





# Chess team loses heartbreaking match to Parkway West in semifinals

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The SLUH chess team faced off against Parkway West in the semifinals last week. As with previous matches this season, the match took place online due to Covid-19 concerns. The team had spent the four-day weekend preparing for the match and had done preparation (using certain moves in order to cause their opponent to get an unpleasant position from the opening) for their opponents. However, as the games started, everyone found themselves in full-on combat.

Junior CJ Elam (Board 4) managed to get the upper hand on his opponent and ended up in a good position.

“CJ rushed his king up the board to create a mating net,” said head coach Rich Esswein, referring to the setting up of a checkmate by stopping the enemy king from moving anywhere. “He made a good decision in an unpleasant situation.”

However, the rest of the matches would not be so easy, as the Parkway West players punished every mistake SLUH made.

Senior Henry Narkiewicz (Board 5) missed one move that would have won him the game. Narkiewicz played to a draw after a long and grueling endgame.

“I had one opportunity to win the game,” said Narkiewicz. “My opponent was good so I was pleased with a draw.”

Soon after, senior Robert Mize lost a hard fought match. His opponent used a tactic involving sacrificing two pieces to deliver a checkmate.

“I missed one tactic in the beginning,” said Mize. “I wasn’t really given any chances after that.”

At Board 1, junior Luke Conran had been in a blood-bath since the beginning of the game. Both sides had crazy tactics being played, but Conran was soon overrun.

“He fought really hard to hold a draw,” said Esswein. “If he had a chance to get a move back then it would’ve made a huge difference.”

Senior Brody Nester’s (Board 2) game went on the longest. The game was a long maneuvering one that went on for a total of one hour and fifty-five minutes (two hours is the maximum amount of time a game can go). Nester had a balanced game, but fell for a trap and ended up losing soon after due to time pressure.

The match ended 23-7 in favor of Parkway. However, the score of the match did not reflect how close the match was.

“We got in our heads once games started to not go our way,” said Mize. “We were too focused on each other’s games instead of our own.”

“The games were extreme-

ly close,” said Esswein. “The score doesn’t show how close a match can be.”

The chess team loses three of the five current players to graduation. Players like Nester and Mize have played on the varsity team since they were freshmen. But although the team is losing these boards, they are bound to have a strong team next year with players like freshman Daniel Huynh, freshman Max Delgado, sophomore Elliot Murray, and others that can all be on the A team next year.

The members of the club are all going to practice in the off season to come in strong next year.

“Chess club has been a great experience,” said Huynh. “I am going to keep doing puzzles and playing games.”

“I am going to keep playing against my friends,” said freshman Charlie Hill. “I will keep doing competitions with others.”

Practicing chess is a necessity for Murray, since he is bound to be on the A team next year. “I’m probably going to be board two or three,” said Murray. “So I am going to play a lot at the St. Louis Chess Club.”

For other members like Delgado, players want to do more than just practice chess games.

“I want to be more diverse with my openings,” said Delgado.

“The underclassmen still have a lot of untapped talent,” said Conran. “I think we need to look out for players like Delgado, Huynh, and Murray.”

For Esswein, the club was much more active and there were many more players who came to chess club.

“The Covid situation really made things difficult last year,” said Esswein. “I was concerned about the strength of the team but we gained a lot of really strong underclassmen this year.”

But with every class, you need to have a leader for the club. Luke Conran has been on Board 1 for the last two years, and is destined to take the role in the club.

“I will try to keep us on track,” said Conran “I want to set a good example for the lower boards next year.”

The Chess Club is hoping to keep up with their activity next year and continue to compete in tournaments and keep their discord server running. This week starts the beginning of a month-long tournament run by Nester to help keep the club active. Other events have been planned in the future to keep the community together.

“I am much more encouraged for the season next year than I was six months ago,” said Esswein. “I am looking forward to see what next year brings.”

# Students and teachers travel to Baltimore for social justice conference

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Named after the great Jesuit Fr. Pedro Arrupe, S.J., the Arrupe Leaders Summit (East Coast edition) recently took place with St. Louis U. High students and faculty attending for the tenth time in Baltimore, Md. Six people from each Jesuit school attended the conference, which focused on improved social justice reforms and advocating for better school environments.

School counselor Mary Michalski and math teacher Tracy Lyons accompanied by four underclassmen: sophomores Grayson Stevenson, Courtney Lucas, Elias Scott, Herbie Villaflores and freshmen Madhavan Anbukumar and Chase Hatch.

“We’re trying to bring different Asian cultures and perspectives to light at SLUH,” said sophomore Herbie Villaflores. “All of the various Asian countries have something new and interesting to share, we want to show the entire school these traditions and cultural values.”

In addition to the ASA, other social justice clubs and organizations attended the conference in Baltimore, some from SLUH, such as ACES, and other organizations from other Jesuit schools across the states.

The two trip moderators—

Michalski and Lyons—were pleased with the outcome and learning experiences that took place in the conference. Michalski is hopeful that the fruits of the conference will benefit SLUH from advocacy by the attendees.

“The students learned a lot about

and why social justice should be advocated for and implemented into the school,” said Michalski. “They’ve brought their learning back to what they’re involved in at school and could possibly even start something new.”

Attending the confer-

“They really grew in their understanding about what they can do over their next two or three years at SLUH to keep growing as people and doing good work in social justice causes.”

-Tracy Lyons



Sophomore Courtney Lucas speaking at the conference.

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# Senior JP Torack wins Archbishop May Service award for work with Clavius Project



Torack (center) with Gilmore, Deves and Stewart.

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After being nominated in December, senior JP Torack was recently presented with the Archbishop May Service award during a Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis.

The award is given annually by the Archdiocese to one senior from each of the area’s Catholic high schools.

“The Archbishop May Service Award is given to a senior in each of the Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese who, in the opinion of the Campus Ministry Department and the Administration, is an

outstanding example of rendering Christian Service within his community and school,” said campus minister Stephen Deves.

Along with winning the award, Torack, his parents, Fr. Matt Stewart, SJ, math teacher Stephen Deves, and theology teacher Brian Gilmore attended the award ceremony, which took place on Monday at the Cathedral and included Mass with the Archbishop. After the Mass was over, the Archbishop presented awards to each of the winners, who had their photo taken with the archbishop and received the plaque.

Torack said he was grateful

to be celebrated and rewarded for his hard work, but felt odd to be rewarded for helping others.

“So Mrs. Anzalone told me in December that I was nominated as a recipient and it was a very big surprise. I had no idea it was even something I had been considered for, I didn’t even really realize it was a thing, but it’s nice to have some sort of recognition for some of the work I’ve done,” said Torack. “But at the same time, it’s kind of a weird award because they’re celebrating you for being selfless. I appreciate it, I’m glad that I’m being recognized for the hard work I’ve

done, but it’s weird, because it’s rewarding me for doing something I should be doing. But also doing something that’s not usually meant to be noticed.”

