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SAS and referee registration set

Sewickley Area Soccer (SAS) will hold a personal sign-up day for the upcoming spring season Saturday, Jan. 30, from 10-2 p.m., in the lobby of the Car Barn Shops, Sewickley.

Age groupings for boys and girls are:

Under-8 — birthdays Aug. 1, 1984 to July 31, 1986;

Under-10 — birthdays Aug. 1, 1982 to July 31, 1984;

Under-12 — birthdays Aug. 1, 1980 to July 31, 1982;

Under-14 — birthdays Aug. 1, 1978 to July 31, 1980;

Under-16 — birthdays Aug. 1, 1976 to July 31, 1978;

Under-19 — birthdays Aug. 1, 1973 to July 31, 1976.

Registration forms are now available and can be dropped off at the United Men's Store, Beaver Street, Sewickley. Fees are \$25 for the first child and

\$20 for each additional child in the family.

Co-ed leagues, as well as girls' leagues, will be offered once again in all eligible age groups. The season will commence the weekend of March 27.

Any parent interested in being a coach can tell SAS officials on Jan. 30 or call Julie Rickert at 741-2366.

• Two classes will offered in the area for anyone wishing to become a certified soccer referee.

One will be at Beaver High School on Jan. 19, 21, 26, 28 and Feb. 2, 4 and 9. The other will be at Moon High School on Feb. 15, 17, 22, 24 and March 1 and 3.

Both courses will be in the evening. For more information or to arrange registration, call Bernard Rubb at 765-3027.

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KING MIDAS

QV's Phil Oxendine turns in gold medal runs at States

By FRANK TIMONS
Staff writer

Almost everything Quaker Valley junior sprinter Phil Oxendine touched turned to gold last week at the PIAA State Track Championships in Shippensburg, Pa.

Oxendine took home two gold medals, crossing the finish line first in both the 100m and 200m. In fact, he set records in both events in the semi-finals.

Actually, his times were even faster in the finals but were not official because they were considered wind-aided.

"Phil just did an outstanding job," boasted QV head coach Ken Johns. "Anytime you break records, it's an accomplishment."

His time of 10.57 in the 100m broke a 14-year-old record, and his 21.92 bested a 5-year-old mark. Last year, Oxendine won the 100m, but took second in the 200m.

Tomorrow, Oxendine will run in both events at the National High School Invitational in Los Angeles. He qualified for the event because of the times he posted during the regular season.

"This will be the best competition he has faced all season," noted Johns.



BOWING UNDER the weight of one of the gold medals he won is Phil Oxendine.

Oxendine also anchored the 400m relay team (Brian Cottom, Tom Gatehouse and Trei Smith) to a second-place finish with a time of 43.29. A team from Pottstown came in first with a 43.19.

"They broke a school record," added Johns of his Quakers.

But the foursome won a moral victory by finishing two slots ahead of Aliquippa. They defeated the Quips at the WPIAL Northern Qualifier but lost

to them at the WPIAL AA Championships at South Side High

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As for the Lady Quakers, Ellen Cogswell placed eighth in the 3200m with a time of 12:13.51 and ninth in the 1600m (5:35).

"It was a learning experience for Ellen," Johns said. "She was used to running the 1600m before the 3200m during the regular season, but they switched the two events around at States. I think that tuckered her out."

As a team, QV came in second for the second straight year with 28 points - the same number of points as last year. Pottstown took first.

"We came within a whisper of being state champs," Johns sighed.

The team championship was decided in the 400m boys relay, but Pottstown defeated the Quakers.

GAME OF THE WEEK

QV girls defeat Hopewell, 5-1

Need win over Sewickley Academy today for section title

With a victory over SA today, the Quaker Valley girls soccer team can outright win the Section II title.

That was made possible Monday afternoon after the Lady Quakers defeated Hopewell 5-1. Since both teams were undefeated, but because QV had two ties to Hopewell's one, Quaker Valley had to beat Hopewell if it wanted to win the section title.

And it did just that. "We did an excellent job today," boasted QV head coach Dan Vezza.

On the other hand, Hopewell head coach Jen Tedesko was disappointed. "I am not at all happy with our play today. We were intimidated."

In the first period, play was, for the most, part even. But a Hopewell handball allowed for a QV penalty kick, which Christy Peluso knocked into the upper left hand corner of her opponent's goal to give her team a 1-0 lead.

