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AWARD WINNERS: Quaker Valley soccer players Christy Peluso and Ashley Pyle received all-star awards at the WPHS Soccer Coach Association banquet. Gro Espeseth, captain of the Norwegian National Team, was the guest speaker and presented the awards. From the left are: Ashley, Ms. Espeseth and Christy.

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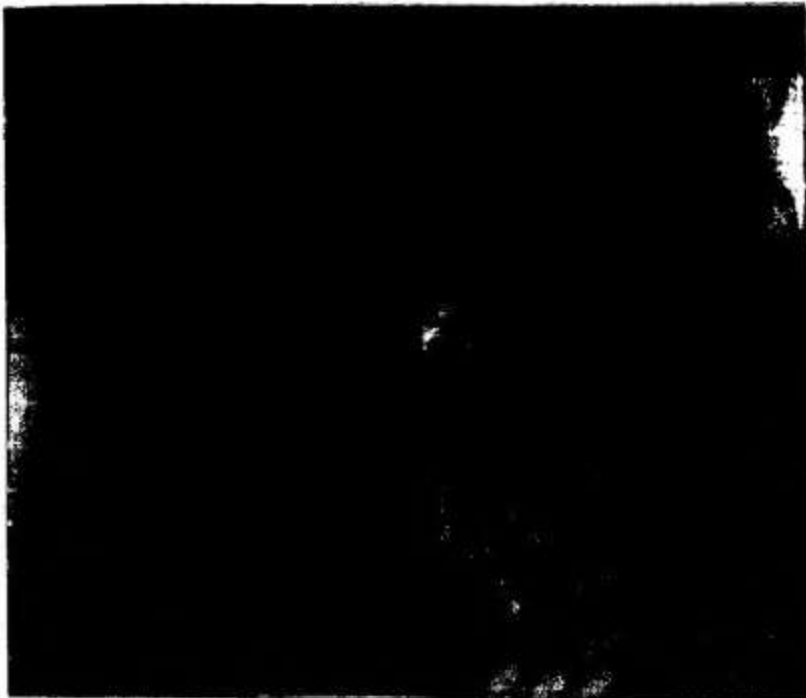
Academy coach receives honor

Uwe Stender, SA head boys' soccer coach, was named Coach of the Year by PA West State Soccer Association.

Stender led the Panthers to an 18-4 record overall, going undefeated in Section I-AA play.

Sewickley Academy has advanced to the PIAA AA quarterfinals two years in a row.

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CHAMPS: A girls' soccer team, composed of girls from the Sewickley Valley area who were 14 years old and younger, won a girls' soccer tournament at SporTrak. The girls defeated Penn Trafford from Westmoreland County in the championship match. Team members are front row, from the left: Carrie Unger, Sara Vogel, Sarah Thomas, Julie Kastrounis and Emily Hogan; middle row – Meghan Murphy, Kelly Norris and Megan Parris; and back row – Coach Mike Tomana, Caitlin Courneen, Christine Tomana, Alyssa Pyle and Virginia Nimick.



MAKING A 'SPLASH': The Sewickley Splash, a girls' 12 years-and-under indoor soccer team, won the SporTrak Tournament. Bethel Park fell victim to the Splash, 2-1, in overtime for the championship. Splash team members are, front row, from the left: Maureen Murphy, Deirdre Cerminaro, Brooke Csenisch, Sara Vogel, Kara Vezza and Rachel Vogel; middle row – Matelaine Coyle, Cari Unger, Meghan O'Rourke, Heather Wittmer, Erin Rogers, Barbie Grové and Elizabeth Hay; back row – coaches John and Marilyn Vogel.

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Keystone Soccer Kamps will be held in Leetsdale in July.

A day camp will be held at QV Senior High School from July 22-26.

The camps are directed by Gene Klein, PA West director of coaching and QV boys' head coach, and Dr. Joseph Luxbacher, 1995 Big East Coach of the Year at Pitt.

For more information, write the camp office at: 509 Upper Road, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15228 or call 221-9117 or 766-9160.

QV hires teacher/coach to take Vezza's place

By Deen Kline
Staff writer

When the whistle blows for Quaker Valley girls' varsity soccer team's first game this fall, QV will be kicking off a new era.

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The Lady Quakers will be led by Amy Adams, the new head coach, as they go into battle against their WPIAL foes.

In a statement issued from the school, Dr. R. Gerard Longo, superintendent, said: "We are pleased that we were able to find a teacher/coach of Amy's caliber in both areas."

The appointment of a teacher/coach falls in line with the district's policy of hiring a teacher/coach whenever possible.

"It is evident that this policy is working. Our teacher/coaches know their players and know how they are per-

forming in the class room," said Longo.

As part of the teacher/coach policy, Ms. Adams will be replacing longtime head coach Dom Vezza.

Along with appointing a new coach, QV is expanding its soccer program and has asked Vezza to coach the new middle school team.

In the 1996-97 school year, a coed, seventh and eight grade team will play an abbreviated schedule with other area middle schools. As of press time, Vezza had not accepted nor refused the offer.

Ms. Adams was an NCAA All-American when she played at Allegheny College.

She has been coach of the Pittsburgh Strikers girls' 17-18 team since 1994 and was head coach at Fox Chapel last year.

Her other coaching experience includes being an assistant at North Allegheny and Hampton and with the Olympic Development Program.

Ms. Adams wants to get her girls in

shape starting in late June so they are physically ready by the time practice starts on August 12. And, since she was a new head coach last year at Fox Chapel, she knows what to expect with the job.

"There will be a transition period before I get to know the players strengths and weaknesses," says the Shaler Area graduate. "Having done it last year, I know it is just a matter of time."

