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SAS signups are now under way

Registration for Sewickley Area Soccer (SAS) will officially begin the first two weeks of January.

Forms will be mailed the first week of the month, or they can be picked up at the United Men's Store, Sewickley.

Sign-up in person will be held Saturday, Feb. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., inside the Sewickley Academy cafeteria.

Registration will officially close at 2 p.m. on Feb. 4, and

SAS will not guarantee participation in the program if registered after this time.

Fee for SAS is \$30 per player and \$25 for each additional family member. Micro soccer is \$10.

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For more information on the Jeffrey Perkins fund, call Stephanie Rakowski at the Sewickley Valley YMCA at 741-YMCA.

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QV girl players stay hot during the winter

'Sewickley' defeats P-R to win title

The cold of winter has not been able to cool off a number of the players from this year's Quaker Valley girls' soccer team.

Playing under the name "The Sewickley Team," a group made up of sophomores and juniors has been keeping its skills sharp during the winter playing in the under-19 indoor soccer division at SporTrak under the Sewickly Bridge.

During the break between sessions, the teams, along with senior Kristen Norris, entered the Winter Tournament at SporTrak and walked away as champions after defeating a team from Fine-



TAKING HOME the trophy in the winter tournament at SporTrak are members of the QV girls' soccer team. They are, from the left: Emily Smith, Kristen Norris, Lindsay Owens, Bethany Csensich, Emily Parris, Mindy Ruprecht, Laura Wilfong, Heather Hepner, Lori Gross, Jill Krieger, Jen Potter and Coach John Sumoski.

Richland in overtime, 4-3. The girls bested their opponents in the tournament, 15-8.

In high-school soccer this season, Quaker Valley finished in third place in Section

II, having just missed qualifying for the WPIAL Play-offs.

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In my spare time: I play soccer.

In five years, I'd like to be: In college.

My favorite food is: Spaghetti.

My favorite movie is: "The Godfather"

I really can't stand: Hypocrites.

A birthday present I would like to receive: A car.



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Registrations on for end of July

Time to bang the dry mud off your cleats and put on your shinguards because registration for fall soccer leagues is now under way.

SAS

Registration is Saturday, July 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Edgeworth Elementary.


Forms can be picked up and dropped off at United Men's Store, Beaver Street, Sewickley. Micro soccer for 6-year-old children will again be offered, as well as co-ed and girls' leagues for ages 7-12.

The season will commence Saturday, Sept. 9.

SAS players will have an opportunity to participate in East-West Soccer Classic, Sept. 2, at Quaker Valley Senior High School.

Any parent interested in coaching or assisting can let SAS

know on July 29. For more information, call Julie Rickert at 741-2366.




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Academy coach ready for fall season

They call him the "blond boss." Uwe Stender, head boys' soccer coach at Sewickley Academy, is gearing up for the fall soccer season.

"The team will be under a lot of pressure this year," said Stender, noting how he coached Sewickley Academy into the quarter-finals for the first time last season.

"People are going to expect more from us since we got to the quarter-finals last year."

Stender, 34, took the head coaching position after Dave Kasper left the Academy for a year to coach Duquesne University's men's soccer team.

Stender was Kasper's assistant coach for two years.

Kasper ended up keeping his position at Duquesne, leaving the door open for Stender to fill his shoes.

Kasper could not be reached for comment.

Playing semi-professional soccer in Germany 15 years ago, Stender is excited about working



Uwe Stender

with a more mature junior team that has retained much of its talent from last season.

He said it is still too early to point out any of Sewickley Academy's hot prospects.

Problems Stender wants to work on for this season are building up from defense and keeping the ball in play under pressure situations.

Practice will begin Aug. 14,

followed by a scrimmage at Taylor Allderdice High School in Squirrel Hill Thursday, Aug. 17.

Sewickley Academy will kick-off the season Labor Day weekend with a home game against Moon.

"Moon will be the team to beat this year," said Stender. "They should be in AAA top five."

Stender kept his coaching skills finely honed this summer by coaching Penn Forest under-14 boys' team into West State championship at Region I USYS tournament held at Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Coaching soccer teams into prestigious tournaments and playoffs is nothing new for Stender.