The goal appeared to sap the energy of Hopewell, because in the second period, the Lady Quakers constantly pressured Hopewell. Its defense appeared to stand around and not be aggressive. QV's Kara Csensich took advantage, scoring two goals in the period.

This gave Quaker Valley a 3-0 lead going into the second half, but Hopewell fought back as its star forward Kim Zikovich marked every game.

But Ms. Zikovich and Hopewell were unable to mount any more offense the rest of the game. Rachel Stroup added a goal in the third period, and Rachele Vezza, one in the fourth, for the 5-1 win. Besides Ms. Csensich, Vezza lauded sophomore Mindy Ruprecht, who had



WORKING
THE ball down the soccer field while being trailed by her opponent is Quaker Valley's Beth Bogdewic (#10).

Photo by
Davidson Chan

the difficult task of marking Ms. Zikovich for most of the game.

Said Ms. Ruprecht: "I was kind of nervous when I was told that would be my job. I was really stressed. But I thought I did a good job."

Ms. Zikovich, for the most part, agreed. "I don't think she did a bad job. It can be slightly frustrating for me when I get marked every game."

But she was more sullen because of the loss. "We worked the entire season to win this game," Ms. Zikovich added.

Quaker Valley (13-1-3) takes on Sewickley Academy today at Nichols Field. The

Quaker Valley..... T 2 1 1 - 5
Hopewell..... 0 0 1 0 - 1
First period: QV - Christy Peluso.
Second period: QV - Kara Csensich (Beth Bogdewic and Jen Tedesko); QV - Csensich (2) (Kristen Norris).
Third period: Hopewell - Kim Zikovich; QV - Rachel Stroup (Norris).
Fourth Period: QV - Rachele Vezza (Norris).

Quaker boys make playoffs

Can clinch section title
with victories this week

By FRANK TIBONI
Staff writer

The Quaker Valley boys' soccer team can sew up the Section IX title with wins over New Brighton and Freedom this week.

And that should not be much of a problem, considering that the Quakers have blown out both teams this season.

But the highlight of their play last week was avenging a 2-0 loss to Fox Chapel last year by defeating the Foxes 1-0.

If there has been a criticism of QV's play in games against Peters Township, Upper St. Clair and Mt. Lebanon, it has been that QV has not been patient.

But against the Fox Chapel, Quaker Valley worked hard for 70 minutes until forward Phil Oxendine found the net to give his team the 1-0 victory.

And if there has been one aspect that has stuck out in the wins over the

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Foxes and Mt. Lebanon, it has been the play of the defense. "I am just real pleased with the play of the defense lately," noted QV head coach Gene Klein. "We have just played a lot better in the last few games."

Looking ahead to the playoffs, which Quaker Valley has qualified for, Klein said there are areas in every aspect of the game that he would like to see his team improve upon.

• In other games, QV defeated Center 7-0 and Ellwood City 11-0.

Against Center, Oxendine netted three goals, while Seth Perkovich added two. Chris Lockerman, Armani Pongcy and Chad Freeman also scored.

Against Ellwood City, Perkovich had four goals, while Oxendine had two. Keepers Phil Gouker and Mike Hollenbacher combined for shutouts in both games.

Quaker Valley (10-1-1) has its next game tomorrow at home against New Brighton. It starts at 4 p.m.

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Lady Panthers looking to settle score with QV

The Sewickley Academy girls' soccer team can wrap up the 1993 season that head coach Ed Walters described as "successful" by knocking off Quaker Valley today at home.

In the first meeting of the season, the two teams tied by a score of 0-0. And again Walters views the matchup as a game between two teams of conflicting styles.

"Quaker Valley plays more of an English style of soccer of kick and run, while we play more of a South American, ball-control game," explained Walters.

Because the contest is being played this time at Nichols Field, which is larger than the Lady Quakers' field, he believes that

gives his team an advantage. But Walters said the team that can play its style for the majority of the game will come out on top.

"We will play to win," he added.

• Last week, the Lady Panthers went 4-0, defeating North Catholic 4-0, Avonworth and Montour 2-1, and Beaver 2-0.

Abby Wilcox netted goals in each game, including three in the win over North Catholic. Jen Riordan scored one against both North Catholic and Avonworth.