It was her experience while playing against Quaker Valley that instilled the reputation and tradition of QV soccer in the new coach.

And she also likes the small size of Quaker Valley.

"It is more personalized," she says "It's nice to walk through the halls and hear the principles call the students by name. I think it makes for a healthier atmosphere."

Besides being a coach, Ms. Adams will be a seventh-grade English teacher.

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QV Jr. High soccer deadline arrives

Quaker Valley will be fielding a Junior High School Boys' Soccer Team for the 1996-97 season.

Interested students should register before Wednesday, July 3, at the Junior or Senior High School offices. The offices are open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Soccer

A comprehensive weekend soccer camp will be conducted by the University of Pittsburgh's soccer coach Joe Luxbacher and his staff.

Shoot to Score Soccer

Academy will be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 27 and 28, on the university campus.

Boys and girls ages 7 to 17 are eligible to attend the weekend session, which will cover all fundamental soccer skills as well as individual and small group tactics. Specialized goalkeeper training will also be provided. Each participant will receive a T-shirt and soccer ball. Lunch will be provided each day.

For a brochure or for more information write to: Shoot to score camps, 509 Upper Road, Pittsburgh PA 15228. Or call Joe Luxbacher 648-8217 or assistant coach Chris Karwoski at 648-8508.

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SAS holding registrations

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Also available is micro soccer. Children born between Aug. 1, 1989, and July 31, 1990, are eligible for microsoccer.

The season begins on Sept. 7.

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Coaching classes will be available throughout the year.

■ There are still places open for Keystone Soccer Kamps.

The camp is run by Gene Klein, Quaker Valley

boys' varsity soccer coach, and other QV soccer coaches.

The openings are for the Quaker Valley day camp, which will be held Monday through Friday, July 28, from 9 a.m. to noon at QV Senior High School.

The camp includes boys and girls ages 7-12.

The cost is \$105.

All campers receive a Reebok t-shirt and soccer ball.

Brochures and registration forms are available at the United Men's Store in Sewickley.

For more information call Gene Klein at 766-8180.

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SAS signup concluding this weekend

Get out the spikes and bang the mud off of the shoe bottoms because it is almost time for youth soccer to begin in the valley.

Sewickley Area Soccer (SAS) signup is now taking place for the 1996 fall season, and Saturday is the last day for kids to be registered for SAS's programs.

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Quakers prepare to defend state title

By Don Klein
Staff writer

Quaker Valley boys soccer head coach Gene Klein has the luxury of having All-State defender Chris Churchill returning for his senior year as Captain of the Quakers.

That might be luxury enough for any other team, but the Quaker roster is bursting with returning seniors, 14 in all. All 14 have state-championship experience.

Chris is a defender and will work with his offensive captain counterpart, Brad Christof, on leading the team to its fifth PIAA championship this fall.

"Both possess strong leadership skills," says Klein. "(Chris) is more vocal and likes to take charge. Brad leads more by example. He gives 100 percent all of the time."

Brad's constant effort helped him be the most prolific scorer last season with 22 goals and 13 assists. He was followed by Sam Chamovitz, a senior, with 18 goals, 15 assists and Chris with 19 goals, 6 assists. Jobie Glessner and Chris Tedesko also finished the 1985 campaign with more than 20 points.

Brad, Chris and Sam are all among the 20 all-time goal scorers in Quaker history and have this year to add to their totals.

But those individual accomplishments would only be dulled if the Quakers couldn't repeat their success of last year. Since they learned how to win last year, another championship isn't out of the question by any means.

"They know what winning is all about," says Klein. He was happy



POUNCING ON a loose ball is QV keeper Mike Norris. The Quakers played Mt. Lebanon in an exhibition game today.

to see his squad arrive at the first week of practice fit and ready to play.

"The team arrived very fit," says Klein. "I'm confident that we have a very good team if we stay focused on and off of the field."

The Quakers open the regular sea-

son at Hopewell on Tuesday, Sept. 3, and play Montour at home Thursday, Sept. 5, at 4 p.m.

Before the season opens the Quakers will travel to eastern Pennsylvania to play in the east/west classic against Wilson and Fleetwood high schools.

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NEW COACH, OLD GOALS

Adams hopes to continue tradition

By Don Kline
Staff writer

There is something new at Quaker Valley and it has nothing to do with the now-underway school renovation project.

The QV girls' soccer team is being led by a new coach, Amy Adams.

Ms. Adams, who led Fox Chapel to the WPIAL playoffs last season, is replacing long-time girls coach Dom Vezza.

A changing of the guard can cause minor confusion, and it has, but the new coach has been establishing a comfort level with the girls to help them adjust to her style of play.

"I want to let them know who I am, what I am all about and what I expect of them," says Ms. Adams.

While the girls are trying to get to know their coach personally, they also have to get to know her way of teaching and playing soccer, which is where the confusion creeps in.



EXPLAINING HER new system to QV girls soccer team members is Amy Adams. Ms. Adams is the new Lady Quakers head coach.

"There has been a change for them. I try to run more of a finesse game with a lot of passing and building and working the ball wide," says Ms. Adams. "They are still getting used to my style and that is taking some time."

She also says that the girls are trying to get used to each other as teammates since they haven't played together in a while and that can slow the progress a little, too. However, Ms. Adams is inheriting a proven winner.

She knows that and hopes her experience as a coach can add to the years of success that QV has had. She also has hopes of taking the team further in the playoffs than they have been recently.

"This team has a lot of raw athletic talent, a good attitude and a good work ethic and that makes a very coachable team."

Having a coachable team is always a plus when a transition is being made. Something else that eases the pain of learning a new system is a solid core of experienced players that are used to being coached by different people.

