

TOUGH SEASON PRIMES SOCCERBILLS

The varsity soccer team appears ready to enter its district playoffs after finishing its regular season with two extremely well-played games, winning 1-0 over a strong McCluer North team and narrowly losing to 3rd ranked Vianney, 2-1. The squad amassed a 14-7-1 record throughout their 22 game season, with the losses coming only to the top teams in the area.

Last thursday SLUH squared off against McCluer North, a team that had vied for the state championship last year, but one that had yet to experience great success this season. Nevertheless, they proved a talented, strong opponent. The first half of the game was evenly played, with SLUH slightly dominating the action. No goals were scored in the half as few serious scoring opportunities existed. Toward the end of the half, McCluer North threatened with a breakaway, but SLUH keeper Matt Strathman came out of the net to stop the shot short of the goal. The second half seemed to be a replay of the first: few scoring chances with our squad slightly dominating. This changed, however, midway through the half when SLUH finally capitalized on a scoring opportunity. Midfielder Joe Dueker hit forward Tim Graham with a lob pass. Graham proceeded

to break behind the defenders and deposit the ball in the net, giving SLUH a slim 1-0 advantage. Mike Unger also assisted on the play. After scoring this goal, the team's momentum gradually increased. Tim Leahy almost doubled the margin late in the half, but his shot bounced harmlessly off the crossbar. McCluer North made a final attempt to even the tallies in the fading minutes. Their 2 on 1 break failed when extraordinary defensive efforts by SLUH forbade the ball from going into the net. Thus, the game ended with the Bills winning 1-0. Once again, SLUH defense and goalkeeping keyed the triumph.

On Saturday, two days after their win, the squad fell victim to a potent Vianney team, currently ranked third in the state. After Vianney took an early 1-0 lead, Joe Dueker and Tim Graham, the same pair that teamed for SLUH's sole goal against McCluer North, put the game in a 1-1 deadlock. On the play, Dueker carried the ball down the line, and, spotting Tim Graham in front of Vianney's net, passed it to him. Graham tapped the ball easily past the Griffin keeper, who had no chance on the play. The tally was a perfect execution of a play which the team had
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Colts Corralled by Watercagers, 20-0

The varsity water polo team closed its regular season with a 20-0 laugher over Parkway Central. Although the Bills faced arch-rival Clayton last night, the game was a non-league game, and consequently did not affect the district standings.

SLUH scored seconds after the opening swim-off and went on to tally nineteen more goals as the Bills humiliated the Colts from Parkway Central. Earlier this season the Aquabills posted a 10-4 victory over these same Colts. Ten different players scored as the Aquabills converted on an incredible twenty of twenty-four possessions. Mark Baudendistal starred in goal, recording a shut-out in both the deep and

shallow ends?

The 10-7 Bills faced arch-rival Clayton last night, but the results were not available for this printing*. Although this was a non-league game, it had great importance. The Bills, who are ranked 6th in the district, will face this same Clayton team in the state playoffs next week. Earlier this season the Bills played the highly ranked Waterhounds, only to lose in overtime.

The playoffs begin Monday with a game against Parkway North at North at 5:30. Provided they win their first round game Monday, the Bills will once again face Clayton at Parkway South.

---Glennon Fogarty

BEHM QUALIFIES FOR STATE

The varsity cross country team ended a good season with an eleventh place finish in the sectional meet at Jefferson Barracks Park Saturday.

Junior Rob Behm, attributing his success to his ritual pre-meet breakfast of two eggs (over easy) and a glass of orange juice, qualified for the state meet next Saturday with a time of 17:58.

Sophomore Chris Woodward, finishing at 18:00, missed qualifying for the meet by only one second.

---Larry State

*BULLETIN: Despite a solid team effort and 3 goals by John Oliver, the varsity water polo team lost to Clayton last night, 12-8.