

Football breaks slump, beats Rock Bridge 45-7 on Senior Night



Senior Mike Ruggeri leads the Jr. Bills onto the field.

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The St. Louis U. High varsity football team played its last home game of the regular season last Friday night, delivering a blowout win over the Rock Bridge Bruins.

On Senior Night and head coach Gary Kornfeld's final regular season home game, the Jr. Bills showed no flaws. Led by senior running back Andrew Clair, senior wide receiver Zach Millman, and senior quarterback Mitchell Batschelett, the offense tore up the field and lit up the scoreboard. The Jr. Bills defense was nearly impassable, holding the Bruins to just 7 points.

Even before the game started, Kornfeld knew that Clair would be key to the offense's performance.

"With Andrew's talents, all we have to do is give him a little bit of a hole, and he'll run

with that," said Kornfeld.

On SLUH's first possession, Batschelett forced his way through the line on fourth down to keep the drive moving. Then Clair took off, opening his night with a 65-yard run to the Rock Bridge 10-yard line. Junior Jared Scott then ran for a 4-yard touchdown, and senior Joe Rogan's extra point gave SLUH the 7-0 lead.

The Jr. Bills' defense then forced the Bruins to two punts. A few drives later, Batschelett delivered a 30-yard pass to Millman that set up a 22-yard field goal for Rogan. At the end of the quarter, SLUH was up 10-0.

To start the second quarter, Clair picked off a Rock Bridge pass at the goal line, taking it 65 yards downfield to the Rock Bridge 35-yard line. Batschelett completed another 30-yard pass to Millman, then kept the ball himself for a touchdown. The SLUH de-

fense continued its excellence, forcing two more Bruin punts. At the end of the half, the Jr. Bills went into the locker room with a 17-0 lead.

In the third quarter, Scott recovered a Bruin fumble and the dynamic duo of Batschelett and Millman struck yet again, this time for a 20-yard first down. Clair capped off the drive with a 4-yard touchdown run. After another Rock Bridge punt, SLUH started in great field position at the Bruins' 40-yard line. Eight seconds later, Clair decided he could handle the whole stretch, scoring the touchdown on just one play. Halfway through the third quarter, the Jr. Bills led 31-0.

Rock Bridge, however, did manage to strike once against the Jr. Bills defense. With 3:43 left, they scored a touchdown to narrow the Jr. Bills' lead to 31-7.

But the game would get

no closer, as yet another long run by Clair set the ball inside the Bruins' five-yard line. Sophomore running back Jaylan Jones then got in on the scoring, punching his way into the end zone from a yard out. Senior kicker Peter Hennessey was called on to kick his first extra point this year, and nailed it. After the third quarter, SLUH led Rock Bridge 38-7.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Jr. Bills struck once more, with Scott rushing for a 19-yard touchdown. Hennessey completed the kick again, setting the score at 45-7 in favor of the Jr. Bills. The defense remained solid throughout the rest of the game to finish out the victory.

The victory was very important for the Jr. Bills, both because it broke their recent losing skid, and because it came on Senior Night. "It's awesome to be a part of our

senior night and coach Kornfeld's last home game," said Batschelett. "I'm so glad that the whole team came together to get the win. It's definitely how I wanted my last start on Oakland Avenue to be."

After putting up great numbers in several games this year, Clair finished the game with his best stat line of the year. He rushed for 253 yards on 22 carries, averaging 11.5 yards per carry. He also contributed two rushing touchdowns and an interception on the defensive side of the ball. Despite the outstanding numbers, Clair's approach to the game could not have been simpler.

"All I was trying to do was run downhill, break some tackles, and keep going for the goalpost," he said. "Defensively, I'm just trying to do my job. That's all it takes."

Batschelett also had a solid game to complement Clair's performance. He completed nine passes for 109 yards. Four of these passes found Millman, who had his best game of the year, racking up 81 receiving yards. Despite being smaller than many of the defensive backs he lines up against, Millman says the team has an approach to the game designed to match his size and speed.

"Everything's just set up to try to get me yards after the catch," said Millman. "I knew we had to step up, and it felt good to finally capitalize on the opportunities that I've been given."

This strategy showed, as none of his passes were caught far downfield, but his speed allowed him to gain most of his yardage after the catch.

His breakout game was certainly noticed by the coaching staff.

"We've always known he has this in him," said Kornfeld. "He just put it all together and had one heck of a game. It was really special to see because I know how much work he puts in."

Clair and Batschelett also praised Millman's performance, saying that his speed threat in the passing game helped open up the line to give Clair running opportunities, many of which he turned into big gains.

As dominant as the offense was for the Jr. Bills, the defense was just as impressive. They forced three Rock Bridge turnovers—an interception, a turnover on downs, and a fumble—in addition to forcing several Bruin punts.