The Lady Quakers will return nine seniors from last year's playoff squad led by captains Lori Gross, goal keeper, Rochelle Vezza, inside midfielder, and Bethany Csensich, sweeper.

She also sees leadership qualities in junior Ashley Pyle.

Ms. Adams feared her senior players would be hesitant to change to her strategy, but her fear has subsided. Instead, she says, the seniors have been quite helpful.

"They all have really good attitudes and were very accepting of the change," she admits. "They didn't see

me as an outsider."

Regardless of last year's starters and player reputations, Ms. Adams started with a clean slate and every player had a chance to make her own inscription.

"I tried to encourage them... to work and to show their abilities and try to guarantee their position on the varsity team or a starting position," she professes.

The Lady Quakers dropped an exhibition match to Ms. Adams' former team, Fox Chapel, on Aug. 17 but played well in the second half and, especially in the fourth quarter.

QV will host Canon-McMillan today in exhibition play at 4 p.m. and open the season Saturday at home against long-time rival, Moon.

Junior Varsity starts at 9 a.m. with varsity to follow.

SA has winning attitude, high goals

By Don Kline
Staff writer

There are Panthers on the prowl at the prairie of Nichols Field.

Sewickley Academy boys' soccer team has continued its winning ways into the 1996 season by devouring its first two section opponents.

SA defeated Shady Side Academy 8-0 and Steel Valley, 3-2 to extend its unbeaten streak in section play they started last year.

Head coach Uwe Stender boasts that this year's Panther team is much better than last year's.

"That's what I'm happy about," says Stender. "In past years when they would tie us we would loose the game."

What helps this team come back is the winning attitude.

And a winning attitude is contagious. While Stender admits his captains, Tim Walters, Bill Pesci and Wilson Pyle are great leaders, Bill Miller brings a commitment to winning to the team.

Bill, who Stender says could be one of the best strikers in the WPIAL, scored both goals this past weekend in a 2-0 victory over Pine-Richland at the Pine-Richland Tournament.

However, they lost their first match in the winds and rains of Hurricane Fran the eventual winner of the tourney. But, again, the Panthers demonstrated the ability to fight back.

After falling to a 1-0 deficit and then tying the game at 1 SA gave up the next three goals.

But that wasn't enough for them to lie down and accept defeat. The came back to within one and had the chance to tie.

Stender feels that if they could have tied they would have gone on to win.

SA faced Washington yesterday but results weren't available before press time and it faces Carlynton at home tomorrow at 4 p.m.



WORKING ON winning is Wilson Pyle at an SA soccer practice last week. The Panthers are 2-0 in section play.

After playing four of the best teams they'll play all year in the beginning of the season, Stender is hopeful that his Panthers can relax a little and get a couple good wins under their belt to build confidence.

"The pressure at the beginning of the season will give us something to

reach back onto," says Stender about when it comes time for his team to face the playoff grind at the end of the season.

SA has made the WPIAL semi-final game the past two years, and this season, nothing less than a WPIAL title will do.



GOLDEN GIRLS: Sewickley Area Soccer under-14-girls team won the Monroeville Kickoff Classic Tournament. They are, from left: front row, Meghan O'Rourke, Maureen Murphy, Deirdre Cerminaro, Renee Gross, Elizabeth Hay, Heather Wittmer, Brooke Csensich, Julie Fratangelo, Sara Vogel and Hannah Zeffiro; Second row, John Vogel, Emily Hogan, Christine Tomana, Cari Unger, Jamie Mann, Megan Parris, Sarah Thomas, Sarah Zeffiro and Mike Tomana.

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Panthers beat Carlynton after storm

By Dean Kline
Staff writer

Carlynton's green men paid a visit to Nichols Field last week but the FBI was nowhere to be found.

Instead it was Sewickley Academy boys' soccer team that sent them aboard their ship back home with a 4-0 defeat.

The Panthers were held to only one goal in the first half, which was a bit shy of their 10-goal total performance against Washington earlier in the week.

Mike Mele picked up the ball for SA after it ricocheted off the cross bar on a Wilson Pyle shot for the game winner in the first quarter.

Carlynton had its best

chances to take control of the game thanks to the Academy's uninspired play in the first half, but after a halftime chat, the Panthers came out growling.

"I told them at the half that a good team would win this game no matter what and a great team would score seven or eight goals in the second half," said Uwe Stender, SA head coach.

The Panthers didn't achieve greatness in the second half but their play was a bit more intense.

Mike scored his second goal on the day when he poked a shot in with 15:43 left in the third quarter. Bill Derence kept the pressure up with a shot off the cross bar on the ensuing kick-off.

Sewickley held the intensity up and Bill Miller put the game away when he crunched a Carlynton defender inside the goal box and beat the goalie with a low shot.

Wilson finished the scoring with a header off a crossing pass from Eric Rubb. The Academy is 5-1.

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Christof ties school record in 6-1 win over SA

By Dean Kline
Staff writer

"Sawickley Academy has a good team. Brad (Christof) was definitely the difference," said Gene Klein, QV boys' soccer head coach, after the Quakers beat Sawickley Academy 6-1.

Brad tied a school record for goals in one game when he rang the cash register five times Saturday at Nichols field.

"He (Brad) had a great day. And I can't blame my stopper for it," said Uwe Stender, SA head coach. "Ryan Thompson played a good game but Brad was just there all of the time and he happened to capitalize on several errors that were not necessarily Ryan's."

Brad put the Quakers up 2-0 in the

first quarter and assisted on a goal by Jobie Glessner in the second.

QV held the Panthers scoreless until James D'Alessandro scored in the third quarter.

The Panthers attacked in the final quarter but couldn't manage to beat QV keeper Mike Norris.

Brad scored twice in the fourth, including a penalty kick.