In order to win the award, Torack had to do countless hours of service; he is most proud of the work he has done with the Clavius Project.

“I think it’s a super cool program. We really pride ourselves on many things like our STEM education, but having that is very expensive, and so not a lot of schools have great educational access to that. So we work to provide laptops and robotics kits, so they can learn basic robotic skills,” said Torack.

Although it was nice to win the award, the main reason for doing the service for Torack was to help those in need.

“It’s a wonderful honor for JP and something he should be proud of. The unique thing about it too, is that nobody who wins this award does the service because they want the award,” said Deves. “When JP started doing the service that he is involved in, he wasn’t doing it so that he could get some recognition in senior year. When I think back to all the people that have won it from SLUH, none of those guys cared about that award. They did the service because they’re passionate, because they cared about others, because they cared about the organizations they were supporting. And that’s very much who JP is.”



# Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day this year with traditional Irish music

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St. Patrick’s Day is regarded in the United States as a holiday for partying: the Chicago river turns green, festivals and parades crowd city streets, and adults drink beer before noon. This year, broaden your horizons and consider an often overlooked part of Irish culture: traditional music.

Of course, celebrations of St. Patrick’s Day in Ireland are not free of merriment. However, Irish “ceilis” are far different from American celebrations. As opposed to the celtic-sounding music blasting through the speakers of American bars, the pubs of Ireland feature live musicians playing traditional tunes.

Aside from the parades in Downtown and Dogtown, St. Louis has a lot more to offer in terms of Irish culture. McGurk’s Pub in Soulard features live music on weekends year round, but holds special concerts for St. Patrick’s Day weekend. During the day on Saturday, local Irish musicians Kevin Buckley and Dan Lowery will be playing, and the bands Clusterfolk and Falling Fences will play Saturday night. Buckley and Lowery will return to play with fiddler Ian Walsh Thursday night. On top of the festive music, McGurk’s offers authentic Irish cuisine to provide a fully immersive experience.

Counselor Ken McKenna is familiar with the St. Louis Irish music scene. A multi-instrumentalist who plays

guitar, fiddle, banjo, and mandolin, McKenna has played with other Irish musicians in St. Louis since the 1980s.

“The Scottish Arms is where I played a regular gig on Sundays,” said McKenna. “I used to do dinner on Sundays. Now they have an amazing brunch on Sunday mornings, but they haven’t restarted for staff reasons, so I’m waiting for that to come back. We had a wonderful community of people and we even had ASC guys who would come and sing. It was great. It was grand. It wasn’t just a performance, it was more like a living room.”

English teacher John Kavanaugh has been around Irish music for his whole life. Growing up, his father and his uncle started a tradition

of playing St. Patrick’s Day concerts in memory of his grandfather and the songs that he taught the family.

“From 1977 to 1992, every single year, there was a concert. Then we did another five or six or seven more concerts after that,” said Kavanaugh. “My uncle was sort of the driving force behind it. We all got like a small stipend. But always the concert was a big fundraiser for a hospital clinic in Honduras or a Jesuit mission in Belize or something like that.”

For a slightly different feel from lively music at McGurk’s and the hectic parades, the Focal Point is a small concert hall in downtown Mapelwood that features Irish and bluegrass concerts year round. For this St. Patrick’s Day, they will

feature the traditional Irish band Téada this Sunday, and St. Louis Irish Arts, a local Irish music school, next Friday. Along with the fast-paced jigs and reels, these concerts will also feature slow airs that are another important part of Irish music.

“I feel like it’s a place to be quiet and take it in, as opposed to massive mobs of people where it’s just kind of here and there,” said McKenna. “There are blaring people, and then the weather will be bad. I’m thinking the sweetest way to find it live is with them at the Focal Point.”

Should the weather turn out better, the parades are still a good way to celebrate the holiday. They usually feature traditional Irish music and dance, and attending the

parade is a good way to support local Irish bands and organizations.

“Appreciating the richness of any culture is always a wonderful thing,” said McKenna. “I think that the Irish Celtic culture is infused in our culture. It’s part of who we are. Understanding that culture is really important. I grew up in the past when the idea was there’s this energy about ‘the Irish are the best’ or ‘our ethnic group is just wonderful,’ but now I feel like it’s more of a blurring of lines. When you’re watching Irish music and dance these days, you look at the dancers, and they’re from all different backgrounds. It’s not just red hair and blue eyes. The Irish have blended in a lot of ways, and it’s beautiful.”

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### ACROSS

- 1. Indy athlete
- 5. Cries “foul!”
- 9. Pancake
- 14. Ending for buck
- 15. Sports org. with HQ in Indy
- 16. Jousting need
- 17. 500 sheets
- 18. City near the oldest Wonder
- 20. Handyman
- 22. \_\_\_\_\_ kwan do
- 23. Flag that includes no representation of Wales
- 27. Common theater name, French for jewel
- 30. Gen. Pershing’s WWI command
- 33. CBS show in its 18th season
- 34. Predecessor to 5G
- 35. One who traditionally wears plaid
- 39. Type of dance or water
- 40. Pack animal
- 41. Leading, as in a race
- 42. Like this ans.
- 43. Time zone of most of one continent
- 44. World’s first

- billion-dollar corp., with HQ in Pittsburgh
- 45. By way of, Latin for way
- 46. MLB Hall of Famer Bill, one of 5-Across
- 48. F or M
- 49. Not worth \_\_\_\_\_
- 51. Personification of winter
- 54. Kinda
- 55. Toy that “pops” ... and a hint for seven squares in this puzzle
- 62. Accustoms
- 65. Prefix meaning height, as in a certain airplane meter
- 66. “\_\_\_\_\_ candle for you today ...”
- 67. Gambling capital until the 1950’s
- 68. Parts of avocados and olives
- 69. Tall military footwear
- 70. Black cat or Halley’s Comet, e.g.
- 71. Lottery winnings