He turned a lackluster South Park boys' soccer team around by coaching them into the playoffs for the first time before he coached at the Academy.

Besides coaching, Stender is a scholar. He just finished his master's degree in German studies at University of Pittsburgh.

Academy loses star forward

By Jonathan Kerting
Staff writer

Ed Walters, Sewickley Academy girls' soccer head coach, is preparing for next soccer season without last year's star player.

Ashley Pyle, a freshmen forward last season, transferred to Quaker Valley Senior High School this year, leaving a huge offensive vacancy to be filled.

"Ashley will fit in very well at Quaker Valley," said Walters. "We will really miss having her play on the team."

Ashley scored 17 goals and had 14 assists last season, helping the team to a fourth-place finish.

"I will really miss playing for Sewickley Academy, but I'm looking forward to playing for Quaker Valley's team," said Ashley, who is transferring to QV for academic reasons.

Walters, who has coached the Academy girls' soccer team for six years, said he is still looking forward to a successful season without Ashley's goal-scoring abilities.

He said Missy Lewis,



SA Coach Ed Walters
Will miss Ashley Pyle

Daniello Miller, Shelley Harris and Romi Lewis will be this season's team leaders capable of delivering the team into another fruitful season.

Walters contends the team's record at the end of the season is not that important to him personally.

He said he wants to make sure all of his players enjoy and gain a greater appreciation for the game.

With strong junior players comprising the bulk of the team's ability, Walters believes his team should have a successful sea-

son.

He noted next season could be even greater with his junior players returning.

"We will have to do some reorganization this season," said Walters, "but it is still too early to tell."

Ball control has always been an Academy strength, but Walters noted he might be switching some players from offense to defense.

With practice just getting underway this week, Walters and Andrea MacVicar, his assistant coach, will be able to make the necessary adjustments.

The future for Academy soccer, though, is looking pretty bright. Walters said there is a lot of talent coming up from the middle school, noting how the Academy can be at disadvantage since it does not have a feeder system like Quaker Valley.

"I've heard pretty good things about the freshmen players," said Walters.

As for this season, he said the Moon, Quaker Valley and Hopewell soccer programs will be the ones to beat in Section III-AA.

The team lick off its season Labor Day weekend.

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QV to host East-West game classic

The third annual East-West Soccer Classic is coming to Quaker Valley Sept. 1 and 2.

Top-ranked high school and college soccer teams from Western Pennsylvania will compete at Quaker Valley and Mt. Lebanon senior high schools.

"We are very excited to host teams of this caliber," said Gene Klein, soccer coach at QV.

Teams competing in the classic are Wilson High School, AAA state champions 1992; Quaker Valley Senior High School, AA state champions 1993; Mt. Lebanon High School, AAA semi-finalists 1994; Lower Dauphin High School, Mid-Penn finalists 1994; Robert Morris College, NCAA Division I Northeast Champions 1994; and University of Pittsburgh, Big East playoffs 1992.

Games will begin at Mt. Lebanon High School, Friday, Sept. 1, with QV playing Lower Dauphin at 6 p.m. and Mt. Lebanon playing Wilson at 7:30 p.m.

Games will be played at Quaker Valley, Saturday, Sept. 2, with Mt. Lebanon playing Lower Dauphin at 10 a.m., QV playing Wilson at 11:30 a.m. and Robert Morris playing Pitt at 2 p.m.

Seating at the games will be limited. Event tickets are \$5 and \$3 for students.

Call 741-2366 for tickets and more information.

QV boys face tough fall campaign

By Jonathan Kersting
Staff writer

Quaker Valley boys' soccer Coach Gene Klein could be facing one of the toughest seasons of his career.

QV's team will be playing without 10 of its players that sent the Quakers into the state semifinals last year.

"We're going to have to take it one step at a time," said Klein, about losing the players. "We're committed to working hard."

Klein explained how this year's mostly junior team has been steadily improving during practice.

With temperatures hovering near 100 degrees, Klein has modified the practice schedule to begin earlier in the day.