The wins raised SA's record to 13-4-2 overall, 9-4-2 in Section II - good for third place. The Academy's game today at home against QV starts at 4 p.m.

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SA boys clinch berth in WPIAL playoffs

Wins over Canevin and WA this week earn section title

By **FRANK THOM**
Staff writer

SA boys' soccer coach Dave Kasper reached the pinnacle in the sport by playing professionally.

But as a teenager at Chartiers Valley, Kasper never had the opportunity to play in a WPIAL playoff game.

Now, however, he will get to experience what it is like to coach in one.

The Panthers clinched at least a berth in the WPIAL AA playoffs with wins over Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (OLSH), Seton LaSalle and South Fayette this past week.

With wins over Canevin and West Allegheny this week, SA captures the Section 8 title. So how does it feel for



PLAYING THE ball is SA defender Mike Harris (#25) while Pat Maronari (#22) trails the action.

Photo by Davidson Chan

Kasper to make the playoffs for the first time in his three-year stint as Academy head coach?

"It feels great," Kasper said. "We're looking forward to it."

In the 4-0 win over OLSH, he said the boys just played well. "I was very proud of the whole

team." SA goals came from Jason Smoke, who had the hat trick, and Doug Crawford.

Against the Rebels, Smoke had two more goals in the shut-out win. And in the 7-0 victory over South Fayette, Smoke had

three goals. That upped his WPIAL lead in goals to 28.

Sewickley Academy (15-1), ranked in the top five in the WPIAL AA class, has its final regular season game tomorrow at home against West Allegheny. It starts at 4 p.m.

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For Quaker Valley girls' soccer coach Don Vezza, winning his fourth-straight Section II championship was probably the most gratifying.

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ALL SMILES after winning their fourth-straight Section II title are the Lady Quaker seniors Kari Wheeler, Kathy Seymour, Ashley Hoehl, Chrisy LaForte, Kara Csensich, Katie Hayes, Carrie Bikowski, Coby Baker, Monica McInosh, Tina Jordan and Jen Tedesko.

Talk heating up for QV/SA game

Come next Saturday, it is quite possible the game of the year in the Sewickley Valley, or rather the WPIAL, will take place.

I'm talking about the WPIAL AA Finals in boys' soccer which could pit Quaker Valley against Sewickley Academy.

Considering the two teams didn't compete in the regular season because of scheduling difficulties, this promises to be an interesting match.

On paper, the advantage goes to QV with its speed and experience, but that does not appear to intimidate SA. The Panthers claim they can defeat QV.

So the bench-jockeying has begun. Here our comments:

When asked if his team could beat Quaker Valley, head coach Dave Kasper replied "I think we have a realistic chance." That's not much of an answer considering any team can be beaten on any given day.

When pressed if SA - in fact - could beat QV, Kasper confidently replied, "Sure, of course." He must have a clandestine plan, because he said he would rather not comment on how his team would play the Quakers.

QV senior leader and midfielder Seth Perkovich said he wants to see the game happen and was quite candid about his team's chances. He said: "Of course we could beat them. We're just a better team all around."

Tim Walters, SA freshman forward, conceded that while Quaker Valley is a stronger and faster team, the Panthers could defeat the Quakers because of their determination. "Plus, I think our goalkeeper Ganter Ludwig would keep us in the game."

Last year, QV took it to Ludwig and SA 7-1. Which prompted Perkovich to say if SA intends to win, "I hope they're a lot better than last year."

The even keeled skipper of the Quakers, Gene Klein, spoke his mind in his sort of way.

Klein acknowledged that it would be an "interesting matchup," but that the Academy has its work cut out having to play Hampton and East Allegheny to reach the finals.

He did add this: "Dave (Kasper) will have his team well-prepared (if it were to happen). He's done a great job this year. They're a formidable team. ...But we feel confident playing against any team in the state."

Tune in next week for the continuing story.

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SA boys win Section VIII title

Will probably play Hampton tomorrow in playoffs

As the old adage goes - "The third time is a charm."

And that really is the case for Sewickley Academy boys' soccer coach Dave Kasper because it took him three years to reach the goal of being Section VIII champion.

With 11-0 and 10-0 wins over West Allegheny (WA) last week, the Panthers earned bragging rights in the section, posting a mark of 13-1, 10-1 overall.