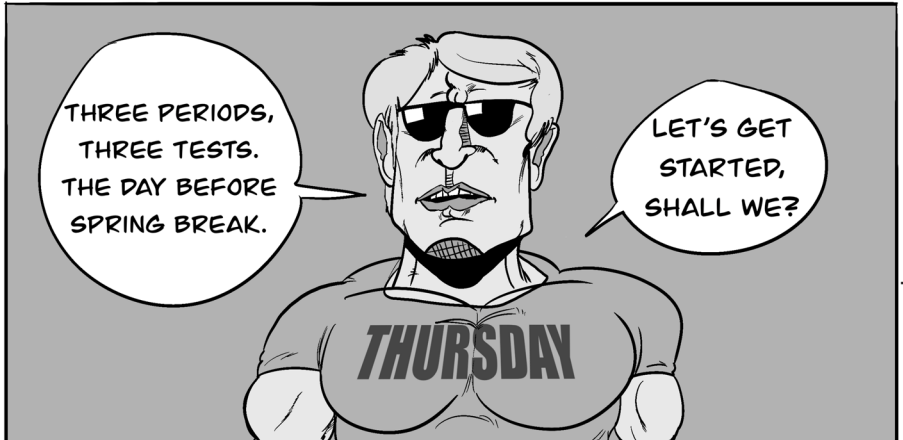
### DOWN

- 1. Steal an automobile, brazenly
- 2. On-brand Creme

- Between
- 3. Predecessor to sliced bread
- 4. Actually a fruit, like an avocado and olive
- 5. Cry meaning “stop!”
- 6. Exam for future Drs.
- 7. Couple
- 8. Singer Bareilles or actress Gilbert
- 9. Certain jumping insects (archaic)
- 10. Falls off the pace
- 11. Whichever
- 12. Angel dust
- 13. Part of a suit
- 19. College in Norfolk, VA
- 21. Hawaiian pork and fish dish
- 24. From do to do
- 25. Vitamin that lacked
- 26. Fat-free dieter
- 27. 21
- 28. Se of per se
- 29. Surprise of 55-Across
- 30. Make \_\_\_\_\_ of: botch
- 31. Online money back
- 32. Shipping co.

- with an arrow hidden in its logo
- 36. Hesitant sounds
- 37. \_\_\_\_\_ v. Wade
- 38. Jumpin’ \_\_\_\_\_, Rolling Stones song
- 47. Minty Cuban cocktail
- 50. Dealer of inferior merchandise
- 52. Occupied, as a diner booth
- 53. College in Fort Worth, TX
- 54. “Let’s do this!”
- 56. Corn syrup brand since 1902
- 57. Couple
- 58. Hawaiian state bird
- 59. Dot on a radar screen
- 60. Bart and Lisa’s bus driver
- 61. RNA that helps to determine
- 48-Across, with a name that implies living
- 62. Take over, as an airplane or a conversation
- 63. Vestment for clergy and acolytes
- 64. AP \_\_\_\_\_

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# BEST IN THE NATION!

## Racquetball outlasts Kirkwood to bring home 15th National title; deep bracket runs put SLUH over the edge

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After claiming the State title about a week ago, racquetball had their eyes set on claiming the National Championship this week. Through many close matches, replacement racquets, broken balls, and hours at Vetta, SLUH racquetball are National Champions for the 15th time in program history.

Each player played in both a singles and doubles bracket during nationals. The varsity doubles pairings were Will Shorey and Jared Thornberry; Danny Phillips and Max Telken; Nick Heinlein and Clark Martin; and Max Adelman and Luke Dannegger.

Shorey and Thornberry made it to the finals of the top doubles bracket of the tournament. In the finals they faced off against CBC opponents Jake Schmidt and Gabe Collins. After having a strong lead for most of the first game, Shorey and Thornberry lost the first game 15-13.

In the second game, Shorey and Thornberry got down big and quickly saw their opponents reach 14 points. Schmidt and Collins, however, could not finish SLUH off quickly and saw Shorey and Thornberry slowly but surely climb their way back to a 14-14 tie. Despite the comeback, CBC capitalized off a SLUH mistake and took gold in the top doubles bracket.

Phillips and Telken have been doubles partners for their entire careers and got the chance to compete in the second doubles bracket in their final tournament together. They coasted their way to the finals, and in the finals they too met a CBC pairing of Connor Sims and Spencer Keith. Keith and Sims were able to keep the first game close, but fell to Phillips and Telken 14-15. The second game was still a battle, but again saw Phillips and Telken victorious 15-10, clinching gold in the second doubles bracket.

"I started off as a doubles player," said Phillips. "So it was satisfying to end my racquetball career by winning the doubles division and nationals."

Heinlein and Martin, and Adelman and Dannegger, were both placed into the third doubles division where Adelman and Dannegger made it to the quarterfinals but fell to an up and coming freshman pairing from Kirkwood in Charlie Vonder Bruegge and Harry Bogatko, 15-13, 15-13. Martin and Heinlein, however, took down the freshmen in the semifinals 15-5, 15-12 and went on to the finals to play the

varsity Kirkwood doubles team of Tyler Kraichely and Nick Whittington. The match was no contest and Martin and Heinlein dominated 15-3, 15-7, en route to a gold medal victory in the third doubles division.

Shorey had to compete in the top singles bracket of the tournament, meaning he faced off against the best high school racquetball players in the nation. Ironically, he faced off against CBC's Jake Schmidt in the second round of the national tournament, since both players received a first round bye. While Shorey got the best of Schmidt at state, Schmidt defeated Shorey at nationals by a score of 10-15, 15-10, 11-9.

After his defeat, Shorey was sent to the red consolation bracket. He won his first round match because his opponent got injured prior to the tournament's start. In the second round, he dominated De Smet's Christopher Beason 15-6, 15-2. However in the third round, he lost to Cody Elkins from Palisades Charter High School in California 15-12, 15-7.

In the second singles bracket was Telken, who received a bye in the first round. In the quarterfinals he defeated Bryce Ellis from Sam Barlow High School in Oregon in three games 15-7, 14-15, 11-4.

In the semifinals, Telken finally got the rematch against C B C rival

Gabe Collins that he had been longing for. Telken started off strong winning the first game 15-13 after a scary late push from Collins. In the second game, however, Collins caught fire and won 15-5. Collins rode his momentum into the third game and won the match 11-3. Despite the loss, Telken got the opportunity to play in a third place game against Tyler Yazdi from Parkway West. Telken won third place effortlessly 15-7, 15-4.

After having to forfeit his state final match, Jared Thornberry was poised to go on a big run at Nationals, and he did just that. After a first round bye, he had to face off against CBC's Spencer Keith in the quarterfinals. Keith is a very strong opponent and it showed in his match against Thornberry. Thornberry won the first game 15-9, but lost a back and

forth second game 12-15. And in a tense third game, Thornberry was able to come out on top 11-6, advancing to the semifinals.

There, Thornberry coasted through Matthew Schulze from DeSmet 15-5, 15-14, sending him to the finals. There, Thornberry met the same opponent he had to forfeit his finals match to: Jack Herwig from Kirkwood. The game was nothing short of spectacular as the two were in a back and forth duel that took them to three games. Thornberry won the first game 15-8 while Herwig won the second 15-14. In the third game Thornberry squeaked out a win 11-7, claiming first place in the third singles bracket.

Phillips competed in the

fourth bracket, and in the quarterfinals, after his first round bye, he showed no mercy to Jack Kaiser from Lindbergh, winning 15-1, 15-2. In the semifinals he played against fellow lefty Ryan Sanner from Kirkwood. Sanner played one of the best matches of his career as Phillips could not grab a lead in either game.