He said it has been tough having the players use all their energy, noting that all of the players have stayed despite the heat.

QV has by no means lost all of its talent.

Klein is expecting big things from Chris Churchill, a junior defender and team captain, this season.

Combining Chris's experience with Jobie Glessner, a junior midfielder, and Brad Christof, a forward, Klein hopes to keep QV's team competitive this season.



LEADING QV's boys' soccer teams to numerous championships is Gene Klein.

QV will get a baptism by fire Saturday, Sept. 2, when it plays in the East-West Classic at home.

Klein's relatively fresh team will compete against soccer powerhouse Lower-Dauphin.

"We should definitely be competitive at the tournament," said Klein. "I would be very disappointed if we were totally run over."

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QV girls' team looking forward to great season

Ask Dom Vezza, Quaker Valley head girls' soccer coach, about the upcoming soccer season and a big smile erupts from his face.

"Last year was a season of rebuilding," said Vezza. "This year I think I will surprise a lot of people."

With the addition of sophomore forwards Ashley Pyle, and Letitia Hittinger, fresh from Chicago, to an already strong midfield, Vezza said he plans to go to the playoffs this year.

Last year was the only year QV did not make the playoffs. Vezza blames that on the team losing its composure within 20 yards of the goal.

"Last year we out shot other teams, but fell short at the end," said Vezza. "It was very frustrating."

Vezza said his team came to practice fully prepared and ready to learn.

"Practice has been really good," said Ashley. "I can't wait to play our first scrimmage."

Teams to beat this year will be Hopewell and Moon. He is also impressed Beaver's team, noting that it has a new coach.

QV kicks off its season at home with a game against Ambridge on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 4 p.m.

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HOT SHOTS: The Sewickley Area Soccer under-12 girls' all-star team competed in the Swatara Summer Classic Soccer Tournament in Harrisburg. The team made it to the quarterfinals. Members of the squad are front row: Erin Rodgers, Kate Houghton, Alex Moriarty, Jenay Guardiani and Deidre Cerminaro; top row — Barbara Grove, Hannah Zeffiro, Tamara Rubb, Carl Unger, Sara Vogel, Krista Joseph, Heather Wittmer, Christina Morrow and Lauren Etta.

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QV Head Coach Gene Klein



SA Head Coach Uwe Stender

QV/SA boys set to duel Saturday

The annual Quaker Valley/Sewickley Academy boys' soccer game marks one of the first signs of fall in the Valley.

With Sewickley Academy expected to be a top contender this year, QV expects to be playing in top form.

"We know the SA team is going to be strong," said QV Head Coach Gene Klein. "The players know they are the team to beat."

Even though Saturday's match at 1:30 p.m. at QV is not a section game, SA Head Coach Uwe Stender is taking it seriously.

"The game could go either way," said

Stender, noting QV's unbelievable soccer history.

He said both SA and QV beat top-ranked Mt. Lebanon by one goal in the preseason.

QV will have to contend with SA's powerful offense that is led by forward Wilson Pyle.

Stender said QV's Jobie Glessner, a midfielder, and Brad Christof, a forward, will be a force to reckon with.

John Sadd, SA team captain who was injured in a scrimmage game, is expected to play in the match.

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QV/SA boys heading for the playoffs

By Jonathan Kerolay
Staff writer

Both the Quakers and the Panthers are heading to the playoffs this year.

Sewickley Academy's boys' soccer team finished regular play being undefeated in Section I-AA.

This past Thursday's 3-0 victory against second-place Seton-LaSalle clinched the section title for the Panthers.

SA scored many lopsided victories this year, the biggest being 20-0 over South Fayette this past week.

Uwe Stender, SA head coach, said it was quite embarrassing to win by a 20-point margin. Stender noted that he played every substitute player to try and even out the match.

The result was at least one goal from each Academy player except the two keepers. Forward Wilson Pyle managed four goals in the match.

Quaker Valley guaranteed it-



self a spot in the playoffs this past week, but it has to defeat Moon on Thursday for Section IV-AAA-AA title.

Moon and the Quakers are deadlocked in first place. QV will be looking for some payback on Thursday as Moon defeated QV earlier this month 1-0.