"It was like a whirlwind came through here," said Stender. "They exploited every mistake we made."

Stender and his Panthers knew that Quaker Valley was a force on the soccer field but didn't realize the magnitude of scoring power.

"I was wondering how they could beat Peters Township 4-0. Now I under-

stand it," said Stender. "This is the best Quaker Valley team I have ever coached against."

Although the Panthers fell by five goals, Stender is confident that if, or more likely, when, these two teams meet again, the result will be different.

"What we cannot do is fall apart and think we have no chance to beat them. It may sound ridiculous at this point but I think we can beat them."

Quaker Valley and Sawickley Academy could meet again in the PIAA playoffs in November.

QV defeated SA last year 1-0 on its way to the state championship.

The Quakers host Hopewell tomorrow at 4, while the Panthers head to Steel Valley for a 4 p.m. match.

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Academy girls right on track

Even though the Lady Panthers haven't been able to keep up their winning pace, they are still a force to be reckoned with.

"We are still on schedule," said Ed Walters, SA girls' soccer team head coach.

"We are where we want to be."

While Walters admits that the two losses in the section

have set the Lady Panthers back, he believes the girls will still be contenders at the end of the season.

"We should do extremely well," said Walters.

The Academy didn't fare too well this weekend as they lost games to Quad A foes Shaler and Bethel Park. SA hosts Penn Hills Friday 4 p.m. at Nichols field.

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Lock Haven trips Lady Quakers again

The Lady Quakers' soccer team is sitting pretty in second place in section 5-AAA/AA, but the girls couldn't manage to serve a dish they have been refrigerating since last fall — revenge.

QV lost to Lock Haven last

year in the PIAA playoffs and had its chance to get the record straight Saturday when they hosted their cross-state rivals.

However, goals by Tessy Vezza and Melissa Ryerson wouldn't be enough to overcome the Lock Haven attack.

Tessy scored to make it 3-2 off of a feed by her sister Roey. That wouldn't be enough. Lock Haven held for the win.

Quaker Valley can earn the chance to deal Lock Haven the cards of defeat if they meet again in the PIAA playoffs.

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By Dean Kline
Staff writer

High school teams may not be enough

Quaker Valley varsity soccer continues to roll toward another, dare I say, state title.

Jokingly I say "This team should be illegal in the continental U.S." But seriously, I hear "There are only three teams that can beat these guys in Pittsburgh."

Can you guess which three?

Moon Area gave the best effort but Brad Christof rained on that parade. Maybe Peters Township can beat them. Of course the Quakers already rocked the Indians' world 4-0.

Sewickley Academy has a good team. Bill Miller, Eric Rubb, and Wilson Pyle are scoring regularly for so SA should be able to do it. Well, maybe not, they were defeated the first time around 6-1 but will likely get another shot after winning the section.

Look at the schedule and Quaker Valley could use its junior varsity squad to win some of the games. In fact a lineup made mostly of second stringers outscored Hopewell Thursday 4-1 after the big guns shot five in during the first quarter.

They face West Allegheny tomorrow. Not a problem. The next test will come against Moon Area, at Moon, on the last day of the season, Thursday, Oct. 17.

The three teams that can beat them aren't on the schedule.

I wonder why that could be? Hmm, it is because the teams are Pitt, Duquesne and Robert Morris. This maybe a bit of a hyperbole, but maybe not.

Sometimes in high school sports a team that manages to get one good player can dominate the season.

Quaker Valley has an entire roster thick with talent, not to mention a contender for the WPIAL scoring title in Christof.

But what happens when you, as an opponent, mark the number one guy?

Chris Tedesco blows through the midfield to score two goals in a matter of minutes like he did against Hopewell. Or Sam Chamovits slides into the box and nets a few goals before the other team can adjust.

Maybe a better strategy would be to just kick the ball over all of QV's players and go for the run.

Too bad, Jobie Glessner's towering frame and agility act like a net that gathers all of the head balls.

Who knows, maybe it would be a good game to see the Quakers against one of the collegiate teams?

Of course, that could set the opposition up for a terrible embarrassment.

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REACHING his GOAL

Christof shoots for scoring, state title

By Dean Klein
Staff writer

At the beginning of the soccer season, Brad Christof, Quaker Valley forward, set a goal for himself — to do better than last year.

His goal, as modest as it may sound, is one that shouldn't have been so easy to reach.

Last year, on the way to QV's third PIAA title this decade, Brad managed to hit the back of the twine 22 times in 26 games. His 57 points were enough to top the Quakers and earn him All-WPIAL status along with teammates Chris Churchill and Jobie Glessner.

As of press time, Brad is pushing the 40 goal mark for this season and is quickly approaching 100 career goals. Ken Pryor is the Quakers' all-time leading goal scorer with 106. He set the record in the mid-1960s.

So how did reach his goal so early this season?

It's simple, really, he worked on scoring more goals, and to score more in soccer a shot that is both powerful and accurate is a definite plus.

"Last year, I just wasn't hitting the ball right," says the short-haired senior who worked on the kick board in the off season to improve his striking.

Hot feet have helped him score more, but Brad's brain has something to do with it. Head coach Gene Klein says his leading scorer is making better decisions this year.

Brad admits that last year, when he would make a poor decision, he immediately got angry and it distracted him the rest of the game. Now, he is following Klein's creed of staying focused.

"I just try to relax, stay focused and not get sidetracked," says Brad. "I'm playing with more of a purpose. Last year my confidence was down a little."

Being more direct with the ball is the key he admits, but Klein says that Brad is seeing the game a play ahead of what's happening and that's what makes his "speed of play" so dangerous.

"He is playing so fast and so smart right now that he is hard to handle," says Klein.

But it's not a one-man effort.