Five different players recorded at least six tackles, a team-first style of play that is very important to Kornfeld.

"Defense is a team game, and our guys have been responding really well, getting players around the ball. They're playing as a group, as a team, and it shows."

Tonight, SLUH plays Jackson High School, the last game before districts. Jackson defeated DeSmet 42-7 last week, and is 7-1 on the season. This will be Kornfeld's last regular season game as Jr. Bills head coach. Currently sitting on a 4-4 season record, the Jr. Bills are looking for a win in order to secure a winning record and some positive momentum moving into the playoffs.

"This game is going to be an amazing atmosphere for us, but also a hostile environment," said Batschelett. "The main thing is for us to come together, support each other, and just do what we've done in the past."

Hockey 3-0 in Top Hat

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The St. Louis U. High varsity hockey team skated its way through pool play in the Top Hat Classic this past week, finishing off Kirkwood 7-0 last Thursday, and handily beating Chaminade on Wednesday 4-1 to go 3-0 in round robin play.

The Jr. Bills struck with a powerful bite against Kirkwood in the first quarter, netting four goals on 12 shots while holding the Pioneers scoreless on five shots. Adding two more in the second and another in the third, SLUH secured their second victory of the tournament.

With many players gone for club hockey in the pre-season, head coach Kevin Fitzpatrick was able to get some new players onto the ice to get their feet wet in the new varsity atmosphere, possibly in an effort to fill the six open roster spots.

"There's a lot of guys who could make it, we're just

not sure yet," said Fitzpatrick. "We've got a lot of depth, and a really good group of kids with great talent. So we just want to take out time and try to make the best decision. They're really gelling."

With many players missing on Wednesday, including starting goalie Brendan Rasch, the Red Devils went up early on the Jr. Bills on a goal that was initially ruled a "no goal" but was later overturned by the officials.

"I knew we would turn it around and we'd be good in the end," said senior Luke Gasset.

And turn it around they did, as senior Chaz Palumbo netted a goal for the IceBills with only six seconds left in the period to send them into the second tied at one.

After some back and forth on the ice, senior John Siekhaus buried a pass from Palumbo into the back of the Chaminade goal to send the Jr. Bills up by one.

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Tenacious XC claims MCC crown for 13th straight year



(From left to right) Junior Paul Burka, senior Joe Laughlin, and sophomore Patrick Hetlage in the MCC tournament last weekend.

photo | Mrs. Kathy Chott

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The St. Louis U. High cross country program had a successful day this past weekend at the MCC Championships, as the varsity and freshmen teams won their divisions and the JV team narrowly missed victory with a second place finish.

The varsity team placed first of the five MCC schools with a team score of only 26 points, a major bounce back

after a disappointment at the Parkway West Invitational the previous week. De Smet took second place with 43 points and CBC was in third with 71.

"We had a little bit of a setback last week at Parkway West, so we freshened (the guys) up a little bit got them ready to peak a little bit, just a mini peak to do well at conference," said head coach Joe Porter.

SLUH was represented at the varsity level by seniors

Joe Laughlin, Thomas Leeker, and William Kelly, junior Paul Burka, sophomores Patrick Hetlage and Reed Milnor, and freshman Noah Scott. All seven earned medals in the race.

Laughlin continued to cement himself as the top runner on the squad, leading the first pack of SLUH runners, and finishing in third place overall with a time of 16:43.

"I don't think it was a particularly good race, I thought it was a decent race," said Laughlin. "I thought I could have run faster, kept up with the top two guys longer."

Laughlin stayed with the top two finishers, Joe Reed of De Smet and Alex Hunn of CBC, until the beginning of the final mile.

"They would keep speeding up and slowing down and charged down hills, and they would just do things that don't ever happen in a normal race, but they were kind of controlling the race," said Laughlin. "I thought I could have had a better race but it was just

something I wasn't really prepared for."

Hetlage, Burka, and Kelly charged in together about five seconds after Laughlin, and all finished within seven-tenths of a second of each other. Hetlage finished in fourth, Burka in fifth, and Kelly in sixth.

"The whole focus this week was pack, and keeping our one to four really close together," said Porter. "It didn't happen at Parkway West ... and we drilled it into them all week at practice: 'You guys have to stay together and work together.' And that worked out really well, they all finished within five seconds of each other."

Milnor continued to run consistently, finishing eighth with a time of 17:14. He was closely followed by Leeker, who finished in ninth in 17:15.

"I was happy with my race. My time was four seconds off my converted PR from Palatine, so it was really

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Around the Hallways

Senior's question makes it into Presidential Debate

The Presidential Debate at Washington University had a special connection to SLUH. Senior Joe Boyce wrote one of the questions that was asked at the town hall style debate. His friend's mother Beth Miller was randomly contacted by Gallup, the polling organization to see if she was interested in going to the debate. The question that Boyce wrote up asked what the candidates would look for when picking Supreme Court candidates.