Chartiers Valley fell victim

to QV's charge to the playoffs by losing 7-0. Blackhawk also fell to QV's grips 2-0.

Sam Chamovitz had three goals and one assist while Brad Christof rummaged up two goals and three assists to the winning effort.

There is a good possibility that QV will play the Academy in the playoff finals this year. The Quakers readily defeated SA 3-0 in September.

Stender is going to make sure his team does not allow such an easy victory if and when the two soccer powerhouses collide in the near future.

• QV's girls' soccer club has found itself in an uneasy situation.

QV is just a .017 percentage point behind Moon, its rival across the river.

Moon clinched a playoff spot, but QV can still take Section II if Moon posts a section loss before the end of the season this week.

If QV does not take section it can still make it into the playoffs.

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Quaker girls nab WPIAL playoff spot

By Jonathan Kersting
Staff writer

The Quaker Valley girls' soccer team is packing its bags and heading for the WPIAL playoffs.

The Quakers finished in second place, 11-2-1, one and a half game behind its rival Moon. QV barely nixed Hopewell, 11-3, by half a point.

Ending its season on a victorious note, the Quakers defeated Sewickley Academy for the second time this year 2-1.

Sewickley Academy took a 1-0 lead at the half, but QV stepped it up a notch to combat the deficit.

Rochele Vezza had an unassisted goal to even the score as Lindsey Owens put one in the net with an assist from forward Ashley Pyle.

QV had 16 shots on goal to SA's three.

The come-from-behind victory marked Head Coach Dom Vezza's 100th win of his six-year coaching career.

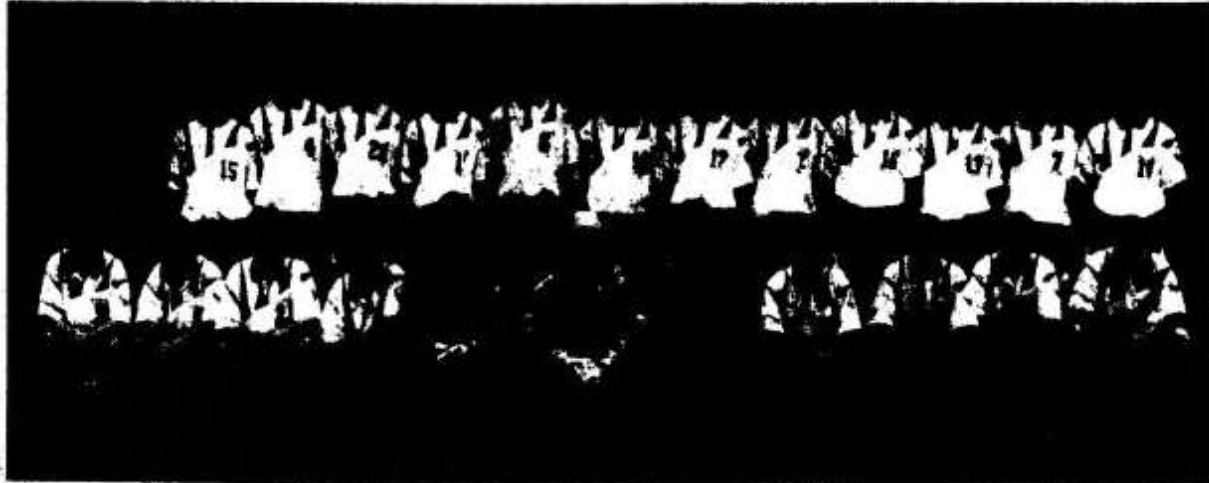
Last year QV narrowly missed the playoffs, but made it four straight years from 1990-93.

QV will enter the playoffs without starting sweeper Mindy Rusprecht.

She tore a kidney while playing a game against Montour last week.

Mindy, a senior, is not expected to return for the playoffs.

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FINISHING ITS section undefeated is the Sewickley Academy boys' soccer team. The Panthers were unstoppable this season, defeating club after club on its way to the WPIAL playoffs.