"Coach Uwe Slender and myself are really satisfied. We're happy with all the work we put in and the way the kids have performed," said Kasper.

The primary goal for SA was to win the section, and for freshman starting forward Tim Walters, it was a relief.

"There was a lot of pressure on us all season to win the section," Walters said, "and with the expectations of Jason Smoke, it felt great to finally win it."

In the WA victory which clinched the section title, Smoke netted five goals to end the regular season as the leading goal scorer in the WPIAL with 43. Wilson

Pyle and Ryan Freeman scored two goals apiece.

"Everyone is just playing well right now," added Kasper. "We're more match fit. I try to play with them once a week now, and it's a lot harder for me to compete against them now than it was in the beginning of the season."

He said his team could not have peaked at a better time, with the start of the WPIAL playoffs this week.

In the first round, the Academy played Centerville yesterday. Because of the Herald's Monday deadline, the score and story was not available.

If it defeated the Trojans, SA would probably face Hampton tomorrow in the quarterfinals, then most likely East Allegheny in the semifinals. Call the school for team, time and place today.

With three victories, the possibility still exists for the Pantherstoface Quaker Valley in the WPIAL AA Finals.

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QV boys win Section IX

Will play Pine or Neshannock tomorrow

To nobody's disbelief, the Quaker Valley boys' soccer team won another Section IX championship after spanking both New Brighton and Freedom last week by scores of 14-0 and 15-0.

That makes the eighth section title the Quakers have won in the past nine years.

And while senior midfielder Seth Perkovich said it's not so exciting to win the section when it is expected, it is a relief.

"I'm more proud of the team not giving up one goal in section play the entire season," Perkovich boasted. For the record, QV outscored its section opponents 159-0.

For head coach Gene Klein, winning the section climbs the first step of Quaker Valley's three step approach it tackles

every season. Next is to win the WPIAL AA championship.

Quaker Valley has a first-round bye and will play either Pine-Richland or Neshannock tomorrow in the quarterfinals, and Charleroi or Steel Valley in the semifinals. This would lead up to the final, which could be Sewickley Academy. Call the school today for the exact time and location for both the boys' and girls' games.

Approaching the playoffs, Klein said he will "fine-tune" all aspects of the Quakers' game, but primarily focus on tightening up its defense and being more patient on offense.

Said Perkovich on the playoffs: "We must not be overconfident. We know it's possible any team can be beaten at any time."

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THE SHOWDOWN?

With victories in the WPIAL AA semifinals, QV and SA will meet each other in the finals

Could a Quaker Valley/Sewickley Academy matchup occur in the WPIAL AA boys soccer final?

With wins over Charleroi and East Allegheny in the semifinals yesterday, the Quakers and the Panthers will meet tomorrow in the finals.

Because the Herald goes to press Monday, results were not available. Call the schools today to see whether the teams won their semifinal games, as well as for the site, time and team for the final.

Neither QV head coach Gene Klein nor SA head coach Dave Kasper would comment on a possible Sewickley Valley final, saying they preferred not to look past their opponents in the semifinals.

To get to final game, though, both Klein and Kasper did comment.

"We're going to have to dominate defensively and have better decision-making in the attack," acknowledged Klein.

As for Kasper, he said his team will need to play with the speed and confidence it has in games late in the regular season and in the playoffs.

The Quakers reached the semifinals by defeating Pine-Richland 3-0.



HAVING A face-to-face discussion with their players who have reached the WPIAL AA semifinals are Sewickley Academy coaches Uwe Stender (far left) and Dave Kasper.

Photos by Davidson Chan

"I think we got complacent in the second half," Klein admitted. "We seemed to lose our concentration."

QV managed three goals in the first half from Chad Froman, Phil Oxendine and Armann Wenger. But in the second half, Quaker Valley's play got sloppy, with its offense appearing out of sync.

Sewickley Academy reached the semifinals by defeating Center 7-0 and Hampton 3-2 in a shootout. Scoring goals for SA in the Center win were Jason Smoke, who had four, Doug Crawford, Tim Walters and Bill Pesce.

This set up a Sewickley Academy/Hampton matchup in the quarterfinals, which was more of a nailbiter.

"I was a little disappointed in the speed of our play," said Kasper.

