warm up and race.

"We were fortunate enough that nothing was stolen, that we were able to get to the meet, and that during the meet, (the driver) was able to drive all the way to Wisconsin, an hour and a half drive, get it fixed, and come back before we had to get picked up," said Porter. "Some things are going to go wrong on a road trip, that's just how it always unfolds."

The Jr. Bills will run at Parkway West's meet tomorrow, which is a competitive race, mainly because their rivals, Lafayette, are also racing there. There the team will continue to work on their one-to-five man split, which increased to a minute at Palatine.

"I think the split is something we need to work on more," said Hennessey. "We just need to work on running as a pack a little more."

After slow start, swimming places 7th

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of the prelims, SLUH's 200 and 400 Freestyle Relay teams from both the Blue and White teams qualified. Freshman Barkley Dale in the 100 Backstroke and Mark Franz in the 100 Breast also qualified for State.

Between meets, SLUH swimmers wandered around campus, checking out some of the features of Mizzou. Common stopping places were Shakespeare's Pizza and the Columns.

Once the finals began, the Jr. Bills were ready to go. SLUH's 200 Medley Relay placed ninth to start, and An-

draws placed second in the 200 Freestyle.

Derdeyn also dropped a half second in his 50 Freestyle, taking third overall.

"I went into the finals race knowing I was racing against the other top couple 50 Freestylers in the state," Colin said. "I swam a best time, (but) there are a lot of things I know I can still improve on. I look forward to racing those guys at state."

SLUH's freestyle relay also chipped in points down the stretch in the finals place finish, as did Andrews with a second place finish in the 500 Freestyle, his best event.

Franz also had a great end to his day, beating his time in the 100 Breaststroke from earlier in the day by about a half second. Franz is now seeded tenth in the state in the event, and swam the second fastest time by a SLUH swimmer in the event over the last ten years.

Overall, SLUH Blue (the varsity team) finished in seventh place overall with 117 points.

"We got to see some great competition from all over Missouri," commented senior Eric Caselton, who believes this meet will help the team get a good idea of what it

will be up against in the State meet.

Overall Esposito was pleased with the meet, but felt there was room to work before the state finals. "We started off very slow which resulted in a very disappointing seventh place finish. Michael Kennedy and Mathias Hostetler swam their best races of the season though."

SLUH also had a meet scheduled for last night at Rockwood Summit. The meet was cancelled though after the pool lost power.

Hockey wins despite missing key players

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of the year," said Warnecke.

The team's next game will be against the St. Louis Blues sled team Saturday at Affton ice rink. The team's next game

of the preseason tournament will be against Oakville next Wednesday at 7:10 p.m.