SA defeats W. Allegheny before playoffs

On paper, Sewickley Academy's 4-0 win over West Allegheny looked like a typical Panther walk in the park. But this game was not decided until the fourth quarter.

"I'm very grateful to West Allegheny for giving us a good game," said Head Coach Uwe Stender. "We needed a good game."

Taking section this year, SA could meet West Allegheny in the WPIAL semi-

finals on Thursday. The site of the game is yet to be announced.

Bill Miller got the scoring started midway through the first quarter by beating defender Steve Shade and then blasting a shot past Don Horton. Wilson Pyle scored at 14:53 of the second quarter and it looked like SA was ready to go on a roll, but the score remained 2-0 at the half.

West Allegheny managed to shut out SA in the third quarter, and Stender knew

his players had to find fifth gear and end the game. Goals by Wilson Pyle and Mike Mele in the first 1:26 of the fourth quarter finally ended any threat of an Indian comeback.

"I just told them we needed to finish this game so I could get my starters out and keep them healthy," said Stender. "I feel very excited about (West Allegheny's) chances in the playoffs."

"It looks good for the section."

REMATCH

QV meets Steel Valley in WPIAL Final Thursday

By Jonathan Korsting
Staff writer

The Quaker Valley boys' soccer team will have the opportunity to avenge last year's loss 1-0 to Steel Valley in the WPIAL AA Finals.

The Quakers and the Ironmen will play Thursday at either Peters Township or Mt. Lebanon.

Call the high school today (Wednesday) for the exact time and location of the game.

QV earned the right to take on Steel Valley by defeating Pine Richland 2-1 Monday night. Chris Tedesco scored the game-winning goal with less than four minutes remaining in the game.

But enough about the win over the Rams. How does Quaker Valley feel about the Steel Valley rematch?

Said QV Coach Gene Klein: "It's going to take a big effort to beat Steel Valley. They're a heckuva team."

To defeat the Ironmen, Klein says his players will need to step it up against the Strom brothers, John and Joe. They scored four of the five goals in SV's 5-0 win over Sewickley Academy Monday night.

How does QV forward Brad Christof see the rematch? "I look forward to playing them. They would be a good opponent."

And what about their opponent?

Drew Vautier, Steel Valley coach, said QV will be twice as determined to defeat us this time around. The teams are even, so whoever puts on the pressure will win."

In the win against the Rams, QV entered the game without its starting goalkeeper Mike Norris. Mike suffered from a kidney stone earlier that afternoon.

Jon Bikowski filled in allowing the Rams a sole goal midway through the first quarter.

QV woke up with Brad putting one in the net to tie it up at the half. The third and fourth quarters showed QV striving to pierce the Rams iron-clad defense.

With less than four minutes left, Chris found an open spot behind the Rams goal to seal another playoff victory for QV.



USING HIS head is Sewickley Academy forward Wilson Pyle. Wilson was shut out by Steel Valley, losing 5-0 in the WPIAL AA Semifinals.

SA loses

The Sewickley Academy Panthers will be having nightmares about Steel Valley's insatiable offense led by the Strom brothers.

SA dropped its semifinal match 5-0.

"It's embarrassing," said SA head Coach Uwe Stender about the lopsided defeat. "We just played very flat."

SV began its assault with 9:15 left in the first quarter, but SA beefed up its defense

to hold it to 1-0 at the half.

However, SV came back charging, with Jon scoring early in the third. A stunned SA let down its guard and a little more than 40 seconds later, Joe found the Academy's goal.

"I'm glad we were on turf," said Vautier. "We beat them to the ball and our defense has been improving every game."

Despite the loss, SA still has a chance for more post-season play in the state playoffs later this month.



PIAA match awaits local girls/boys

Quaker Valley Senior High School and Sewickley Academy will be competing in the first round of the PIAA playoffs.

Class AA will pit QV boys' team (17-4-1) against Rockwood (20-2-1) and Sewickley Academy (17-3-2) against either Erie Mercyhurst Prep (11-10) or Slippery Rock (18-2-1) this week.

QV girls' team (13-5-1) will play Lock Haven (19-0).