But the Panthers were able to pick it up in the second half. The game's

momentum swung back and forth for the entire game, as Hampton dominated for a period of time, then SA.

Smoke scored both of Sewickley Academy's goals and netted the game winner in the shootout to raise his goal total to 54.

But Kasper wanted to talk about Smoke's first goal, which he described as the best goal he has ever seen in high-school soccer.

Smoke was about 23 yards out and did not look as if he was going to take a shot. However, while moving to the right, he kicked the ball with the inside of his foot to the left and found all net. "It was unbelievable," boasted Kasper.

But Sewickley might not have won the shoot-out and the game if it had not been for two key saves made by goalkeeper

Ganter Ludwig.

And while talking to SA assistant and keeper coach Uwe Stender, the play of Ludwig has stepped up to a higher level from last year.

"He has improved tremendously," said Stender. "His reactions are quicker; he jumps higher and is more aggressive."

In general, Stender admitted the team's play has picked up speed; its passing is sharper, and its movement off the ball is better when compared to the beginning of the season.

Asked about his team's chances in the playoffs, Stender said he expected the team to reach the playoffs since the start of camp. As for the finals, he said anything is possible when you reach the semifinals.

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THREE IN A ROW

QV's 1-0 win over EA secures WPIAL AA title

There might have been a "Match moment" in the Quaker Valley boys' soccer team's 1-0 victory over East Allegheny last week to win its third straight WPIAL AA championship.

It came at the 10:00 mark in the fourth quarter.

The Wildcats had been pressuring the Quakers' defense for two minutes when goalkeeper Phil Gouker challenged EA attacker Alex Cormas. But Gouker missed the save and got caught out of the net.

Cormas then volleyed the soccer ball towards the QV net, but junior sweeper Joe Christof leaped up at the last second to head the ball out of the box, and, subsequently, preserve the victory.

But Quaker Valley's win ended up being bittersweet.

With under a minute left in the game, senior forward Phil Oxendine broke his leg on a breakaway.

It occurred when EA keeper Steve Kukic came out to challenge Oxendine. He made the save, but the two collided.

At the Lady Quakers's game this past Saturday, Oxendine said he suffered a broken tibia and fibula and will be in one cast for six to eight weeks. After that is removed, he added, he will be in another one for four weeks.

Said QV head coach Gene Klem after the game: "It's hard to be smiling when you have a player in the hospital. It was a good hard play. It was an unfortunate thing to happen."



MOVING THE soccer ball up the field while marked by East Allegheny players is QV's Seth Perkovich.

Photo by Davidson Chan

As it turned out, Oxendine scored the game's only goal two minutes into the third quarter off of a turn-around shot that he sent into the left side of the net.

The win put Quaker Valley into the PIAA AA tournament, with the Quakers' facing District 5 champion Township

yesterday with a record of 18-0. If the Quakers win, call the school today for team, place, date and time of game.

So how will the Quakers cope without the services of Oxendine in the state playoffs? "We'll still be ready," noted Christof.

LEBO'S REVENGE

QV girls lose 2-0 to take second place in WPIAL

In 1991 and '92, Dom Vezza and the Quaker Valley girls' soccer teams put a blenish on Mt. Lebanon's season, defeating the Lady Blue Devils in the finals each year.

But in 1993, Lebo finally rubbed it out, shutting out the Lady Quakers 2-0 to win the WPIAL Championship this past weekend.

Despite the loss, Vezza said he was happy with his team's showing.

"That's one of the best Lebo teams I've ever seen," he admitted.

In the game, the first Lady Blue Devils' goal came in the second quarter as junior forward Kathy Peckie scored on a header off of Bridget Dunphy's corner kick.

They took it into the fourth quarter, when senior midfielder Molly Berkman netted a goal on a direct kick from about 25 yards out.

Quaker Valley's best scoring chance came in the third quarter, when senior defender Tina Jordan almost snooked the ball past Lebo's keeper off of a corner kick.

"I know Lebo was excellent on the free kicks," Vezza confessed. "Last year, we had the shot from Liz Gaedt. This year, they had it."

Earlier this season, QV lost to Lebo 2-



HOLDING THE trophy which symbolizes the WPIAL runners-up is Dom Vezza and the Lady Quakers.

