

Soccerbills Tuned Up For Districts After Near Upset of Vianney, Two Victories

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The Varsity Soccerbills (11-8-2) continue to play extremely well as they approach districts next week. In the past two weeks, the Jr. Bills earned victories over Oakville, Francis Howell North, and a tie with a strong Chaminade team. Despite playing very well against the Griffins of Vianney again, who are ranked #1 by the *Post-Dispatch*, the Jr. Bills lost in overtime.

Monday, the Jr. Bills traveled to the rain-drenched astroturf of the St. Louis Soccer Park to take on the Flyers of Chaminade.

SLUH and Chaminade were both able to control the ball for long periods of time in the first half, but no results were seen on the scoreboard. Chaminade had more scoring opportunities than the Jr. Bills,

but the SLUH defense was able to stop all of them. The Jr. Bills had their fair share of missed opportunities and the half ended in a very wet 0-0 stalemate.

In the second half, the rain continued and so did both team's inability to score. The Jr. Bills had many opportunities, but the Flyer goalie combined with the slickness of the field to keep the Jr. Bills off the scoreboard. On the defensive end, senior goalie Josh Hertel posted his third shutout in the last four games for a 0-0 tie to Chaminade.

Last Friday, the Jr. Bills took on Francis Howell North. SLUH moved the ball well throughout the first half, resulting in two goals. The first goal occurred when senior captain Brian Flanagan crossed the ball to fellow captain Jeremy Moore, who shot the ball into the goal for a 1-0 SLUH lead.

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Defense Rebounds From Granite Lapse, Shuts Out Rams

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After their disappointing first loss of the season against Granite City, the varsity football team bounced back last Friday night to beat their first district foe of the season, Riverview Gardens, 13-0.

While the Jr. Bill defense was unable to stop the high-powered Granite City running game in the 23-7 loss at home to the Warriors, the defense was key in stopping the speedy Riverview Gardens' offense Friday night.

On Friday, October 18, the Jr. Bills faced their toughest opponent of the season thus far in Granite City. The Warriors' running game, with returning rushers and almost the entire offen-

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Polobills Wrap Up Near-Perfect Regular Season

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With the regular season winding to a close, the varsity Polobills have been bearing down for the past week in preparation for next week's district tournament. Along the way, they have defeated Clayton for the third time this season, raising their outstanding regular season record to 15-1. Their win over John Burroughs last Friday clinched one of the top two seeds in the district tourney for the Jr. Bills, guaranteeing them a bye in the first round.

Last Wednesday, October 23, the Jr. Bills battled the Clayton squad at the FoPoCoCo pool, the first time the teams have met at SLUH's home pool. The 13-7 SLUH victory was somewhat disappointing in light of the last meeting (a 15-

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Lock, Stock, & Barrel: Cross Country Star Talks About Life on the Run

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SLUH senior Sean Lock is one of the outstanding high school cross country runners in the state of Missouri. Last year, Lock had an excellent rookie season that included a fourth place finish in the state meet. With continued success this year, he has won the Parkway South, Southpaw, Eureka, Parkway West, DeSmet, and Metro Invitationals. He has failed to win just twice, placing behind Jeff City's Sam Wells at the Hazelwood Invitational and losing by only a chest lean to West Plains' Chad Williamson at the Hancock Invitational. Lock remains a strong contender for the state title.

In the following interview with Lock, the *Prep News* endeavored to discover the story behind his success and his hopes for the future.

PN: Sean, what factors lie behind your

running success?

Lock: I guess it's just some ability that I have inherited from my fine parental background, and also from work that I've done. It's difficult at times, but enjoyable.

PN: What work have you done recently to complement your natural running ability?

Lock: I trained over the summer, and went to a camp at the University of Arkansas, and they gave me some good ideas. Also, at this point of the season [the team] is doing speed workouts, which make me a little bit quicker.

PN: How important is psychological preparation to your races?

Lock: The psychological aspects of racing are really important to me. But, the only race I've had to really get ready for is the Hancock Invitational. I knew I had a really formidable opponent there. But aside from that, I usually just go into the races very confident, because I'm sure that I'll be able to do my best and come out

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PN: While running, have you ever hit "the wall"? How do you deal with it when you do?