The quarterfinal rounds will be held Saturday and the semifinal rounds on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at Shippensburg University.

The final rounds will be played Saturday, Nov. 18, at Shippensburg University.

For more information or directions to game sites, call the team's respective schools.

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QV defeats SA on the road to the PIAA finals

By Jonathan Kersting
Staff writer

It looked more like a hockey game with players sliding all over the slush-covered soccer field.

But Quaker Valley will take a victory any way it can to play Steel Valley once again in the PIAA semifinal round.

QV narrowly defeated Sewickley Academy, 1-0, on a snow-covered field to advance to the next round.

"Steel Valley is a great team with dangerous players," said Head Coach Gene Klein. "We'll give 'em everything we got."

Steel Valley has proven itself a true nemesis to QV, defeating the Quakers three times in a row, most recently in the WPIAL championship, 1-0, earlier this month.

Drew Vautier, SV head coach, knows the Quakers are hungry for a victory and has maintained that defense wins championships.



QV will have to control the brothers Strom scoring force.

John Strom scored the winning goal against QV in the WPIAL AA Championship game,

"They've been very successful," admitted Klein. "We'll have to find a way to win."

So how did QV take the quarterfinal round from SA?

Jobie Glessner scored the Quakers' goal off a corner kick from Chris Tedesko.

SA came back in the second half dominating possession of the ball on the icy field.

Every attempt was in vain with SA unable to penetrate QV's tight defense.

Earlier this year, QV readily defeated SA 3-0 in regular competition.

Sewickley Academy approached the game determined to pull off a victory over its neighbor.

However, Uwe Stender, SA head coach, was stunned by the loss.

"I'm very proud of my team," said Stender. "It was our best effort against QV."

Stender could not criticize his team and thought the game could have gone in either team's favor.

Said Stender: "This morally feels like a victory, but there can only be one winner."

SA finished its season 18-4 going undefeated in its section.

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SA coach honored by section

By Jonathan Kersting
Staff writer

Sewickley Academy has reason to celebrate.

Even though the boys' soccer team was eliminated in the quarterfinal round of the PIAA AA Championship, Head Coach Uwe Stender earned Coach of the Year honors in Section I-AA.

Stender coached his team to an 18-4 record, going undefeated in its section. He has credited much of his team's success to assistant Paul Hudson.

Under Stender's direction, four SA players were named to the Boys' Finest 15 Team this year.

Forward Mike Mele, midfielder Bill Pesce, forward Wilson Pyle and midfielder Tim Walters made the cut, with Wilson taking home Most Valuable Player honors.

Defender Eric Rubb took home an Honorable Mention.

With a mostly junior team this year, Stender can look forward to continued success



Uwe Stender

next year.

Wilson, Tim and Bill should return next year to play their senior years.

Mike, a freshman, scored four goals in the opening round of the PIAA AA Championship.

This was Stender's second year coaching SA, and he led the team into the PIAA AA quarterfinal round last year as well.

Before coaching at the Academy, Stender turned around a lackluster South Park boys' soccer team by coaching it into the playoffs for the first time.

Stender played semi-professional soccer in Germany 15 years ago.

▼ ROUNDUP

QV grad's soccer ability proves helpful in collegiate tourney

Justin Glessner of Sewickley used his defensive talents to advance Washington University to the quarterfinal round of the NCAA Division III Tournament for the seventh time in 13 post-season appearances.

Glessner, who played on the Quaker Valley Senior High School varsity team last year, helped his ninth-ranked Bears defeat Rhodes College for its 13th shutout this season.

The Bears crushed the Crusader's 10-game winning streak on its home field in front of more than 1,000 fans.

• Kristin Griffin of Sewickley made the All-North Coast Atlantic Conference (NCAC) team while playing for the Ohio Wesleyan University Lady Bishops this year.