Photo by Frank Tiboni

1. But after this game, senior midfielder Jen Tedecko saw the team grow.

"I think we have made a lot of progress," Ms. Tedecko pointed out. She went on to say that she thinks it's possible the team can meet Mt. Lebanon again in the PIAA finals.

The PIAA Championships start this week with the Lady Quakers' facing the District 10 champion, which had not been determined as of press time. If the girls win Tuesday, call the school today for the day, team, place and time of the team's next game.

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EA stops SA from finals

By FRANK TIBONI
Staff writer

The Sewickley Academy boys' soccer team came within minutes of a dream matchup against Quaker Valley in the WPIAL AA finals last week.

But goals by East Allegheny (EA) in two overtime periods gave the Wildcats a 2-0 win over the Panthers and the right to face QV in the finals.

"EA came out on fire in the first overtime period and showed they wanted to win the game more than we did," admitted SA head coach Dave Kasper.

A miscue in the Academy defense allowed Wildcat forward Alex Cormas to net the game-winning goal as SA keeper Ganter Ludwig appeared shielded on the play.

The Panthers then pushed their whole team forward in hopes of flooding their opponent's goal with shots. However, EA added another goal as it slipped by the Academy defense to secure the victory.

"The difference in the game was that SA could not handle

forwards Cormas, Don Augustin and Matt Kapral," said EA head coach Mike Blatz. Kasper, though, found that explanation tough to accept.

"I thought our defense did a good job," he added.

Despite his team's displaying good possession skills on the Astro-Turf field at Mt. Lebanon Stadium, Kasper said he did not like the idea of the semifinal and final games' being played on the artificial surface, instead of the grass, on which soccer is meant to be played.

"The WPIAL was oblivious to that fact," Kasper noted, pointing out that all it cared about was getting in the games.

Nevertheless, he said he was "very happy" his team got as far as it did.

"After the loss to Carlynton in the regular season, I was very suspect," Kasper said. "To then come back and win 17 games in a row was a feat.

I think our players now realize they can get to, and play, at the next level."

Sewickley Academy finished the 1993 season with a 17-2 record, winning the Section VIII title.



Tina Jordan



Abby Wilcox



Kara Csensich

Section II names all-star team

The WPIAL girls' Section II coaches have released their Finest 15 and Section Goalie All-Section Team.

And the Quaker Valley and Sewickley Academy girls' soccer teams have six players represented on it.

For the Lady Quakers, they are senior defender Tina Jordan, senior forward Kara Csensich, senior midfielder Jen Tedesko and freshman midfielder Rochele Veza.

For the Lady Panthers, junior attacker Abby Wilcox and senior defender Holly Michael were named.

Ms. Jordan was the leading vote-getter chosen by all the coaches, followed by Ms. Csensich in second place. Sewickley Academy's highest vote-getter was Ms. Wilcox, who came in fourth-place

overall.

Fifty-seven players were nominated, representing all eight section teams. Out of that number, 82 players received votes.

No coach was allowed to vote for his or her own players or keeper.

All the names will now appear on the High School Girls' Soccer Coaches Association "Finest 44" ballot. It is expected that votes for that honor will be finalized this Sunday and released the following week.

Other all-stars from teams in Section II include Hopewell's Kim Zikovich and Amber Wilson; Ambridge's Danielle Pours and Julie Blair; Moon's Jennifer DiFiore, Brittany Vivian, Amy Hoying and Andre Riesmeyer; Center's Stephanie Skrabak; and Montour's Amy Tacik.

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Quaker Valley girls out of state playoffs

Erie McDowell wins in 1-0 shut-out

By FRANK TIBONI
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If you were at the Quaker Valley/Villa Joseph Marie (VJM) game last year in the PIAA girls' state playoffs, then you really didn't need to see this year's QV/Erie McDowell (EM) contest.

"The game was almost identical," said Quaker Valley head coach Dom Vezza.

Last year the VJM team of Erie defeated the Lady Quakers 2-1. This time, the Lady Quakers lost by a 1-0 margin.

"We had open nets, breakaways, balls bouncing off the posts," Vezza noted. "I guess the ball didn't bounce our way today."

Just as in the VJM game, QV came out sluggish in the first quarter, being outshot 5-1. And that cost the team a goal, as EM's Sara Hein shot the ball past Quaker Valley goalkeeper Katie Hayes.

"The kids are not used to the long bus ride," Vezza said by way of explanation.