"He was on his game," commented Phillips. "He was hitting everything and I was diving everywhere and I just wasn't getting to (the ball)."

Phillips eventually fell 10-15, 12-15. Even with the loss, Phillips still dominated his third place match against Joe Layton from Parkway West and won 15-5, 15-1, clinching third place in the fourth bracket.

Junior Nick Heinlein was undefeated on the season coming into Nationals in the fifth bracket. He dominated his path to the finals, not allowing a single point in his quarter final match and only allowing seven in the semifinal match. However, he finally

met his match against Nick Whittington from Kirkwood in the finals. Whittington won the first game 15-13 over Hein-

lein. And in the second game, despite a late push, Heinlein fell again by the same score. Despite not capping off the perfect season, Heinlein still managed to place second in the fifth bracket.

Clark Martin, Luke Dannegger, and Max Adelman were all placed into the sixth bracket, as only one player from each school can be placed into the top five brackets. In the huge sixth bracket, Adelman and Martin somehow managed to face off against each other in the round of 16. Adelman flustered Martin in the first game and won 15-4. Despite the momentum, Martin blanked Adelman in the second game 15-0. And in the third game Martin showed no mercy to his teammate and won the match 11-2.

Dannegger fell to Kirkwood's Charlie Vonder Bruegge 12-15,

11-15 in the semi finals but defeated his JV1 teammate AJ Zepeda 15-13, 15-12 in the third place game. Martin went the distance again and defeated Vonder Bruegge in the finals 15-10, 15-0. Martin impressively earned two gold medals at Nationals, one for his doubles team, and one for himself.

After consolation brackets, third place games, and gold medal matches, SLUH are National Racquetball Champions for the 11th time in a row.

"It's fun as a coach to see your players giving everything they have for the final tournament of the year," said coach Stephen Deves. "Nobody was complaining about being tired, they were all in on every moment and those five days were a blast."

Preparation for the 12th straight national title begins next season in the fall.

Senior Jared Thornberry prepares for a backhand in his singles final.







photo | Max Grellner

# ON TOP ONCE AGAIN

## Jr. Bills overcome slow start to defeat De Smet in Challenge Cup Final, win third State Title in five years

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“Great day to be a Jr. Bill,” read the Snapchat story of senior Sean Wiegers last Friday night, and, by that point in the night, few could have made the case otherwise. After all, St. Louis U. High’s varsity hockey team had just defeated their archrival, the De Smet Spartans, in a nail-biting Challenge Cup Final to claim their fourth state title, and first since 2019.

As charter members of the Mid States Club Hockey Association nearly 50 years ago, SLUH and De Smet are no strangers to each other on the ice. Historically, De Smet has been the powerhouse of the two programs, winning 14 Challenge Cup titles over the course of their history. In recent years, however, that trend has begun to reverse. Going into Friday night’s game, SLUH had won three Cups since the Spartans last won it in 2010, and had won every Jesuit Cup since the 2013 season.

With De Smet hungry to end their 12-year drought, and

the Jr. Bills eager to claim their third title in five years, the Final was sure to be a hard-fought and physically demanding matchup.

In the lead up to the game, which was played at Centene Community Ice Center at 8:30 Friday night, both SLUH and De Smet were given ticket allotments of 1000 each, and by midweek, both schools had run out. Thus, many students were forced to purchase from the pool of 1000 general admission tickets sold by Mid States, which culminated in the event selling out over two hours before puck drop. Unlike in previous years, where the Final had been held at the 18,000-seat Enterprise Center and rarely sold even half of the tickets in the lower bowl alone, this matchup was sure to be backed by a rowdy, standing-room only crowd.

“Going into the game, I tried to think of it as just another game,” said junior defenseman Luke Gund. “As we walked out of the tunnel, though, it felt like we were playing a pro game, with that many people there. That sudden rush of feelings kind of got to us, but as soon as the puck dropped, we just

settled in and played our game.”

After back-and-forth taunting between student sections and a lengthy player introduction segment, the puck was dropped and play began. Almost immediately, it became evident that the Spartans intended to come out fast, and several quality efforts early on tested junior goaltender Max Bely.

“Whenever we play De Smet, we know they are going to come out of the gate playing two lines,” said head coach Steve Walters. “They are going to play their top 6 forwards and their top 4 “D” and they are just going to drive it down your throat. We, however, play four lines, making it very difficult to get through us defensively.”

In fact, Bely faced and dealt with the game’s first nine shots, with SLUH unable to register a shot on net until nearly eight and a half minutes into the period. When senior forward Nick Lyons finally put that shot on goal he very nearly scored, as his shot beat De Smet’s goalie and caromed off the post.

The Jr. Bills did not need to wait too long to get on the board, though, as a failed at-



Senior Ben Winkelmann taking a faceoff.

photo | Jack Figge

tempt by a Spartan defenseman to clear the puck from his defensive zone was blocked, and found the stick of senior forward and co-captain Max Sextro. Sextro then laid the puck off to sophomore forward Daniel Sendobry, who carried the puck across the ice to the top of the right faceoff circle, where he put a wrist shot through the goalie’s legs and into the net.

The remainder of the period saw little else in the way of activ-

ity, aside from a minor penalty taken by a De Smet defenseman with 32 seconds left in the period, giving the Jr. Bills a power play which they failed to capitalize on in the remaining time.

Despite having registered just three shots to the Spartans’ 10, the Jr. Bills emerged with a narrow 1-0 lead thanks to Sendobry’s snipe and Bely’s strong presence in net.

The game resumed with SLUH still holding a minute and

a half on the man advantage, in which time they failed to register a shot on net and even allowed a De Smet chance. Strong defensive play on both ends of the ice once again marked the opening half of the second, as the Jr. Bills stayed unscathed despite some dangerous efforts by the Spartans.

“We have played solid all year long in the second period,” said Walters. “All we had to do

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## Defensive dominance carries SLUH to District title against Jackson; CBC up next in playoffs this Saturday

BY COBY SPRATTE  
CORE STAFF

The Jr. Billikens knocked off the No. 2 seeded Jackson Indians by a score of 55-39 last Saturday which captured the Class 6 District 1 Championship, their first in five years.

SLUH opened up an 11-6 lead over the Indians at the end of the first quarter, locking them up on defense and continuing the defensive precedent they have set for the entirety of the District playoffs.

“We’ve been playing hard for four quarters,” senior Nick Kramer commented. “Holding teams to under 40 is not easy and it takes a lot of effort and discipline.”

The Jr. Billikens were able to continue pacing the offensive tempo in their favor, and they continued their gritty defensive effort, limiting Jackson to a measly 14 points at half and opening up an 8-point lead.