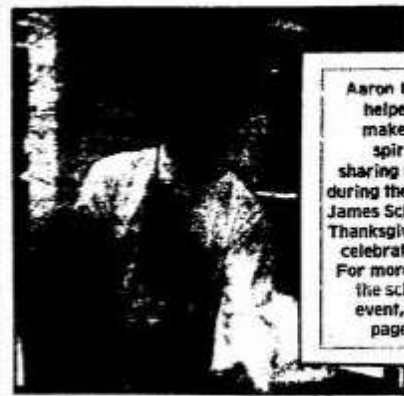
A senior midfielder, Ms. Griffin scored a team-high eight goals and added two assists for 18 points. She is ranked second on the team in scoring and ninth in the NCAC.

Ms. Griffin finished her career with 43 goals and 98 points, ranking third and fourth respectively on the all-time Lady Bishops' lists.

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QV beats Oley Valley 3-0 for state title

By Jonathan Kerfing
Staff writer

The Quakers sailed back from Altoona this past Monday night as the top team in Class AA. Blowing out Oley Valley 3-0, the PIAA AA Championship roots again in Quaker Valley's hands.

"I thought the key was hanging tough," said Head Coach Gene Klein. "We defended with a lot of heart."

Oley Valley charged into the match putting on a lot of offensive heat.

However, QV tempered like steel by scoring a Chris Tedesco goal with an assist from forward Sam Chamovitz midway through the second quarter.

Once QV knocked its first goal in, the team was able to settle into a groove and concentrate its offensive powers more effectively.

Klein did not exactly know what to expect

from Oley Valley going into the game, but he knew QV had to "stretch 'em out."

Early in the third quarter, Chris Churchill's goal gave QV a little more breathing room, but Oley Valley would not back down.

The Quakers finally knocked the wind out of Oley Valley with Joel Perisovich nailing one into the net to put the Quakers up 3-0.

QV dropped more into a defensive mode for the remaining minutes, preparing to savor its victory.

Klein was quite impressed with his mostly junior team's performance. However, he does not believe the team has reached its full potential.

"We got better and better as the season went by," said Klein. "We just can't take anything for granted at this point."

With the core of QV's team returning next year as seniors, look for QV to blaze its way to the states once again.

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Chris Churchill



Sam Chamovitz



Brad Christof

'Finest 15' includes four Quaker boys

Besides being the best team in the state, the Quaker Valley boys' soccer team obviously has some of the finest players in Section IV-AAA-AA.

Junior forwards Sam Chamovitz and Brad Christof, junior defender Chris Churchill and a junior midfielder Jobie Glessner, rounded out the 12-15 spots on the list respectively.

Keeper Mike Norris received honorable mention this year.

Brad led the Quakers in scoring this year with 22

goals. Sam and Chris were not far behind scoring 19 goals each.

The team captured its fourth state championship this year by defeating Oley Valley 3-0 in Altoona.

No other team in the state has won the championship four times.

The team was applauded by students and faculty at a special assembly held at QV Senior High School the day after the season's final victory.

Another year to remember in local soccer

By Jonathan Korsting
Staff writer

Every year the Sewickley Academy and Quaker Valley soccer teams never fail to produce a season full of action and suspense.

Three out of the four teams made it into the PIAA playoff round with the QV boys taking the state title home.

The Academy boys went undefeated in its section, managing one of its best seasons on record by advancing to the PIAA quarterfinals.

The Lady Panthers were not as fortunate as the boys this year. However, with the scoring talents of freshman Tara Utchel, the team hopes to improve next year.

Led by Dom Vezza, the QV girls went to the first round of the PIAA playoffs. Forward Ashley Pyle and midfielder Christy Peluso kept the charge against the competition.



STRIVING FOR victory in each match was Academy midfielder Ryan Thompson (No. 7).
Photos by Ed Galicic

SPORTS

▼ KERSTING'S KORNER



By Jonathan Kersting
Staff writer

Soccer is a big sport in a little community

Kee your eye on the ball." That has to be the most overused bit of advice screamed at athletes to date.

In some ways it's pretty good advice and can be universally applied to just about every sport, except hockey and swimming.

I don't know what you tell a swimmer to keep his or her eye on.

By keeping its eye squarely focused on the ball this year, the Quaker Valley boys' soccer team overcame some serious obstacles to bring home the state championship.

And for a record fourth time, no less.

Anybody who gives a care about local soccer should be proud to say the Quakers are the only team in the state to bring four of these babies home.