Lock: I haven't hit the wall this year yet, but as a junior I hit it at Sioux Passage Park (in the Hazelwood Invitational) and at state after the first mile, when I fell into twelfth place. But I broke through and worked my way back up to finish fourth.

PN: What is cross country head coach Jim Linhares' role in your success?

Lock: I place a tremendous amount of importance on what he's done for me, because I really didn't know anything about cross country when I came out. You can really tell what a great coach he is because of the great success that I've had.

PN: How do you see yourself filling a leadership role on SLUH's cross country team?

Lock: I just train and do the workouts the way that we normally would. People kind of look to me for ideas or suggestions, and things kind of fall into place.

PN: What influence does the team have on you when you run?

Lock: The team looks a lot stronger this year than last year. I really have a lot of confidence that we're going to make it to the state meet. Being up on the line with the other six guys on the team is much better than being there with four guys I don't even know. I think it's really going to help me, and the whole team should just feed off each other.

PN: How do you expect to perform at state, and who will your primary competition be?

Lock: I have a goal to finish higher than I did last year. The ultimate goal is to win the state championship. I have good competition from Sam Wells (Jefferson City) and Chad Williamson (West Plains). I think we're all pretty equal in ability, and the champion is going to be the guy who goes out and wants it the most.

PN: Why is everyone on the team now named Jim?

Lock: We've now devised a team, come regionals, that is separated into LLS Jims (Low-Life Scum Jims) and the Top Seven, who are known as Copl Jims. We have all taken on the name of Jim, because as is beknownst to some, both our head coach and our assistant coach, Fr. Goeke, are named Jim. It's a great name, and we think we're going to put out a great performance with our new Jim mottos.

PN: If it qualifies, how do you see the team performing at state?

Lock: Believe it or not, I think we could be among the top five finishers.

PN: How do you handle press now, as opposed to the first time you were interviewed?

Lock: I've gotten a lot more used to having people wanting to know what I have to say about what I do. You have to really watch what you say, but I think it's been a good experience for me to have contact with the newspapers and other media.

PN: Do you ever find yourself getting cocky with the press?

Lock: I'm sure I do at times, as I think most people would, but I try never to put other athletes down about their performance.

PN: Do you maintain any type of diet regimen to help your performances?

Lock: Well, a lot of runners believe in not drinking soda because of that rigmarole about how it takes away from your ability to carry oxygen in the bloodstream. I tried stopping my junior year, but I actually saw a decline in performance rather than an improvement. Now, on Friday nights, before Saturday morning meets, I'll often drink six Cokes, so I pretty much believe in soda consumption. I don't eat many french fries or fried foods because I think that's garbage, but as far as the soda and the sweets, if I feel like eating it, I will.

PN: How do you explain the frequent appearance of wildlife during your races, and how has it affected your performances?

Lock: It's the darnedest thing; they just kind of pop up from nowhere. I've kind of felt that they slow my performances, but there have been other times, like when that wildebeest chased me and I was fearing for my life, that it has drastically improved my performance. I guess I'm about fifty-fifty on my appreciation of the animals.

PN: Seriously, do you have plans to run in college and beyond? What colleges have contacted you, and which ones are you interested in running for?

Lock: Yes, I definitely have plans to run on the Division I collegiate level. The schools that look the most promising are Duke, Georgetown, Cornell, and SMU. However, the last day I run in college will probably be the last day I run competitively. It's already a pretty stressful situation, and college will be it for me.

PN: What sports will you run in college?

Lock: Cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track.

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1 SLUH rout in the league tournament), but was a victory nonetheless. The game was played under quite strange circumstances, however: one referee failed to show up, and rather than try to reschedule the game in the limited time left in the season, one of Clayton's coaches (who is also a league-certified ref) called the game. Another oddity was that all seven of Clayton's goals came in the shallow end, usually the more difficult end to score in.

