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Sports

Despite Stellar Individual Performances, Footballs Fall to O'Fallon 21-7

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What do career win #60 and Victor Davis have in common? They were the two things SLUH coach Gary Kornfeld couldn't get his hands on last Friday night against O'Fallon. Davis rushed for 176 yards and two touchdowns on 20 carries for the Panthers to lead them to a 21-7 victory over the Jr. Bills, dropping Kornfeld's mark to a mere 59-20 throughout the duration of his 8 year tenure as the head Billiken and a 1-1 mark on the '95 season.

After an early start in last week's thrilling overtime victory against the Pioneers of Kirkwood, the Gridbills continued this developing trend by peaking early. The Billikens struck first on their opening possession when junior back Renato Fitzpatrick capped off a 65 yard drive with an 11 yard touchdown run with 4:18 remaining in the first quarter. Fitzpatrick finished with his second 100+ yard game

of the season, posting 102 yards on 20 carries. However, the scoring ceased after the first quarter as the Panther defense buckled down, allowing just 139 yards of SLUH offense while accumulating four sacks and two interceptions.

As the Bills prematurely wrapped up their offensive output for the evening, the Panthers commenced theirs. A three yard Davis touchdown run with just under twelve minutes in the half knotted the score at seven. The half ended with the score unchanged, and it wasn't until 4:50 of the third quarter that O'Fallon struck again. Surprising the Bills with an uncharacteristic pass attempt, Panther quarterback Adam Blankenship connected with receiver Aaron Stone on a 33 yard touchdown strike.

The game remained within reach for the Bills who trailed by just seven late into the final quarter. Thoughts of Fitzpatrick's memorable touchdown just a week earlier see **WE WANT SIX**, page 7

Harrierbills Learn from Mistakes to Capture Eureka Invitational

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"You guys are golden" were the words spoken by a rival cross-country coach after witnessing the performance of the Jr. Bills cross-country team at the Northwest House Springs Invitational this past Saturday. SLUH runners, together, once again showed that they were one of the stronger teams in the area. Although the varsity squad did not run to it potential (placing sixth of 23 teams), the JV and the freshman teams put forth excellent 24 karat performances with first and second place showings, respectively.

The varsity team was definitely disappointed with their below average performance. Head coach Jim Linhares

commented that the varsity's sub par race was attributed to the fact that "we failed to race; we just ran. We did not use the course to our advantage."

Leading SLUH's varsity harriers was senior captain Tim Chik, placing 16th with a time of 16:12 on the 2.9 mile course. In 21st place with a time of 16:31 was senior Ben Fanson who put forth a very strong performance. Rounding out the top seven were junior Joe Donnelly 30th with a time of 16:47, sophomore Ben Rosario 36th with a time of 16:58, seniors Shannon Yates 49th, and Joel Brown 52nd, with times of 17:09 and 17:13 respectively, and sophomore Chris Graesser 57th, crossing the line at 17:27.

On the JV level, the Harriers once again proved their superiority, winning see **EUREKA!**, page 7

NIGHTLIGHTS

SOCCER: Late Thursday night the Martelbills kept their winning streak alive with a 3-1 victory over Mehlville. With formidable play from keeper Dave Jetton and goals from juniors Bill Sommers, John Sprengnether, and Mike Amann the Bills hoisted their record to 5-3. Tomorrow evening the Bills will trek to Ballas Rd. to challenge the mighty Spartans of DeSmet, who already defeated the Bills 1-0 last Saturday.

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WATERPOLO: 69 in a row and still gunning for the crown! The Busenbills racked up another victory in their streak of consecutive wins with a 22-2 crushing of the Ladue Rams, Thursday night. The Conference Tournament begins on Tuesday at MICDS where the Bills will take on Mehlville.

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Twellman's third and fourth goals of the season led the team to an easy 4-0 rout over the underdog Crusaders. Hogan and fellow senior Matt Powers accounted for the other SLUH goals. Senior goalies Mike Hendricks and Brad Vogelgesang combined for the team's third shutout of the year.

"We played a great game," commented Martel. "Our ball control was excellent. St. Dominic was chasing us the entire game, and they were worn out by the end."

The Bill's received some bad news when they learned that senior co-captain Joe Gallo will be absent from the lineup for up to six weeks due to a torn muscle suffered during the DeSmet game. When asked how the injury will affect his squad, coach Martel responded, "It's always difficult to replace a player of Joe's caliber, but we have a good bench."

The Soccerbills tangled with Mehlville, the ninth ranked team in the area (*The St. Louis Post-Dispatch*,) Thursday night at the SLUH stadium. Check the *Prep News* Nightlights for the results.

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lingered in the minds of SLUH players and fans alike. However, Davis brought everyone back to the present with a 62 yard touchdown rumble with just over two minutes to play, securing the fate of the Bills.