Soccer programs from across the country must be looking at our mighty Quakers wondering just how the team did it.

Obviously, the players were out there doing an awesome job, and Head Coach Gene Klein has got to be one of the top coaches around.

Ya know, I really like the way Klein didn't succumb to all the hype. He's very matter of fact, and I find that interesting.

I suppose control is a learned quality.

If my team took four titles, I'd be jumping all over the field.

Then again, I get easily excited over things like that when they happen to me. Not that it ever has, but that's beside the point.

Anyhow, my point is that the Quakers "did it" with talented players and superior coaching while the whole community gave the team support.

Let's face it, soccer is this town's official sport.

People really care about soccer and have committed themselves to making sure it reigns as king in the Valley.

If you went to some of the games, you saw residents cheering on the players even if they had no son or daughter playing on the team.

Football, basketball and baseball surely don't garner the town's enthusiasm as fully as soccer.

I don't know any place else where you will ever see such soccer fervor.

Probably only in Europe will you see the same kind of support you find in Sewickley for the local soccer teams.

▼ SOCCER

QV boys' coach close to 300 victories

By Jonathan Korsting
Staff writer

The Quaker Valley boys' soccer team is setting one milestone after another.

Besides having the only team to hold four state championship titles, Gene Klein, QV's head coach, is on the road toward 300 career victories.

Klein posted his 279th victory as QV defeated Oley Valley 3-0 for its fourth state championship this past week in Altoona.

QV now holds the most outright championships than any other team in state history. They took home titles in 1985, 1991 and 1993.

However, Klein refuses to let all of the hype go to his or the team's head.

"It may sound crazy," said Klein after beating Oley Valley this past week, "but this team is farther from its full potential than any other team I've had."

With those sentiments, Klein must be looking for-



LEADING HIS team to a record four PIAA championships is QV Head Coach Gene Klein.

ward to next year as top players Joel Perkovich, Jobie Glessner, Sam Chamovitz, Chis Churchill and Brad Christof return to the playing field.

Klein will coach one of the four teams in the Coaches Se-

nior Classic All-Star game to be played Sunday at North Allegheny High School.

All of the action will begin at 1 p.m.

Adult tickets are \$4, and student tickets, \$2.

SPORTS

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The Academy recognizes outstanding fall athletes

Sewickley Academy coaches paid tribute to their fall season athletes this past week with a banquet. The following boys and girls were honored:

Boys' Soccer

Wilson Pyle — MVP
Walker Modic, Francois Catalina — Coaches Award
Bill Miller — Most Improved
D.J. DiMarco — JV MVP

Chris Johnson — Most Improved.

Girls' Soccer

Tara Utchel, Shelley Harris — MVPs
Romi Lewis, Danielle Miller — Coaches Award
Jen Park — Most Improved

SAS commends QV boys' soccer championship



TAKING HOME a record four state championship soccer titles is the Quaker Valley boys' soccer team.

To the Editor:

It's never too late to recognize a soccer dynasty and its outstanding accomplishments. The Quaker Valley High School boys' soccer team won the PIAA Class AA title on Nov. 21, 1995 for third time in the last five seasons and four times overall in 1985, 1991, 1993 and 1995.

The latest victory over Oley Valley (3-0) clinched this unprecedented crown. Quaker Valley became the first team in state history to capture four state championship medals with this year's record

of 21-4-1 including a thrilling win over Steel Valley to break a three game losing streak to the Ironmen.

The team's amazing fact? The starters were comprised of ten juniors and one senior! Coach Gene Klein, who recently posted his 279th victory, feels this team is a long way from its potential. Wait until next year.

Many of these Quaker valley players came through the ranks of the Sewickley Area Soccer Program with dedicated coaches and parents encouraging their

spirit and developing their potential from a very young age.

We congratulate the Quaker Valley soccer team and Gene Klein on the tremendous grit, determination and skill they showed all of us who were fortunate enough to observe them in action. We wish them luck as they strive to defend their title next season.

Soccer is just around the corner. Don't miss the sign-ups. You or your child may be a state champ one day!

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