With a 2-1 deficit at the end of the first period, the Polobills climbed back to win on goals by Brad Downs (5), Paul Granneman (2), Dan Schulte (2), and one each from Nick Thole, Peter Clifford, Matt Husmann, and Kevin Navarro.

On Friday night, John Burroughs made the trek to FoPoCoCo, where the Aquajocks have remained unbeaten this year. The 10-5 victory showed a big SLUH improvement since the teams' last meeting in which SLUH edged Burroughs 4-2 in the league tourney. Despite the extremely humid conditions inside the pool, the Bills were able to "stay cool" and sink the Bombers on the strength of three goals apiece by Schulte and Downs, two by Thole, and one apiece from Clifford and Husmann.

Another SLUH strength was its outside shooting; Thole scored from about the halfway mark before Burrough's goalie could even raise his hands out of the water. After a scoreless first period, the Busenbills enjoyed a 3-1 lead at the end of the half; it remained that way throughout the third period. In the fourth, a 4-1 SLUH lead was gradually whittled away until the Bills led by a single goal, 5-4. But in yet another late surge of offense that has been characteristic of the year's Polobills, SLUH outscored the Bombers 4-1 in the final four minutes of game time to win 10-5.

The Junior Bills will embark next week on the road to the district championship, playing in the quarterfinal round on Wednesday because of a first-round bye. A win would advance them to the semifinals on Friday, and yet another would lead to the district final on Saturday. Many speculate that the final will be a rematch of the league tourney with SLUH facing the Country Day Rams; this would be a spectacular finish, for the two teams have split their previous two meetings, with both games ending in thrilling sudden death overtime periods.

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Later junior Jim Pool scored his second goal of the season for a 2-0 Jr. Bills' halftime lead. Moore struck again with a goal midway through the second half to give the Jr. Bills a 3-0 victory.

On Tuesday of that week, the Jr. Bills faced Oakville. The Soccerbills controlled the ball well with good passing and strong defense. The SLUH offense struck midway through the first half on junior Damon Rensing's goal assisted by senior Matt Tedoni, giving the Jr. Bills a 1-0 halftime lead.

The Jr. Bills continued to control the ball well in the second half. About 15 minutes into the action, Moore scored for a 2-0 SLUH lead. Oakville was able to score in the last five minutes of play, cutting the Jr. Bill lead in half. However, the SLUH defense remained strong as the Jr. Bills won 2-1.

The previous Saturday, the Soccerbills played #1 ranked Vianney. The Jr. Bills showed their championship potential against the Griffins in the first half, taking a 2-0 lead, the same lead which they held after the first half of their championship game against Vianney in the Granite City Tournament. The first goal came from senior Matt Tedoni, who headed a Rensing pass between the posts for a 1-0 SLUH lead.

The Jr. Bills offense struck again in the first half when senior Justin Shapiro toed a Pool pass that trickled into the net. Hertel and the Bills' defense kept Vianney from cutting their deficit, as the Jr. Bills went into halftime with a 2-0 lead.

However, the Griffins were able to overcome the Jr. Bills' defense in the second half with three goals of their own. The Jr. Bills were able to match this total as Rensing headed in a Matt Casey corner kick. The Jr. Bills finished regulation tied 3-3 with the Griffins.

The Jr. Bills were unable to capitalize on a few opportunities in the first overtime. The Griffins, however, did not have this problem as they struck with a goal, taking a 4-3 lead.

The second overtime did not give the Jr. Bills any more luck as they were still unable to score to tie the game. Despite their strong play, the Jr. Bills suffered their third defeat to Vianney 4-3.

The previous day, the Jr. Bills traveled to McCluer, hoping to rebound after their loss to DeSmet. The game was characterized by strong defensive play on the part of the Bills, but a continued inability to score, despite numerous opportunities. Flanagan broke the scoreless deadlock in the first half when he headed in a line-drive Rensing corner kick.

The Jr. Bills had many opportunities after that, but were unable to take advantage of them. The SLUH defense remained tough, however, as the Jr. Bills earned a 1-0 victory.