Gatorade Week promotion in football and soccer

Fall sports athletes at St. Louis U. High were given promotional Gatorade products this past week in an effort to improve performance and nutritional health.

Advertised by Jamarr Becks, a salesman for Gatorade, the program known as G-Week gives high schools a chance to test out a variety of Gatorade products besides just their drinks. Speaking to a crowd of players on Monday, Becks gave a talk about the benefits of Gatorade products, and several nutritional tips in general. Gatorade chews, protein bars, and shakes were handed out in bulk for free as the athletes were advised to eat certain snacks before and after practice.

Costa Rica trip students meet for next summer

Science teacher Bill Anderson and Spanish teacher Myriam Aliste met with selected students last Thursday night to discuss an educational trip to Costa Rica over the summer. They discussed cost, location, and trip length. They plan on going for ten days to various locations around the country.

Band concert doubles as family event

The St. Louis U. High Band performed last Monday night in the Si Commons. The concert included performances from Jazz I, Jazz II, Concert, and Symphonic Bands, as well as Chamber Orchestra. This concert included pizza and Ted Drewes for students and their families to enjoy during the performances. This is the first time that a concert has also served as a family event.



Freshman Class Mass

The freshman class gathered last Friday for its first class Mass. The presider was Paul Sheridan, S.J. The theme was based on the readings and it was the value of faith.

Virgil-a-Thon gathers Latin students for orations

Members of the Latin club gathered in the Si Commons during activity period on Thursday to recite passages from the Greek poet Virgil. The boys wore some classic Ancient Greek-style togas as well.

Fall Concert

Varsity Chorus, Zero Hour Chorus, and A Cappella Club performed yesterday in the Si Commons for their Fall Concert. They performed a total of ten different songs in styles varying from Renaissance to Pop.

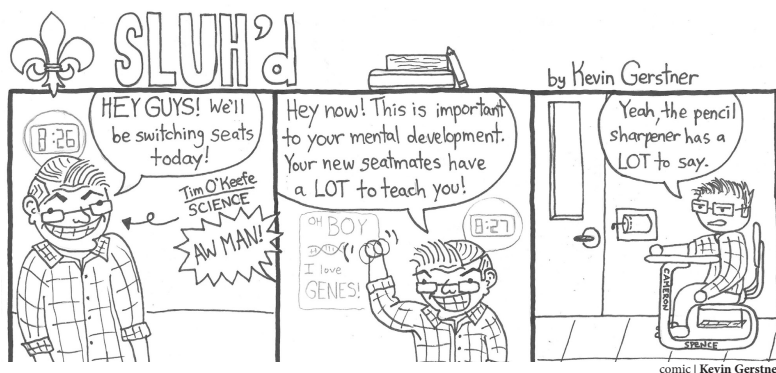
Senior given recognition for soccer prowess

Senior soccer captain Brandon Trusler was recently named Penn Station Student Athlete of the Month for the St. Louis region. By winning the award, SLUH receives a \$500 donation in Trusler's name. Wednesday during junior/senior lunch, KPLR 11 came and recorded an interview with Trusler and the pep rally that occurred in the Commons. The pep rally will air on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. on channel 11.

Medical Careers Club speaker talks drug development

Dr. Rachel Edwards, an epidemiologist from Washington University, came to SLUH and talked about her career and drug development. She has worked on creating drugs to combat XDR tuberculosis, a disease that infects the lungs and is resistant to all current treatments. She currently works in a Wash. U. pediatric pathology lab researching treatments for drug-resistant malaria.

—Sam Goedecker, Jack Schweizer, Luke Wilmes, Jack Waters, Jake Hennes, Luke Veltz, Matthew Quinlan, and Ben Frailey.



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All varsity runners medal in MCC victory

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nice to finally kind of affirm that time on a 5K course," said Leeker. "I was running really tough, and hopefully helped my team push forward."

Scott, still battling bronchitis, came in 12th for the Jr. Bills, the final medalist for the team. He ran a time of 17:32. Through his varsity races thus far, Scott has proved to be reliable even if he is not at his best health-wise.

In addition to the team trophy, all seven varsity runners earned first and second team all-MCC honors, showing the team's depth and strength.

Laughlin, Hetlage, Burka, and Kelly earned first team honors, while Milnor, Leeker, and Scott were part of the second team.

"We ran a great race. We went out with a goal to win, a

goal to run aggressively, and with a goal to really have some fight in us," said Leeker. "We needed that desire and that attitude at MCCs, and it ended up going really well."

This surely helped boost the team's morale after the struggle at Parkway West, and now they look toward the beginning of the postseason at the District meet on Saturday, Oct. 22.