Kramer scored 24 and carried the Jr. Bills to victory down the stretch, posting his best points total since Jan. 21 when he dropped 32 against Mathematics, Civics and Sciences (Penn.).

“I started off aggressive and I saw the refs were call-



SLUH basketball players celebrate the win.

photo | courtesy of Erwin Claggett

ing it close,” Kramer said. “So I just kept attacking and I shot a lot of free throws.”

SLUH sealed the game away by shooting 20 of 24 from the charity stripe, a much better clip than they have been accustomed to lately.

Along with Kramer’s stellar performance, senior Jaden McClain dropped another 16 en route to their victory and a State Sectionals appearance.

The Jr. Billikens drew MCC foe CBC for a Sectionals showdown this Saturday at 2:45 p.m. at Lindenwood University.

The winner of this game will face the winner of Chaminade and Fort Zumwalt South on March 17 at 4 p.m. in the State Semifinals.

This will be a tall task for the Jr. Billikens, though, as CBC has had their number this season, beating them twice in as many chances thus far.

Back on Jan. 27, SLUH lost 71-55 against the Cadets. The Jr. Bills opened up an 11-7 first quarter lead, but CBC took a three-point lead into halftime, and then it snowballed on the Bills in the second half.

Then on Feb. 16, SLUH lost 64-45 to CBC, despite playing the Cadets close in the first half, only trailing by four at the midway break. The Jr. Bills had five players foul out and lost the second half by a margin of 15 points. Despite these two one-sided losses, SLUH is convinced that they

have a much better chance this Saturday than most people think.

“CBC hasn’t gotten our best yet. I’m very excited to get a third chance at them and I think we are going to be ready,” Kramer said. “We have to play four good quarters of playing hard and our game. Staying out of foul trouble is also key.”

Despite being counted out by the vast majority of the public at large, SLUH is preparing to win this Saturday.

“We know we’re capable of winning this game and we’re practicing with the mentality that we will win,” senior Kevin Hogan said. “That’s the expectations we have for ourselves.”

## SLUH Rifle tops IPRL championship

This season, SLUH’s rifle team took the entire podium in the Illinois Precision Rifle League. Since November, the rifle team has shot against five other clubs with a total of ten other teams. Across seven matches, SLUH’s Varsity Blue accumulated a total of 7975 points, taking first place. Varsity Silver and Varsity White totaled 7833 and 7744 points respectively, clearing the podium.

At the league championship match last weekend which was separate from the Jr. Bill’s regular season matches, four shooters represented SLUH. Senior Sean Madden and sophomores Nicholas Bull, Daniel Steingrubby, and Theodore Guidry each com-

—*Nicholas Bull, Daniel Steingrubby, and Theodore Guidry, contributed reporting.*



Left to right: Theodore Guidry, Daniel Steingrubby, Nicholas Bull.

peted in a 60 shot match at the league home range in Bloomington, Illinois. Bull led the team with a personal best of 574 followed closely behind by Madden with a 565, Steingrubby with a 560, and Guidry with a 546. With the victory, SLUH claimed their third team IPRL title in the last five years.

“We had a team spirit. We had a goal and in the end that’s what allowed us to win,” said Guidry.

In addition, SLUH took seven of the top ten individual scores with junior Michael Lumetta leading SLUH, taking second place with 2,010 points out of 2,100 throughout the season.

## Jr. Bills face significant opposition in Rugby season opener

BY BEN CROAT  
STAFF

SLUH’s rugby team rolled out for their first game of the season against top-ranked Germantown, a club team from the Memphis area. Expectations were high following the Jr. Bills’ National Tournament appearance last year as they faced off against a nationally-ranked opponent at Lindenwood University. Germantown had a significant height and weight advantage over the Jr. Bills which posed a significant challenge.

“They are big kids who play a good, clean, hard nosed style of rugby,” said coach Brian Corrigan through a post-game email.

The wind at kickoff was rather harsh and proved to be an issue for the entirety of the first half. The game started strongly for the Jr. Bills as they held the line against Germantown but they eventually broke down as Germantown continued to punch the ball through with the use of their forwards.

“It was apparent right from the start that we were in a dogfight, one which our boys weren’t backing down from,” said Corrigan. “However, we eventually wore down, and Germantown started to pull away.”

Germantown played a ferocious game, attacking the rucks and poaching multiple balls away from the Jr. Bill attackers. They actively exploited their size advantage throughout the match as

they whittled away at the Jr. Bills defense.

With this being the first game of the season, there were bound to be a lot of nerves and it showed throughout the match through simple mistakes and mental errors.

“Our main problems came down to our veracity on defense. There was a little bit of mental slacking,” said Leo Smith. “I think there is definitely some mental toughness that we need to build up to play stronger, hit lower, and just fight. Also just some more game knowledge of when to pass and where to run would really help.”

Even with a 15-0 deficit at halftime, the game was still well within reach as the Jr. Bills now had the wind to their backs and might be able to use that to their advantage. Unfortunately, the opportunities were not capitalized on as the Jr. Bills ended up dropping the first match of the season 30-6.

“Having played and coached rugby for three decades now, that game was anyone’s for the taking until about the 20 mark in the second half,” said Corrigan. “If we had a few bounces go our way or made the stop at the end of the first half, it very easily could have been a much different outcome.”

After the match’s conclusion, the coaches discussed the circumstances of the loss and what they hope to see moving forward. While winning is always a top goal of the program, having an

innate joy for the game as a collective unit is far more important.

“The best thing I saw out of this group was their collective unwillingness to quit all the way up until the final whistle,” said Corrigan. “From my experience, a team with heart can accomplish a lot.”

“I was not particularly happy with the outcome because it was a loss, but I was definitely glad to be back playing rugby,” said Smith. “I was thankful that it wasn’t a grave loss or like a steamroll because it gave us some much-needed real game experience and it was many guys’ first game. The second best thing is winning, the first best thing is having fun and I had a lot of fun.”

The rugby team will be taking on a combined North County and Howell team tonight at 7:00 in the SLUH football stadium as their first game against in-state competition. This game marks the first step in the quest for another state championship game appearance for the team.

“North County had some very good players last year. Howell did as well, but they were more of a big and physical team than skilled,” said Corrigan. “Therefore, I expect another physical battle. We have to mentally prepare for a similar style of a game as Germantown. We’ll need to match the physicality and opportunistically pounce when the chances are there for us.”

## Water Polo returns to Forest Park, eager to capitalize on talented team

BY ALEX WENTZ  
REPORTER

Once a group of fledgling rookies adrift far from home, the U. High water polo team has at last returned as a squadron of battle hardened warriors ready to reclaim the throne back in their native land. The simultaneous changes of reacquiring Forest Park Community College as a home pool, a regular game schedule this season, and going from a team with no prior varsity experience to having just three newcomers reveals that this year’s outcome should be entirely different from the last.