Especially if Brad gets marked, or shadowed, by the other team.

"With Sam Chamovitz up there (other teams) can't overcompensate for Brad because they are such a tough duo," Klein professes.

This dynamic duo of gun-slinging forwards has been together for years and that certainly helps when the heat is on.

"He is faster than I am, and so

slippery up there," says Brad. "I love playing with Sam. We are just used to playing together. It definitely helps having him around."

Aside from Sam's savvy, Brad is surrounded by other top-notch players and, of course, teamwork is important and that's part of what makes the Quakers so special.

At the beginning of the season Christof, Churchill and Chamovitz were already in the annals of Quaker Valley soccer ranking, respectively, ninth, 14th and 19th in all-time scoring.

Each time Brad passes somebody on the all-time goal scorers list he pushes a role model one spot lower.

"You always look up to players that played at QV before and try to make your mark the way they did," he says.

But, right now, leaving his name throughout QV's record books is not his focus. Scoring goals and defending the state title is.

"You don't realize it until after the season," he says.

Another thing that will fall into place is where all these players will go to college.

"If you are a Division I coach and are not calling this guy you are missing out," says Klein.

Brad certainly won't be missed by the top schools.

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Quakers, Academy boys score two more section wins

Gene Klein's Quakers upped their section record to a spotless 10-0 with two more shutout wins last week: 6-0 over West Allegheny and 8-0 over Montour.

Sam Chamovitz and Brad Christof each combined for five goals over the two games. Jobie Glessner added two and Reed Rickett one in the Montour game, and Chris Churchill notched a goal against the Indians.

■ Butler did it.
The Golden Tornadoes scored both goals in a 1-1 tie

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with the Lady Quakers. One of the goals happened to be in *Goal* *Goal* *Goal*, enabling QV to salvage the non-section tie.

Amy Adams' girls did come back with three of their own in shutting out Beaver. Roey Vezza had two of the three and Melissa Ryerson had the other.

■ Sewickley Academy's boys turned in two impressive afternoons, shutting out Washington 9-0 and Carlynton 5-0.

Wilson Pyle and Mike Mele

each had a hat trick against the Little Prexies, while Eric Rubb, Bill Derence and Adam Dender-Heine scored one each. Against the Cougars, Mele had two goals, Kudo, Tim Walters and Bill Miller had one each.

The Academy wasn't so lucky in an exhibition bout on the carpet at Peters Township.

The Indians scored four minutes into the game and held on for the 1-0 win. Head coach Uwe Stender said his team dominated the action from there but just couldn't get the ball into the net.

■ The Lady Panthers went one up and two down last week, losing 2-1 to Butler and by the same score to South Fayette. SA did get a 6-0 victory over North Catholic.

Against North Catholic, Tara Utchel and Sara Donatelli each had three goals. Donatelli had the lone goal against Butler and Virginia Nimick the tally against South Fayette.

At 6-3 in the section, the Academy is still in contention for a playoff spot.

■ The Sewickley Academy girls' tennis team maintained

its unbeaten record with a 5-0 shutout of Hopewell.

Today marks the last of three straight matches for the Lady Panthers, who are all but assured of a playoff spot.

Head coach Al Dugan says he isn't sure how far his girls can go in the playoffs simply because he doesn't know "what (competition) is out there."

■ For the results of Tuesday's cross country meet between Sewickley Academy and Quaker Valley, check out the Herald web site at ghplus.com.

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Academy boys' soccer players set records

Sewickley Academy soccer players Wilson Pyle and Tim Walters set school records on the same play during the game against defending WPIAL AA. champs Steel Valley.

Tim made his trademark long throw in and Pyle finished the play for his 81st career goal and Walters' 76th career assist.

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Tim Walters sets state assist record

By Dean Kline
Staff writer

The scene was set like it was so many times before. For Chartiers-Houston it was like a rerun of a bad sitcom.

Tim Walters, SA senior, stood with the soccer ball on the sideline preparing for his patented throw-in. Bill Miller awaited with a ready foot in the goal box.

Even if Chart-Houston could have changed the channel, the show would have been the same.

Running, skipping and throwing, Walters let the ball fly midway across the field. Miller had an easy tap in.

In this role, Miller could win an Emmy for supporting actor. So could Wilson Pyle and any other striker on the Panther squad.

This particular throw-in was different from all the others because it gave Walters his 80th assist and the state record for career assists. He notched two more on Thursday but had a pointless day Saturday in SA's 2-1 win over Penn Hills.

Uwe Stender, Sewickley Academy head coach, was an assistant when Tim was a freshman and has seen him grow and secure his place in Pennsylvania soccer history.

Tim's athletic ability is like few others, but Stender admits that the record might not have been broken if it weren't for Walters being on such a good team.

"The key thing is the team has afforded him the chance to get these assists. You can't get a record by yourself," said Stender.

While Walters is, of course, the school assist leader he is a leader in many ways. His bellowing voice belts out instructions to his teammates constantly, but he also leads by making personal sacrifices.

Stender praised him for his willingness to give up a shot at getting some other scoring records to play a more defensive role and help the team win games -- which is the bottom line.

As a senior, Tim is performing his major leadership role well, but this isn't the only rewarding season he has had. Walters had a big



LOOKING FOR an open man is SA senior midfielder Tim Walters.

sophomore year when he registered 31 assists and had 18 goals.

Stender said this year's team is much like that one in spirit but the '96 squad is the best he has seen at the Academy.

"We've worked to play as a team,"

said Stender, "so things go smoothly."

The chemistry between the players is what Stender attributes to making this team like the one Walters was on two years ago. And with chemistry like the Panthers have they are hoping to make a run at the WPIAL title.