Despite allowing 313 yards of total offense, SLUH's defense was not without its share of strong performances. End Nick Sansone posted a team leading 18 tackles, including the lone sack of the evening. "We worked hard in practice and followed through with a good game," commented Sansone in reference to him and fellow defensive end Damian Tumminia who tallied seven tackles on the night.

Two-way starter Brad Pennington led the linebackers in tackles with 13, finishing second only to Sansone. "I don't know if we were beaten on the line of scrimmage against them. They just did a great job of breaking tackles," added Kornfeld in an interview with the *Suburban Journals*. Pennington echoed his coaches thoughts by saying, "[The defense] has to want to go out and make tackles." Mark "The Sheriff" Delhougne patrolled the secondary and contributed with three tackles in the process.

The Gridbills look to improve on a winless record against teams from the east side tonight as they take on the Lancers of Belleville East. Vengeance may be on the minds of some SLUH players, coaches, and alums tonight as the Bills have won only three of nine meetings with East. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. for all the diehards who plan to make the trek to Belleville tonight.



Bernie the PN Billiken says, "Hey, SLUH sports fans, athletic passes for all home soccer, football, and basketball games are still on sale in Mr. Wehner's office!!"

Eureka!

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with a mere 41 points. They captured 12 of the top 25 places in a race containing 300 plus runners. The first Jr. Bill to cross the line was junior Gerry Fitzgerald in second place with a time of 17:10, earning him a spot on the varsity team. In fourth place was junior Tim Blessing, finishing at 17:20. Rounding out the top seven JV slots were sophomore John Ramsey placing eighth with a time of 17:45, senior captain John Flynn tenth with a time of 18:05, juniors Dan Range 14th, at 18:06, Ryan Monahan 15th, at 18:09, and sophomore Scott Lauer 16th at 18:52.

The freshman squad had a great day while getting their first taste of a large invitational, placing second among the teams present. Leading the pack of freshmen was Matt Crow placing tenth with a time of 13:12 on the 2.2 mile freshmen course. Following Crow was the dual attack of John McGinnis and Matt Schaefer, placing 19th and 20th with times of 13:38 and 13:39 respectively. Finishing out the freshmen top seven were Greg Leutchmann 27th, at 13:50, Sean Burns 32nd at 14:05, John Crane 39th at 14:09, and Matt Orlando 43rd at 14:18. Linhares commented, "The JV and freshmen teams had a tremendous day; JV dominated, and the freshmen did very well, also."

With the discouraging sixth place at House Springs, the varsity Harriers vowed to avenge themselves at the Eureka Invitational, and that is exactly what they did. Putting the past behind them, the varsity team focused on the task at hand; winning the meet. When asked how he felt about the team's performance at the two races, Linhares said, "We learned from

Northwest House Springs, and [the meet at] Eureka clearly shows that."

Most of the top seven had breakthrough races. Chik placed second with a very impressive time of 16:57 on a standard 3.1 mile course. For those who don't follow cross-country, breaking the seventeen minute barrier is an exceptionally impressive feat early in the season. Also with strong races were Donnelly with a time of 17:10 and Rosario coming in at 17:11. Making his varsity debut, Fitzgerald placed seventh with a time of 17:30. Rounding out the top seven were Fanson eighth at 17:36, Brown 14th at 18:07, and Yates 16th at 18:40. Coach Tom Flanagan calls the victory "notable because they got out in the pack and stayed together for a long time. Chik never let the leader get away from him, and Donnelly stepped up with a very strong race."

When asked about the JV performance Flanagan simply stated, "it was an awesome display of power. The lead pack cruised together stride for stride for the first mile and a half." The JV team scored a complete shutout taking the top seven places along with the eighth and tenth slots. The first pack of blue and white to cross the line were Flynn 17:33, Blessing 17:36, Ramsey 18:08, and Keith Myers 18:33. Following this group was the second pack consisting of Monahan 18:43, John Johnson 18:44, John Christie 19:00, Range 19:02, and Brian Burns 19:04. Coach Linhares' teaching technique of running with total relaxation was apparent in this meet. Most of the runners looked as if they were not expending any effort, yet according to spectators were going very fast.

The Jr. Bills will be in action at the Hazelwood Central Invitational tomorrow at Sioux Passage park in North County.

scoring twice.

The Busenbills start the Conference Tournament Tuesday at Mary Institute/Country Day vs. Mehlville at 5:30pm. The Tournament Finals will be held next Saturday at 8:30pm. Check the PN Nightlights for last night's results.

Quote of the Week

"From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs."

-Karl Marx

Waterworld

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which they wouldn't relinquish for the rest of the game. Although the Colts had the speed and the strong desire to challenge the defending champs, the Bills had the superior skill. The younger of the Maitz tandem racked up two goals, and the Korte brothers each scored twice. The final score was 9-7 for SLUH's 67th win in a row.

Tuesday the Busenbills faced the Ladue Rams, winning 14-5. Doug Maitz, and each of the Korte duo notched three goals, with Hayes and Jeff Maitz each