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## THREE DAYS, TWO TITLES, ONE SCHOOL

### Volleyball recovers from tough game one loss to take second straight title over Lafayette

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The St. Louis U. High volleyball team secured its second straight and fifth overall state title by defeating Lafayette in three games in front of a raucous Kirkwood gym crowd last Thursday.

The tournament's top-seeded teams entered the championship match having made short work of their semifinal opponents—No. 2 SLUH dispatched Oakville 25-22, 25-11, and No. 1 Lafayette cruised by DeSmet 25-18, 25-15.

The final match-up produced an epic first game that lasted 70 points, ten short of

SLUH's entire quarterfinal win over Francis Howell North. In what assistant coach Terry Quinn called "one of the most exciting volleyball games I've ever been a part of," the Jr. Bills lost, 34-36.

"That could've just broken their hearts right there," said Quinn, "but it ended up really galvanizing our guys."

"We've been working all year for this, and we'd already lost to Lafayette, so we weren't just going to give up," said senior defensive

specialist and the team's vocal leader Jack Hughes, who Quinn said played one of his best matches of the season in his first and only state championship match.

Hughes said the team adjusted its attacking strategy for games two and three. "I told (junior setter) John (Swanston) that we had to use our middles more, because we didn't in the first game, and Lafayette exploited that," said

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Senior hitter Pete Hock after a game two spike, one of his 14 total kills.

### Water polo storms back from two-goal hole to claim three-peat, 57th consecutive win

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Although it may not have come as a surprise that the St. Louis U. High varsity water polo team won the state championship, the H20bills still managed to add suspense to the game. The Polobills beat Chaminade 7-3 for their third consecutive State title at the Rec-Plex on Saturday.

Keeping with their 25-match record of winning by at least four goals for this season, the Baudbills earned their third consecutive state title with their 57th consecutive win, dating back to the 2005 season. SLUH's water polo team has won 13 State titles since its

beginning in 1967.

After beating DeSmet in the semifinals, the Red Devils (19-7) scored an early pair of goals against the Jr. Bills. But by the end of the second quarter, senior captain Tim Dale had scored SLUH's first two goals to tie the score 2-2; Dale also scored the next two goals, and SLUH never looked back.

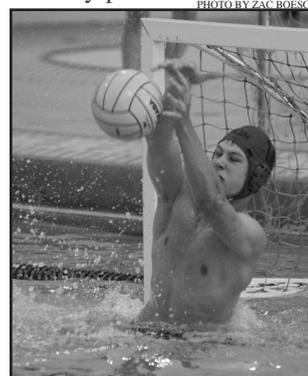
"I was just happy that everyone kept cool and stepped it up a little bit," said Dale, who added that the team performed well defensively for the rest of the game.

"We had never been in a situation like (that) before—we had never been in a situation where we were losing—so it was

definitely stressful, I think, to most of the guys, but I think we were all confident that we still had a lot of time left and we could still pull back," said goalie junior Matt Hohenberger.

Before the game was over juniors John Heafner and Will Page and seniors captain Mike Sizemore and Max Wurm had also scored, while Chaminade managed

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Junior keeper Matt Hohenberger denies the Red Devils another goal.

# Kesterson named Assistant Principal for Student Affairs

**Chris Brennan**  
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Psychology teacher and STUCO moderator Brock Kesterson will take over the Assistant Principal for Student Affairs position at the beginning of next year, replacing Eric Clark. Clark announced his acceptance of the principal position at Loyola Academy and resignation from St. Louis U. High relatively late in the year, April 23.

The administration decided to keep the search for the new Assistant Principal for Student Affairs in-house and sent an email to faculty asking those interested to present a resumé and answer two questions about their philosophy of discipline and the strengths they would bring to the position.

Assistant to the Assistant Principal for Student Affairs Marla Mauer said that the decision to keep the search in-house was a good idea. She said, "If you're here at school, you know how things work, the workings of this office," and noted of Kesterson, "We know each other's mannerisms."

Four candidates were interviewed by

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SLUH huddled and regrouped and came out firing in the final two games. After a motivating speech from Hock and members of last year's state championship team Tyler Caldwell and Murphy Troy, they managed to overcome the potentially devastating defeat, winning games two and three comfortably, 25-16, 25-20.

Middle hitter Brynac and hitters senior Pete Hock and junior Mike Adams combined for 36 kills in the three matches.

After Hock struggled in the first game with only three kills, head coach Paul Scovill pulled him aside, and after giving him some words of encouragement, Hock calmed down and recorded 11 of his team-leading 14 kills

the administrative team—President David Laughlin, Principal Mary Schenkenberg, next year's principal John Moran, Assistant Principal for Administration and Technological Services Tom Becvar, Assistant Principal for Academics Mark Michalski, and Clark—reached a consensus that Kesterson would make the best Assistant Principal for Student Affairs.

Schenkenberg said, "They were all fine candidates. We are fortunate at St. Louis U. High to have four people like that who were willing to step forward," adding that Kesterson has "the strength of having worked with students for a long time, been on the faculty a long time, and has the support of the faculty and students."

Kesterson came to SLUH through the ASC program after graduating from Boston College with a degree in psychology. Kesterson has taught psychology at SLUH for nine years and moderated STUCO for eight.

Kesterson said that even though the news of Clark's departure "caught us all

in the final two games. Hock also overcame frustration from being punished with a yellow card for his argument with the official over a bad call.



Junior setter John Swanston and his teammates jump for joy.

Swanston, and Adams, who each played in last year's title victory over Lafayette and in every point of this year's finals.

Swanston led all Jr. Bills with 38 assists, and hopes the group of six returning juniors can lead the team to the program's fourth consecutive final game.

"We'll be going for the three-peat," he said.

off guard ... as an educator you always try to think about the future. I had (the idea of being Assistant Principal for Student Affairs) in the back of my mind."

Kesterson said that current issues such as the campout and Running of the Bills will be important but also said the school needs to look at "multimedia issues, Facebook and Myspace, we need to stay on top of that, how (students) present themselves to the public."

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only one more goal.

"I think that although we were losing at the beginning," said junior Mike O'Neill, "we still had control over the game, and I knew that we would still be able to pull it out."

All five seniors on the team—who, according to head coach Paul Baudendistel, lost only one game (the JV Championship their freshman year) during their career playing water polo for SLUH—finished the game.

"They set the tone," said Baudendistel of the seniors' roles throughout the season. "As talented as the juniors are—and this junior class might be the best water polo class St. Louis U. High has ever had—the seniors were no slouches. They set the tone as far as conditioning, work ethic, (and) focus."

"I expect to do just as good next year as we did this year, capitalizing on this season," said O'Neill.

## Sports Playoff Update

- **Baseball (18-6)** won its district contest 10-0 against Ritenour on Friday to advance to the state sectional round. They play at 4:30 p.m. today against Chaminade at SLUH.

- **Tennis (10-6)** defeated Francis Howell North 5-1 on Friday, but lost to Parkway Central 6-0 in the state sectional round. One singles player and two doubles teams advanced to the state contest Friday and Saturday in Springfield, Mo.

- **Lacrosse (17-5)** won the state quarterfinals against Parkway West 16-5 on Thursday to advance to tomorrow's semifinal game against MICDS at Washington University at 5 p.m. The winner of that contest will play either Rockhurst or DeSmet at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

- **Track** will send 21 athletes to the state meet Friday and Saturday in Jefferson City. All four relay teams advanced to the state finals, as well as individuals in the high jump, discus, 100m, 200m, two in the 1600m, and two in the 3200m.