QV takes shot at section championship tonight

By Don Egan
Staff writer

Somebody better let Quaker Valley girls' soccer team know that it isn't in the playoffs yet.

The Lady Quakers may feel that they are in the midst of a playoff run because the opponents they faced last week are their likely opponents for the WPIAL title.

If it is true that history repeats itself, then the top teams in WPIAL AA have their work cut out for them.

The Quakers can claim the WPIAL Section II crown if they win against Ambridge tonight at 6 on the Lady Bridgers' home field.

The win will help them keep the tie with Hopewell for the section lead, but since QV outscored Hopewell in the two matchups this season, QV would be the champion.

Quaker Valley defeated girls' soccer powerhouse Springdale in overtime Friday, after handing cross-section rival Pine-Richland a defeat 3-0 on Wednesday.

That was after QV claimed a share of Section II's top spot by defeating Hopewell 2-0 Monday.

"We need this type of competition," said Amy Adams, QV head coach about getting her team prepared for a run at the WPIAL title.

"We will be seeing this level of play and likely this team (Springdale) in the playoffs."

The Quakers took the lead in the third quarter after playing a stale-mate first-half with the Lady Dynamos.

The Vezza connection, sisters Rochele and Tessie, combined for the score. Roey, a senior, took a direct kick on the right side of the field near Springdale's net and lifted the ball over the wall of Dynamo defenders.

Tessie, a freshman, was able to get her head on the ball and knock it in the lower left corner to put QV up 1-0.

That goal was enough to cause Springdale to change the pace.

Springdale held possession of the ball for the next eight minutes in the third but a strong QV defense, led by goal keeper Lori Gross, kept a zero on the board.

QV finally managed to get another shot on goal with two minutes remaining in the quarter.

"They moved their sweeper into the midfield," said Ms. Adams.

The extra midfield pressure is what put QV back on its heels. Springdale's relentless pressure resulted in a goal midway through the fourth quarter but QV wouldn't give in.

The Lady Quakers held the powerful Springdale offense and took the game into overtime where they would control the play.

With a little more than two minutes left in the first half of overtime, Melissa Ryerson got around the defender deep in Dynamos' territory and blasted the game winning shot from just outside the goal box into the right side of the net.

Roey capped the scoring on a penalty kick in the closing minute of the second half of overtime.

She scored on a penalty kick moments before but it was nullified because QV was misaligned. On the second attempt she made the exact same shot — high and hard in the left corner, out of the keeper's reach.

▼ BOYS' SOCCER

Quakers face tough test at Moon tomorrow

By Don Kline
Staff writer

The Quaker Valley boys' soccer team continues to be inhospitable.

The Quakers have a habit of inviting teams to their field and then sending them home terribly disappointed. This weekend was not exception.

Fox Chapel, a AAA WPIAL champion hopeful, fell victim

to the unquenchable Quaker thirst for victory Saturday.

Sam Chamovitz, senior forward, stung the Foxes twice for the games only two goals. His first tally came in the final eight minutes of the third quarter. His second came in the fourth quarter.

Brent Lauffer won a head ball at midfield to Jobie Glessner, who quickly moved the ball to his midfield partner

Chris Tedesko. Tedesko spotted Chamovitz and hit him with a pass. Sam won the battle with the FC goal keeper.

The Quakers hope to make horrible guests tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at Moon Stadium.

"This is an important game only because it is Moon," said Gene Klein, QV head coach, knowing that his team will probably already have the section title in hand.

▼ SOCCER

Moon Area gives QV scare, Tedesko sparks rally

Quakers overcome first deficit of year

By Erik Peole
Staff writer

Quaker Valley might have come within 22 seconds of becoming a tune-up for Moon's playoff run.

In the second period of Moon's season-ending game against the Quakers Thursday, the Tigers had taken control of the game with two second quarter goals.

The tallies, by John Grosset and Jeff Feck, his 33rd goal of the season, put the Quakers behind for the first time in the 1996 campaign. The two scores were also a single-game high for any Section 5 opponent against QV.

But with 22 seconds left in the first half, the Quakers turned things around on Moon with a throw-in by Brad Christof deep in the Tigers' end.

Christof's throw skipped neatly into

the box where senior midfielder Chris Tedesko pounced on it to drive it into the empty net to knot the score at 2-2 just before halftime.

Quaker Valley pulled away in the fourth quarter to win 4-2.

"Tedesko's goal was huge," said coach Gene Klein. "Then we came back in the third quarter and took control."

The Quakers came out in the third quarter and kept the play largely in Moon's end but couldn't crack the Tigers' net until the third minute of the final period when Christof took a centering pass from Tedesko and scored just under the crossbar.

Twelve minutes later, with the Tigers backline pushed up in the attack, Christof scored his 37th goal of the season by picking the top right corner on Moon goalkeeper Drew Lewis.

The Tigers were almost able to regain the lead in the third quarter on a play that resembled Tedesko's game-tying goal. Moon's Gregg Cron had a shot at an empty net after QV goalkeeper Mike Norris fell down.

But the Quakers' all-state defender Chris Churchill kicked the ball clear.

Churchill opened the scoring in the 18th minute of the first quarter on a direct kick from 35 yards out. The penalty calls were frequent in Thursday's game, with Moon awarded 19 penalties, QV 13.

While QV might have been pumped up after finishing the season with a 19-0 record, 14-0 in Section 5-AAA/AA, and Moon might have been deflated, the coaches were ready to forget about the regular season.

"Everything we did up to this point doesn't matter except that it got us to this point," said QV coach Gene Klein.

The perception among Class AA teams is that the Quakers, after dominating a Class AAA section, just needs to show up to win in the playoffs.

"Well, we don't buy into that," said Klein. "Any team that gets into the playoffs is a good team and we have to respect that."