“(Being back at Forest Park) means the team dynamic completely changes,” said junior captain Joe Zarilli. “Being able to practice six days a week in the same pool together, being able to hang out after practice, before practice, on Saturdays; the team camaraderie is way better than it was last year.”

With the return to FoPo comes a new practice regimen as well. Gone are the days of 8:15-10:00 practices at Chaminade, or 3:45 training at the miniature pool of Villa

Duchesne. The squad now has practices that start at either 3:45 or 4:15 and end at 6:45. Not only is this situation better for the players, allowing them to get more rest and unbroken time for homework, but it also means the team will simply get to put more hours into practicing this year, leading to more development overall.

“(For the first few practices) I have been developing team unity, getting everybody back into what it means to be a part of SLUH water polo,” said head coach John Penilla. “It’s a lot of fundamentals early on, working on conditioning, and really basic stuff that we’ll build on throughout the year.”

As Covid eases up this spring, this year’s team will also face over twice the number of games as the previous season. Their first match will be against Chaminade on March 22, which is the same first opponent as last year, meaning it will be a prime opportunity to gauge the team’s comparative progress. After Chaminade comes the York Invite, a tournament in Chicago that has been a staple of SLUH seasons for many years, but was canceled last year due

to Covid.

The Chicago tournament will be a tough test of the squad’s skill, as the general level of play there is much higher than most teams in the St. Louis area.

“We definitely have a lot of talent (this year),” said senior captain Connor Buehring. “We’ve got a deep roster, so I think playing more aggressively this year will go a long way.”

A renewed game plan, a bolstered practice schedule, and an experienced and skilled roster all point to the conclusion that this year’s U. High water polo team is fervently aiming for the top.

“Obviously the goal every year is for us to be playing our best, and reaching our potential by the end of the year,” said Penilla. “Knowing we gave it our all (is paramount). If we’re gonna play the best team in the world we’re gonna lose, but if we play our best that’s all I can ask for. So, I’m just making sure that everybody puts themselves in a good position to succeed, and that’s different for every individual, but as a team I hope that’s a really high level of success.”

## 2022 Football Captains

### Juniors:

Matt Barnes OL

Louis Kertz LB

Zach Ortwerth TE/OLB

### Sophomores:

Marco Sansone QB

Ryan Wingo WR



## Global Ed reconsiders Taiwan and Russia trips citing Covid and safety issues

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at the Jesuit partner school and take periodic field trips to museums and other cultural sites.

“Unlike most people, I have been studying Russian since middle school, so I’ve been sort of developing this deep appreciation and love for the Russian-Slavic culture,” said junior Peter Roither. “The junior trip for each language is a very good and natural progression for me to accomplish my dream to go out into Eastern Europe and experience the culture and speak the language to everyone, rather than just a classroom setting.”

The Russian trip was not the only global education excursion that had to be postponed. The Taiwan immersion trip was deemed unfeasible due to restrictive Covid measures. Upon arriving in Taiwan, students would be required to quarantine for 17 days, eliminating any possibility of cultural experiences or enrichment during their time there.

Even though the postponements were certainly disappointing for many students, it was a decision that was ultimately understood and agreed upon.

“As soon as the invasion (of Ukraine) started, I was pretty sure that the trip was gonna get canceled sooner or later,” said Roither. “I think it was the absolutely correct call to shut it down. As much as I wanted to see it happen, I didn’t want to see any of us get harmed or anything like that as a byproduct of the conditions there.”

Despite the logistical and health- and-safety related concerns with these two particular trips, immersion trips are still one of the most impactful experiences at SLUH.

“I definitely recommend taking advantage of the opportunity. It’s an experience that you probably won’t get another shot at,” said junior Daniel Irvine. “Taking advantage of it can help you learn and experience things that you really won’t be able to do without going on the trip.”

Currently, Chura and other faculty are working hard to ensure the remaining immersion programs go smoothly. For those still contemplating joining an immersion trip, there are still open spots for the Ignatian Pilgrimage and the Iceland immersion program.

## Cartoons, questions, and competition: mothers and sons come together at annual trivia night

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ary, but, with the Omicron wave following Christmas break, it was forced to be rescheduled. Two days prior, SLUH also announced that it would move to Condition I which allowed for the mothers to not wear masks, a move appreciated by many.

Mothers and sons brought their own assortment of foods like Domino’s pizza or homemade brownies to munch on for extra brain power, creating a potluck style evening for each table.

As soon as the doors opened at 5 p.m., tables began filling up in the Commons as people laid out their food spread and set up their table decorations, all of which were inspired by the evening’s theme of cartoons. Many tables coordinated beforehand to choose a popular cartoon as a theme.

“We just tried to pick something that’s going to be fun, and that people can do table decorations and costumes around if they want,” said Mothers Club president Chris Mittendorf.

“My mom loves going over the top, so we just had all of these Scooby-Doo themed decorations, then the table next to us had Despicable Me decorations and it was just beautiful to see all the craziness,” said senior Matthew Vanous.

At around 6 p.m., the trivia

started. There were eight categories: movies, cartoons, Marvel, jerseys, skylines, sneakers, Top 40, and kids books. Each of these categories had 10 questions that were displayed onto the Si Commons’ projector screens, with an image to add a visual component. At the end of each round, a short clip of a popular song was played

“(The games are) just something fun to do between rounds to get people standing up instead of sitting all night,” said Mittendorf.

Raffles took place throughout the night as well. For starters, each person, upon entry, received an attendance raffle ticket. Eight ticket numbers were then called out at the

ners weren’t the only ones to go home with a cash prize. In fact, trivia teams also received some rewards for their acute answers. The third place team received \$100, second went home with \$200 to split, and the first place team got a whopping \$300.

While the evening was intended to provide students and mothers a bonding experience, the night also raised money for the baccalaureate dinner and graduation celebrations. The money raised during the raffles and games will go toward funding the seniors’ end of year festivities.

“Here, the younger folks are paying it forward so that when they get to be a senior and go to the baccalaureate graduation dinner, it’s free,” said Mittendorf. “It’s rare that a school does those events and it’s free. So the Mother-Son trivia is one of our big fundraisers.”

Students and mothers alike were grateful for a chance to be with one another and as a part of the larger community.

“I thought it was a really great time to bond not just with my mom but also with my classmates in one of these last big, non-academic events of our senior year,” said senior Nick La Presta. “It was a good change up from the dances and other crazy events and was just a good time with one another.”



Students and moms lining up to play the birthday game.

photo | courtesy of SLUH Mothers Club on Facebook

and then the players had to try and guess the song’s title along with the artist for a bonus point.