Sports

The Sports File

The Weekly Summary of B and C Sports compiled by Matt Pfile

B-Football (5-1): Oct. 26: cancelled; Next game: at McCluer North at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow

C-Football (5-0): Oct. 19: SLUH 32 Granite City 0; Klevorn 2 TD, Williams TD, Miller TD, Cunco TD; Last game: vs. Vianney at 10:00 a.m. this Saturday

B-Soccer (9-3-2): Oct. 18: SLUH 3 St. Dominic 0; Goals: Rieke (2), Lawler; Oct. 19: SLUH 3 Vianney 0; Goals: Krafcik (2), Withington; Oct. 22: SLUH 0 Oakville 2; Oct. 24: cancelled; Oct. 25: SLUH 2 Francis Howell North 0; Goals: Sumski, Rieke; Oct. 28: SLUH 1 Chaminade 1; Goals: Aubrey; Next game: vs. John F. Kennedy at 5:30 p.m. this Saturday

C-Soccer (10-3-3): Oct. 18: SLUH 0 CBC 3; Oct. 21: SLUH 2 Vianney 0; Goals: Garagiola, Rheinheimer; Oct. 28: SLUH 4 Chaminade 1; Goals: Rheinheimer, McCarthy, Haddock, Garagiola, Tyson

JV-Cross Country: Oct. 26: placed first in Jackson Invitational; Kenney (4th), Barrett

(8th), Wheeler (11) placed for JV team; Oct. 30: placed second in Lindbergh Invitational; Brooks (1st), Kenney (5th), Brockland (8th)

B-Cross Country: Oct. 21: SLUH #1 placed first & SLUH #2 placed second in Tiger Invitational; Hadican (7th), Barrett (11th), Kennebeck (12th), Hunzeker (14th), Wadalawala (15th), Hasik (16th) placed for B team;

C-Cross Country: Oct. 26: placed third in Hazlewood Freshman Invitational; Schuckmann (6th), Hamel (13th), Andres (19th) placed for the C team; Oct. 30: placed second in Lindbergh Invitational; Schuckman (1st)

JV-Water Polo (13-0): Oct. 18: SLUH 8 Parkway North 7; Goals: Zimmerman (6), Udell (2); Oct. 23: SLUH 11 Clayton 1; Goals: Zimmerman (3), Kearns (3), Young (2), Rejent, Sampson, O'Sullivan; Oct. 25: SLUH 19 John Burroughs 1; Zimmerman (6), Sampson (3), Young (2), O'Sullivan (2), Ducar, Leahy, Kearns, Roth, Rejent; Next Game: @ FoPoCoCo vs. Country Day at 4:30 p.m. tomorrow

RAFFLE WATCH

Freshmen: \$1156
Leading Homeroom-HR 101: \$220

Sophomores: \$158
Leading Homeroom-HR 112: \$50

Juniors: \$150
Leading Homeroom-HR 216: \$50

Seniors: \$160
Leading Homeroom-STUCO: \$50

Total to date: \$1624.

Days remaining: 8
Number of tickets short of goal: 13475
Tickets per day needed to meet goal: 2245
Books of tickets needed to be sold by each member of student body to meet the goal: 2

Price of Prom if we don't sell more tickets: approximately the price of a small car
Number of angry STUCO members: 8
Number of students likely to be attending school on November 11: 979

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The environmental action group took 2360 pounds of white ledger paper and 150 phone books to the Jefferson-Smurfit Company on Friday for recycling.

Elections to the four executive offices of the French Club were held last week. The results are as follows: Le Président-Gene Marshall, Le Premier Ministre-Mike Ariston, Le Ministre des Finances-Tim Busenhardt, Le Ministre de la Culture-Keith Kemebeck.

Contrary to information printed in last week's *Prep News*, students are not invited to participate in the Father's Club Trivia Night to be held Saturday, November 16.

The Senior Project Committee again reminds seniors that project proposals are due November 4. Tomorrow is the last week day available to visit project sites before the deadline.

Anyone interested in weatherizing homes in North St. Louis during November should see Mr. Jeff Putthoff, S.J., next week.