▼ ROUNDUP

Soccer teams ready for playoff heat

Quaker Valley soccer team will be taking its number two USA Today national rank on the road in search of title.

Last season, the Quakers lost the final match in WPIAL competition to Steel Valley but went on to win the PIAA title.

Gene Klein, QV head coach, is keeping the Quakers focused for a run at the WPIAL title, and their first match is tonight against the winner of Tuesday's match between Waynesburg and Chartiers-Houston.

The Quakers will play at Moon Area stadium at the junior high at 8:15.

While the Quakers finished section play, which involved competition against AAA teams, undefeated and have a winning reputation, Klein doesn't expect the other teams to hand over a victory.

"We aren't taking anything for granted."

SA boys

Sewickley Academy finished ranked second in AA WPIAL competition behind QV, so it, too, has a direct pass to the second round of the playoffs.

The Panthers will face the

winner of Charleroi versus Greensburg Central Catholic match.

Uwe Stender, head coach, and his Panthers are coming off of a 10-day rest, but he doesn't feel that will hurt his team.

"If we lose Thursday it won't be because we haven't played in 10 days," said Stender.

He called the rest a luxury because it will allow SA players time to heal their injuries.

QV girls

Under the leadership of Amy Adams, first-year head coach, the Lady Quakers were Section II champions after a 3-0 win against Ambridge, which enabled them to skip the first round of the girls' playoffs.

QV plays tonight at Moon Area Stadium at 6:15 p.m. against the winner of the Beaver versus South Fayette game.

In preparation for the match, the Lady Quakers have been working on conditioning and on the larger aspects of the game.

▼ GIRLS' SOCCER

ONE MORE TIME

QV girls take on Springdale in finals

By Dean Kline
Staff writer

The last time Quaker Valley girls' soccer played Springdale, head coach Amy Adams said it was like a playoff atmosphere.

This evening, (call QV for time and place) it will be a playoff atmosphere for Ms. Adams and her girls. The Lady Quakers take on the Dynamos with the WPIAL Championship on the line.

The last time these two teams played, they dueled to a tie, 1-1 in regulation play. QV was able to win in overtime 3-1.

The Lady Quakers hope to repeat that effort.

"We have got to shut down their two key players and not get into their style of play," said Ms. Adams.

The Dynamos traditionally play a physical soccer game and take the ball through the middle of the field, opposite to QVs passing and finesse game.

It is likely that whoever scores the first goal will set the pace for the game.

"This is where the desire to play and the desire to win comes into play," said Ms. Adams.

Since both of these teams are so well matched, desire and heart could be the deciding factor, but whoever adapts best to playing on turf could be as well.

Ms. Adams thought the game would be played at Peters Township field or at North Allegheny Senior High School.



HILARY SOMERSET sheilds a South Fayette attacker from the ball. QV defeated South Fayette 5-1. The Lady Quakers went on to defeat Canevin, 3-1 Saturday and play tonight for the WPIAL AA title.

Both fields are artificial turf surfaces.

"We could use our speed on the turf," said Ms. Adams.

If she were given a choice, Ms. Adams said she would rather play at NA since she used to coach there and is more familiar with the characteristics of its turf.

Quaker Valley advanced to the semi-final by defeating Canevin 3-1 Saturday night and South Fayette 5-1 last Wednesday.

Tessie Vezza scored first for the Lady Quakers against Canevin in the first Quarter and was followed by

Emily Smith later in the first.

Ashley Pyle capped the Lady Quaker three-goal effort when she received a pass from her sister, Alyssa, and shot to the left corner.

"We came out ready to play," said Ms. Adams about her team registering two goals in the first quarter.

QV didn't do so well in the first quarter of the South Fayette game; they fell to a quick 1-0 deficit.

But the Lady Quakers came back with goals by Ashley, Melissa Ryerson, Tessie, Amy O'Conner and Annie Corcoran.

Soccer

The Quakers blasted Chartiers-Houston, 7-0, in the first round of WPIAL AA play-off action last week.

Results of Monday's semi-final game were past press time.

Chris Churchill and Sam Chamovitz each had two goals for the Quakers.

Brad Christof, Ted Ley and Jobie Glessner added goals.

▼ SOCCER

Chamovitz leads QV to WPIAL title

By Sam Klein
Staff writer

Quaker Valley put its top-dog status on the line for the WPIAL title and came away unscathed.

QV, which is ranked number one in the nation by USA Today's National Soccer Coaches of America poll, won 24 games prior to the match against rival Sewickley Academy at Peters Township High School stadium, and this game was no exception.

The Quakers won on a two-goal effort by senior Sam Chamovitz.

Chamovitz scored with less than 13 minutes left in the first half. Fellow forward and leading WPIAL scorer, Brad Christof, took the Quaker throw in deep in Academy territory.

The ball found the head of Jobie Glessner, and, from there, Glessner directed it to Chamovitz, who was in the goal box. Chamovitz blasted a shot high into the right corner.

Chamovitz would strike again, but not until 5:49 into the third quarter. This time, the goal was unassisted.

The ball was loose in the goal area and SA goal keeper Bill Aloe came out to play the ball and it bounced over his head to a wide-open Chamovitz, who finished the easy goal.

"I thought he (Sam) was dangerous all game," said Gene Klein, who netted his fifth WPIAL championship at QV. "We knew that if we got the ball to Sambo he could do something with it."

SA had to defend Chamovitz but it also had to defend Christof. And the Panthers did so often with two or three marks.

"I've been saying all season that teams can't pay too much attention to Brad," said Klein.

While Chamovitz had the only goals, he didn't provide all of the action.



SAM CHAMOVITZ (10) couldn't be stopped by Fran Catalina or any other Academy players as Chamovitz scored two goals.