In between every few rounds, there would be fun games like heads or tails, voting for the best table, and the birthday game. Each of these activities cost around \$1 to participate in, but had winning cash prizes that made it worth the while.

end of each round and the lucky winners then went up to receive a prize. Additionally, two 50/50 raffles took place where 50 percent of the money made from selling those tickets would go to one lucky prize winner and the other 50 percent to the evening’s proceeds. The first prize winner won nearly \$1,000 and the second about \$700.

However, the raffle win-

## Fifteen young alumni honored for their contributions in various fields

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tell us the stories of young alumni that they were proud of and who they thought were doing awesome things,” said Buerke. “We ended up getting about 100 nominations.”

Being forced to narrow down the list, a selection committee was brought together to choose the top 30 to 40 alumni. After a difficult decision process, the committee finally chose a group of alumni that best answered the question of what SLUH wants their diverse group of students to look like and achieve post-graduation. Honores on the list range from 23 to 39 years old, and graduated from SLUH between 2001 and 2017.

“I wish we could have chosen all 100 people because each of their stories are great,” said Buerke. “We had some really difficult stories to choose from in the final selection.”

One honoree, Fr. Louis Hotop, SJ of the Class of ’09, was recently ordained a priest last summer after spending years studying under the Jesuits. Many seniors who focused their Grande Project on the topic of Immigration Injustice will remember Hotop’s stories of his work and experiences at the US-Mexico border and even has his own podcast on the same topic.

“In my senior year of high school, I wanted to be a Jesuit priest and, after 12 years of formation, that desire has been fulfilled,” said Hotop in SLUH

Magazine. “I never imagined myself working with migrants on the US-Mexico border.”

Sam Heagney, ’16 is another example of a former Jr. Bill attempting to solve problems concerning the climate by using alternative, clean sources of energy in our day-to-day life. A Vanderbilt University graduate who has had experience working with clean energy in India, Heagney remembers the time in his senior year when he decided how he would spend the rest of his future.

“I had the privilege of taking AP Environmental Science my senior year, and it was over the course of APES that I decided to dedicate my career to climate change solutions,” said Heagney in SLUH Magazine.

Ryan Hopkins, ’16 has found himself successful in the competitive West Coast film industry in Los Angeles. After creating his own filming group Everybody at 86 in 2017, Hopkins graduated from Loyola Marymount University and shortly thereafter began to work with several filmmaking companies such as Netflix and STX Entertainment. Even after leaving the halls of SLUH, he continues to act as a Man for Others in the film industry.

“I try to be a resource for younger people wanting to be filmmakers, whether it’s speaking on the phone or connecting on social media,” said Hopkins in SLUH Magazine. “There’s a lot

of value in being able to have a relationship with someone who is in the thick of it.”

The former Jr. Bills that make up the 1540 list have not forgotten their origins and have continued to bring the ideals and virtues they learned while at the U. High to every corner of the country or even the globe.

“Expect more of yourself. Privilege your own curiosity over grades; it matters more,” said Nicholas Fandos ’11, a *New York Times* Reporter, in SLUH Magazine. “If you’re from the county, spend time in the city. Listen to your English teachers. Read the newspaper.”

Being a new project that was created through the combined efforts of several SLUH faculty and staff, Buerke hopes that the 1540 list will return next year or will be expanded on to include more alumni and stories as time goes on and these former Jr. Bills continue to amaze us and the rest of the world by their work.

“We could probably build three different lists right off the bat right now,” said Buerke. “The best thing is: SLUH will continue to graduate students who go off to accomplish amazing things, so stories like these will never stop.”

If you are interested in these few alumni presented above or want to learn more about the alumni who used to walk the halls of SLUH, read further about the 1540 list in SLUH Magazine or on the school’s website.

## Biliteracy test now offered for seniors proficient in two languages

BY CHARLES TURNELL AND ANDREW HUNT REPORTERS

SLUH has always taken steps to try new things, especially when it comes to languages. This year, SLUH is taking the initiative further, with the introduction of the Seal of Biliteracy to the school. The Missouri Seal of Biliteracy, introduced in 2017, is an award given to high school seniors to recognize those who achieve complete proficiency in English and another language. Now, in 2022, it will be offered for the first time to SLUH seniors.

“Students have to be able to demonstrate proficiency in two separate languages,” said Language Departments chair Kate Toussaint. “One of those languages has to be English. The student’s proficiency in the language can be demonstrated by things such as the student’s English ACT score.”

To test proficiency in a second language, students must take one of various proficiency tests. There are various different kinds of tests to prove proficiency on an academic scale. Latin students may take the ACTFL Latin Interpretive Reading Assessment (ALIRA), while the test for modern languages like Arabic, Chinese, Spanish, and more is the ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL) exam.

The Languages Department

decided to introduce the Seal of Biliteracy after attending a conference, where they got the idea; this year marks the first time that SLUH students can earn it.

“We heard about the Seal of Biliteracy, and we wanted to give this award to our seniors,” said Toussaint. “You can get the Seal of Biliteracy and you can get the distinguished Seal of Biliteracy, so there’s two different levels.”

On a practical level, one benefit to earning the Seal of Biliteracy is that it improves your resume as well as demonstrating a payoff to the hard work that SLUH students have done throughout their high school careers.

“We feel really strongly and really confident in our curriculum and our language classes,” explained Toussaint. “More importantly though, we want our students to be celebrated for the great work that they can do and have done. Hopefully SLUH students will take the payoff and continue language studies through their lives, such as in their jobs. You can say, ‘I’m a distinguished Seal of Biliteracy scholar, here’s the paper that proves it.’”

SLUH students who speak a language that is not offered at the school still have an opportunity to earn the Seal of Biliteracy.

“Sometimes, SLUH students may speak a certain language at home, not present in our offered languages. In those cases, you may not have legitimate proof

of speaking the language. The Seal of Biliteracy offers a way to solve a potential issue like that,” said Toussaint.

As a result, students who have only in-class experience or out-of-school experience with a certain language, have a standardized way of determining their skill level.

“It’s like a proficiency test,” described Toussaint. “It basically determines how far you have gone in your proficiency path. For example, most SLUH students started at a lower proficiency, or maybe with nothing at all. It’s a nice way to test your knowledge over the past four years.”

Outside of the official nature of the scholarship, Toussaint emphasizes that learning a language goes beyond a piece of paper.

“I hope that students can feel proud of their work. I think sometimes when you take a language or you’re studying something in your day, you kind of forget that this is a lifetime skill. You’re learning that you can communicate with other people. You can study classic texts outside of the class. It’s going to inhabit every kind of moment of your day like it should,” said Toussaint. “I hope that SLUH students will stay encouraged to continue their journeys with another language. It’s not that hard to take one language course a semester in college and it will benefit them in ways they never thought possible.”



# Off the back of strong goaltending, Hockey outlasts De Smet to win fourth state title

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is remind them this is the long shift period, make your shift count. That's when we started to wear out De Smet. After the goal, the momentum started to shift our way."