"The confidence that comes with (placing well), some guys seeing how well they can place, seeing who they can go with, and I think we're going to need that confidence and belief in ourselves," said Leeker.

"They're just running really well right now, we just have to try to keep the momentum and try to close the gap between Milnor, Leeker, and Scott with those first

four," said Porter. "The next couple of weeks should be our hardest workouts going into Sectionals and State."

The JV team came in second place with 32 points, clawing at the heels of De Smet, who finished a mere seven points ahead with 25.

Senior Matt Northcott had a memorable day, as he ran a very strategic race, staying with De Smet's Christian Weishaar before speeding past him in the final mile. Northcott took the individual crown by eight seconds with a time of 17:43.

"It's a very difficult thing to win a race because it takes a lot of patience during the race, you have to go out and lead it," said Laughlin. "He ran a really smart race and a really hard race, he fought pretty hard."

Junior Chuck Perry also ran extremely well for the

Jr. Bills, as he finished third overall with a PR of 18:00 and earned a medal as well. The JV team had 13 other medalists for the race, yet they fell short of claiming first place, yet the consistency and depth of the team is evident.

The freshman team dominated its division, as it took first place with only 20 points. Seven SLUH runners finished in the top ten, led by Mitchell Booher, who won the race in 18:25, and Ben Krieger, who came in second in 18:50.

This weekend, as the first varsity team trains hard for Districts, the second team will be heading to the Borgia Invitational in Washington, Mo. The varsity race begins at 9:45 a.m., immediately following the JV race, which starts at 8:30 a.m. The freshman race concludes the meet at 10:45 a.m.

Friday, October 14

Regular Schedule

AP Ball State University
Georgetown University
Long Island University, Post
Rice University
Sarah Lawrence College
Junior Class Mass
Snack—Pizza sticks
LUNCH Special—Country fried steak
Vegetarian—Salmon
7:00PM V Football vs. Jackson

Saturday, October 15

8:30AM Swimming @ Lindbergh
9:00AM V2/JV/C Cross Country @ Big Driver Golf/
Borgia Invitational
12:00PM B Soccer vs. DeSmet @ SLUH
1:30PM C Soccer vs. Edwardsville
2:00PM V Soccer vs. DeSmet @ SLUH

Sunday, October 16

11:00AM Card Party

Monday, October 17

Exam Schedule

First Quarter Exams
12:00PM Teacher SLUH Night Practice
3:30PM C Soccer vs. Chaminade
4:00PM C Football vs. Jackson
4:00PM JV Football vs. Jackson @ SLUH
4:00PM Swimming vs. Chaminade
5:00PM JV Soccer vs. Fort Zumwalt South @ SLUH
7:20PM B Soccer vs. Francis Howell

Tuesday, October 18

Exam Schedule

First Quarter Exams
12:00PM Student/Band/Chorus SLUH Night Practice
4:00PM JV Soccer vs. Marquette @ SLUH
6:00PM V Soccer vs. Marquette @ SLUH

Wednesday, October 19

PSAT Schedule

PSAT and Standardized Testing
4:50PM B Soccer @ CBC Tournament
5:15PM C Soccer vs. Eureka @ SLUH

Thursday, October 20

Exam Schedule

First Quarter Exams
Fall Fest
3:45PM C Soccer vs. Oakville
4:00PM JV Soccer vs. Eureka @ SLUH
6:00PM V Soccer vs. Eureka @ SLUH
6:30PM SLUH Night

Friday, October 21

No Classes

V Football 1st Round District Game
V2/JV Cross Country @ Shaw Park
11:00AM Class of '45 and '51 Mass and Lunch

Saturday, October 22

V Soccer @ District Tournament
B Soccer vs. CBC
9:00AM V Cross Country District Meet
10:AM JV Swimming @ MCC
6:00PM Quad Swimming @ MICDS
7:00PM Fall Ball

Sunday, October 23

V Soccer @ District Tournament

Monday, October 24

Regular Schedule

AP Liturgical Choir Rehearsal
6:30PM Ignatian Teach-In for Justice

Tuesday, October 25

Regular Schedule

AP California College of the Arts (San Francisco)
3:00PM Art Retreat
6:00PM Cornerstone Dinner

Wednesday, October 26

Regular Schedule

Art Retreat
Drive for the Homeless
AP Bates College
3:00PM JV/C Cross Country @ Forest Park Invitational
4:00PM Swimming @ MCC Preliminaries

Thursday, October 27

Regular Schedule

Drive for the Homeless
Blood Drive
AP Missouri State University
Confession
Liturgical Choir Rehearsal
University of Southern California
7:00PM Man2Man

Friday, October 28

Regular Schedule

AP Sophomore Class Mass
V Football 2nd Round District Game
5:00PM Swimming @ MCC Finals