From the second quarter on, the Lady Quakers simply outplayed, outhustled and outmuscled the larger Erie team, but they were unable to finish. Their best scoring opportunities came in the third quarter when defender Tina Jordan had a direct kick ricochet off the goalpost, and forward Bethany Csensich failed to capitalize on a breakaway.

"They had a nice ball team," Vezza agreed, "but it was a terrible disappointment



POINTING THE way for the Lady Quakers this season was Kara Csensich.

Photo by Davidson Chen

to lose."

Quaker Valley ended up the 1993 season with an overall record of 18-3-4. But despite the loss to Mt. Lebanon in the WPIAL Finals and this loss to EM, Vezza was happy with his team's showing.

"Nobody expected us to get this far. But when the girls started to believe in themselves, they proved they could play with anyone."

▼ SOCCER

11 QV and SA athletes chosen to all-star teams

SA's Kasper picked Coach of the Year

The WPIAL AA Section VIII and IX has released its "Finest 15" boys' soccer all-star teams, and Sewickley Valley has 11 athletes on them.

For Sewickley Academy in Section VIII, senior forward Jason Smoke, freshman forwards Wilson Pyle and Tim Walters, senior defender Bill Weil and junior goalkeeper Ganter Ludwig were chosen.

For Quaker Valley, senior forward Phil Oxendine, junior forward Armand Fenger, senior midfielders Seth Perkovich and Chris Lockerman, senior defender Justin Glessner and junior defender Joe Christof were named.

Academy head coach Dave Kasper was chosen Coach of the Year in Section VIII, while



Dave Kasper

Smoke and Oxendine were named Players of the Year in their respective sections.

SA's Ryan Froman and QV's Chad Froman, both midfielders, received Honorable Mention designations.

SPORTS

'FINEST 44'

Four local girls named to team

Sewickley Valley continues to churn out some of the best soccer players in the area.

Four athletes from Quaker Valley and Sewickley Academy were named to the Western Pennsylvania High School Girls' Soccer Coaches' Association "Finest 44" team.

From Quaker Valley are senior forward Kara Csensich, senior midfielder Jen Tedesko and senior defender Tina Jordan. Sewickley Academy junior attacker Abby Wilcox also was tabbed to the select team.

Forty-seven coaches in the WPIAL selected the best 44 players in the area, with Ms. Jordan the top vote-getter.

All four were previously named to the Section II "Finest 15" squad.

Ms. Csensich, Ms. Tedesko and Ms. Jordan will participate in the fifth annual Coaches All-Star Game to be held on Saturday, Dec. 18, at SporTrak, Sewickley.

The foursome will be honored at a banquet the following day.



Tina Jordan



Abby Wilcox

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Jen Tedesko



Kara Csensich

SWEET REVENGE

Quaker Valley boys' soccer team defeats Holy Ghost Prep 1-0 to win PIAA AA Championship in rematch of last year's game

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When two teams the caliber of QV and Philadelphia's Holy Ghost Prep meet up in the PIAA AA boys' soccer finals in Shippensburg, Pa., the difference between the winner and the loser is usually one breakdown.

Fortunately this year for the Quakers, the defensive mishap was made by the Firebirds at the 3:40 mark of the second period, when Armann Fenger headed the ball past the Holy Ghost goalkeeper for the 1-0 win.

"Armann has been phenomenal," remarked Quaker Valley coach Gene Klein, explaining how he has picked up the scoring slack after All-American Phil Oscendine went down with a broken leg in a 1-0 win over East Allegheny in the WPIAL AA championship.

When asked if he felt any added pressure with Oscendine out, the 6-foot-3, 160-pound Fenger replied, "Not pressure, but I felt I had to step up my game. I felt I had to score more and distribute the ball."

Said Klein on his team's adapting to Oscendine out of the line-up: "We took it as a challenge. I think we showed a lot of heart and resolve."

Despite Holy Ghost head coach Fran Nick's describing the game as "flat," with the outcome of the game hinged upon Fenger's goal, Quaker Valley dominated play and



SAVING THE ball from going out of play is QV midfielder Chad Froman.

Photos by Frank Thomas

tempo for most of the game. Holy Ghost's only real scoring opportunity came at the 8:49 mark of the fourth period.