One of SLUH's best opportunities of the period occurred just after the halfway point, when Sendobry received the puck with no defenders in his field of view. While seemingly readying for a shot, Sendobry was bulldozed through the back by a De Smet forward and into another De Smet player, who sat on Sendobry's stick and prevented him from joining the SLUH defense on the back-check. Despite two clear penalties (the hit from behind and the holding of the stick), nothing was called on the ice, and play continued with neither side able to conjure another goal.

The two best chances of the period, however, came from the Spartans. A shot taken by a De Smet forward with just under five minutes to go leaked past Bely, who miraculously flipped over to stamp his glove over the loose puck before a Spartan could tap it in.

Less than two minutes later, a pass from behind SLUH's net just missed a wide-open De Smet player in the slot, who mistimed his one-time shot attempt.

Despite both sides registering equally dangerous chances, the period emerged scoreless, and the Jr. Bills and Spartans returned to the locker room for intermission with the score still 1-0. The shot total in the second was significantly more even than in the first, with SLUH registering seven shots to six from De Smet.

With a contentious third period left to be played, De Smet wasted no time in putting their foot on the gas, which showed just 41 seconds in, when defenseman Billy Wagner was forced to take a tripping penalty in order to prevent a De Smet shot on goal. Just 27 seconds later, De Smet tied up the game courtesy of a monster slapshot from the point taken by their captain, defenseman Vito Biondo.

Not at all disheartened by the Spartan goal, however, SLUH emerged determined to rebound with a strike of their own, which they achieved just 46 seconds later. After winning a faceoff in their defensive zone, the Jr. Bills embarked upon a three-on-two rush into the De Smet zone, where Sextro found

himself open in the slot. Sextro then beat the Spartan goalie with a wrist shot to his upper glove-side corner, sending both the SLUH student section and the players on the ice into an absolute frenzy.

"The guys on the ice executed a perfect zone entry," said Walters. "Max just hung out high on the weak side, got a pass, and just put it on net right away while the goalie was still moving and that is why it found the net. This was the beginning of the end for De Smet that game."

Upon resuming their one-goal lead, the Jr. Bills and Spartans began another stretch of play marked by physical, defensive play. Both SLUH and De Smet challenged each other's goaltender, but neither could put a shot in throughout the tough slog that made up the middle ten minutes of the third. Borderline penalties were committed by both teams, but nothing was called and the score remained 2-1.

Badly in need of a goal to force a chance at sudden-death overtime, the Spartans called a timeout with 2:25 left in the game, and pulled their goalie in exchange for an extra attacker.

After putting some quality efforts on goal that Bely easily handled, the Jr. Bills nearly put the game away with an empty net opportunity just 70 seconds before time was set to expire. However, due to some confusion as to whether icing had been called, a Spartan defenseman was able to dispossess the SLUH player in the crease, preventing a goal in the nick of time.

With one minute left to play, De Smet experienced its best chance at tying up the game, when a well-placed shot from a Spartan forward just slipped out of Bely's grasp. As Bely dove to cover the puck whilst De Smet players poked away to

change three feet away about to hit it in, and then my defenseman Luke Gund fell on top of it. I was able to squeeze my glove over it and told the ref that I had it covered the whole time, but obviously Luke came in clutch there."

After a clearance of the puck on the ensuing faceoff, two Jr. Bill forwards—Sextro and senior Ben Winkelman—raced out of the zone, knowing that they were one steal of the puck away from securing a state championship. Sextro reached the Spartan defenseman first, whom he promptly dispossessed. Sextro then unselfishly passed the puck off to a sprinting Winkelman, who fired the puck into the empty net



Bely in action, stopping a shot. photo | Kathy Chott

try to force it in, both factions in the crowd waited with nervous anticipation for the referees to signal goal or no goal. When the puck slid out of the crease and the referees signaled no goal on the play, the SLUH contingent erupted in cheers, secure in the knowledge that they had just avoided a potential disaster.

"There were lots of players in front of me, so I couldn't really see the puck very well," said Bely. "Somebody took a shot, and it hit my glove, or maybe even someone in front, and the puck ended up off to my left. There was a De Smet player maybe

from the left faceoff circle to make the score an insurmountable 3-1 with just 38.3 seconds to go. Little else transpired in the final 30 seconds, and, with a final clearance down the ice with just five seconds remaining, the SLUH bench emptied and the student section erupted once more, as the school's fourth State title was won.

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## Calendar

Thursday, March 10	B Day
NHS Meeting LUNCH 7:00PM	Carnitas Fajitas Varsity Rugby vs Force
Friday, March 11	No Classes
NO CLASSES-GRADING DAY/PD DAY FOR FACULTY 5:00PM Lacrosse vs Ladue (JV/V)	
Saturday, March 12	
2:45PM	V Basketball - Class 6 Quarterfinal (vs CBC) @ Hyland Performance Arena
Sunday, March 13	
No Events	
Monday, March 14	Spring Break
Varsity Baseball Spring Training Spring Break	
Tuesday, March 15	Spring Break
Varsity Baseball Spring Training Spring Break	
Wednesday, March 16	Spring Break
Varsity Baseball Spring Training Spring Break	
Thursday, March 17	Spring Break
Varsity Baseball Spring Training Spring Break	
Friday, March 18	Spring Break
Varsity Baseball Spring Training Spring Break Basketball State Semifinal/Final 1st Possible Spring Sports Contest 11:00AM B Team Baseball vs Parkway West (DH)	
Saturday, March 19	
Varsity Baseball Spring Training Basketball State Semifinal/Final	
Sunday, March 20	
Varsity Baseball Spring Training	
Monday, March 21	A Day
Graduation Tux Fittings Fourth Quarter Begins LUNCH 4:15PM	Crunchy Beef Taco B Team Baseball @ Eureka
Tuesday, March 22	B Day
Graduation Tux Fittings Faculty Meeting Grades Due Late Start Schedule LUNCH 4:15PM 4:15PM	Pulled Pork Sandwich B Team Baseball @ Francis Howell Central Tennis (JV/V) vs Duchesne @ Dwight Davis Tennis Center
Wednesday, March 23	A Day
Graduation Tux Fittings LUNCH 4:00PM 4:30PM 7:00PM	Philly Cheese Steak Track & Field - SLUH JV/C #1 B Team Baseball vs Troy Varsity Baseball vs Lake Forest
Thursday, March 24	B Day
Parent-Teacher Conferences LUNCH 4:00PM JV/V) 4:30PM 4:30PM	Teriyaki Chicken Bowl Volleyball @ Lutheran St. Charles (C/ Varsity Baseball vs O'Fallon Township Lacrosse vs CBC (JV White)

The One World Club is hosting a roundtable discussing the Ukraine Crisis at 3:30 in the Commons.



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