The Firebirds were pressuring the Quakers' net, with QV unable to clear the ball. They again centered the ball to Quaker Valley's net high in the air, but goalkeeper Phil Genker retreated out of his box, leaped into a jam of players to the left of his goal and punched the ball out.

That turned out to be the key move of the game.

Coincidentally, Klein had stressed the entire season that his defense needed to improve on tighten. In the game, Genker, like a stubborn mule, only yielding four shots on Genker.

Said Klein: "It was our best defensive performance of the season. It was first class."

With the win, the Quakers finished the season with a record of 25-1-1. This was the third straight year the two teams have met up in the state finals.

QV holds a 2-1 in edge in the finals.

Quaker Valley.....0100-1
Holy Ghost Prep.....0000-0
First period: None.
Second period: QV-Armann Fenger (SS), unassisted.
Third period: None.
Fourth period: None.
Shots on goal: QV-10, HGP-4.
Goals: QV-1, HGP-1.
Corner kicks: QV-4, HGP-2.
Fouls: QV-12, HGP-19.



TRYING TO get the referee's attention so that defender Andy Marwaha can enter is QV coach Gene Klein.

KUDOS

Area players chosen to all-star squads

Being named to the National Soccer Coaches Association (NSCA) All-American team might ease the pain for Quaker Valley senior forward Phil Oxendine.

Oxendine, who broke his leg in the Quakers' 1-0 win over East Allegheny in the WPIAL AA final, was one of four Pennsylvania players chosen.

He completed the season with 36 goals, 104 for his career - two short of Ken Pryor's record from 1983-86.

Oxendine and junior forward Armann Fenger also were named to the NSCA Region 2 team and the All-Pennsylvania Team.

This was the second straight year Oxendine was picked to the All-State and all Region 2 teams, which covers Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Delaware and Puerto Rico.

Picked to the all-WPIAL team from Quaker Valley were Oxendine, Fenger and



midfielders Both Perkovich and Justin Gleason. Gleason from Scwickloy Academy were forward Jason Smoke and keeper Garter Ludwig.

This was the second straight year Perkovich was chosen to the all-WPIAL squad.

Smoke led the WPIAL in scoring with 54 goals.

▼ SOCCER

QV's Tina Jordan an All-American

More honors continue to pour in for local athletes who competed the fall sports season.

The most notable was Quaker Valley's Tina Jordan, who was named to the NSCAA All-American team.

Ms. Jordan, a senior defender, followed in the footsteps of Liz Gaadt, who has since graduated, and Phil Oxendine, who also received the honor this season.

She was the only girl in Pennsylvania to earn the award. To receive the honor, Ms. Jordan is invited to the NSCAA All-American Luncheon on Jan. 15 in Santa Clara, Calif.

Besides All-American honors, she was named to the NSCAA Region 2 All-American team and was high vote getter for the WPIAL Finest 44 team and Section II Finest 15 team. Led by Ms. Jordan, the Lady Quakers' defense recorded 13 shutouts.

Sewickley Academy senior forward Jason Smoke also was named to the NSCAA Region 2 and all Pennsylvania soccer teams.

Smoke led the Panthers to a 17-2 record, including a Section VIII title. He also was picked to the all-WPIAL and all Section VIII teams and was named Most Valuable Player in Section VIII.

Smoke led the WPIAL in scoring with 34

Quaker Valley senior running back Brian Cotton was named to the Associated Press All-State Small School (Classes AA and A) Team.

Cotton, a first-team selection, was the area's leading rusher with 1,410 yards. He was named to the Three Rivers Conference all-conference team as a first-team running back.

Quaker Valley head boys' soccer coach Gene Klein was named Coach of the Year in the WPIAL class.

Klein coached the Quakers to the PIAA AA, WPIAL AA and Section IX championships.

Forty local players competed in the Western Pennsylvania High School Girls' Soccer Coaches Association All-Star Game at Sewickley's SportTrak.

Quaker Valley heads girls' soccer coach Don Vezza coached the North Team, which lost to a squad from the South 8-3.

Lady Quakers Kara Csensich, Jen Tedesko and Tina Jordan played for the South. In fact, Ms. Csensich scored a goal for the North Team eight minutes into the game.

In a preliminary game, a team from the West defeated the East 5-2.

In a game, Sewickley Academy's Holly Michael scored a goal for the West Team.