SA provided much of the excitement in the second quarter, but thanks to the acrobatic play of Mike Norris, goal keeper, Quaker Valley kept the lead.

Uwe Stender, SA head coach, felt that his team should have been preparing for overtime instead of accepting the runner-up trophy.

"The bottom line was the goal keeper," said Stender who believed his team had better opportunities to score.

"Mike made two huge saves ... certainly that was the difference," said Klein.

One of those huge saves came with 8:38 remaining in the first half when SA senior midfielder Tim Walters blasted a shot from 30 yards near the left sideline.

The ball curved from left to right around QV's defense. Fortunately for QV, it didn't move enough to elude Norris, who got his body almost parallel with the cross bar, high enough to punch the shot over the goal by a

few inches.

SA controlled the play up to the three-minute mark of the first half.

Mike Mele, forward, started a rush from the midfield at 3:38, streaking down the left sideline and firing a cross-field pass to forward Bill Miller.

Miller's shot came from 10 yards away, but Norris was able to deflect it with his leg, and QV midfielder Chris Tedesco coolly moved the ball out of danger.

Stender was proud of the effort his Panthers put forth and hopes that if these two teams duel again, which could happen in PIAA competition, he will have the upper hand.

But Quaker Valley's plans don't include a loss to Sewickley Academy, or to anybody else.

QV had winning the section and WPIAL AA championship in its plans. And now, to complete the package, the Quakers plan on winning their second PIAA championship in as many years. QV was PIAA champion in 1965, '92, and in '93.

Springdale upsets Lady Quakers in WPIAL title game

Adams' team heads to state playoff action

By Don Kline
Staff writer

Maybe Amy Adams, head coach of Quaker Valley's girls' soccer team, taught one too many lessons during the regular season.

The extra lesson came when the Lady Quakers defeated Springdale 3-1 in overtime.

"I think the girls learned a lot," said Gary Mideck, Springdale head coach about the previous game between the WPIAL AA finalists.

"They learned they have to play 80 total minutes or longer."

Adams hopes maybe her girls learned the same lesson at North Allegheny's Newman Stadium in the WPIAL AA girls' finale.

Springdale got its revenge for the earlier loss by beating QV by that identical 3-1 score.

"Hopefully it was a learning experience," said Adams after the game.

She added that her girls need to learn to "play with heart and desire for the whole game."

Quaker Valley started the game flat-footed and early goals by Springdale didn't help the Quakers' cause.

The person QV most wanted to stop, Abbie Burns, scored before two minutes ticked off of the clock.

Burns, who finished second



JILL KRIGER (left) and Hilary Somerset fight Springdale's Abbie Burns for a loose ball.

in WPIAL scoring, got behind QV's defense after taking a long pass from forward Lindsay Slomer. Burns' chip shot managed to elude QV's goal keeper, Lori Gross, and sneak in under the cross bar.

Rachel Chieppa, another forward for Springdale, netted the second goal of the game, which turned out to be the game winner, three minutes later. She took a long shot that beat Gross high to the right side.

Quaker Valley managed to gain composure in the second quarter and had the better of the play.

However, all the pressure that the Lady Quakers could muster wouldn't be enough.

"That's when we had to get a goal," said Adams. "We knew we were dominating and didn't

come out of it with a goal ... that's hard."

To put a seal on the victory, Springdale scored again with 23:39 left in the half.

Susan Kremenski netted the goal.

Quaker Valley's only tally came when Ashley Pyle capitalized on QV's solid pressure in the fourth quarter.

The Quakers held Springdale to one scoring chance in the fourth quarter, but it was a classic case of too little, too late.

The Lady Quakers open PIAA play Saturday at a site and time to be determined.

The Lady Quakers defeated South Fayette and Canevin to advance to the WPIAL final.

The loss to Springdale ended a 10 game undefeated streak.

Quaker Valley takes a 17-5-1 record to PIAA competition.

▼ SOCCER

Academy loses 2-1 to Steel Valley in shootout

By Don Niles
Staff writer

Fortune was the toughest opponent Sewickley Academy faced all season. Saturday was no different as the Panther's season ended with a 2-1, sudden victory shootout overtime loss to the Ironmen from Steel Valley.

To the Academy's dismay, fortune comes in two varieties: good fortune and misfortune. Unfortunately it was

the latter that the Panthers faced at Peters Township High School.

The PIAA quarterfinal game marked the fourth time Sewickley Academy faced Steel Valley this season. SA won the last three matches by a goal: 3-2, 2-1, 2-2. This game was also the third time SA played at Peters this season. It turned out to be the third time it lost at Peters.

While probability was in the favor of the Ironmen, misfortune was in SA's

corner. The first bout with bad luck started weeks ago when SA head coach Uwo Stender fell victim to walking pneumonia.

But during the game, misfortune played its hand when the wind caused senior defender Wilson Pyle to misplay a head ball into his own net. The end result was a 1-0 lead in the opening minutes of the contest for Steel Valley.

"It hit him in the back of the head

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Academy out of PIAA playoff race

and it just went right in. Wilson's probably one of the best players I've seen in the air," said Paul Hudson, SA assistant coach.

The second time misfortune battled the Panthers was when Eric Rubb missed his direct kick during the second round of shoot out overtime. Rubb was the last Panther to touch the ball in 1998. He was also the last Panther to score.

Rubb tied the game shortly after Pyle's mishap when he headed a corner kick from Bill Pesci into the

Ironmen's goal.

"He scored the goal for us, he saved about two or three off of the line for us. We wouldn't have made it to overtime if it wasn't for him," said Hudson.

"I think that's the only PK I've seen him miss. I've seen him take hundreds. That's a tough thing to do for a 17-year-old kid."

The Panthers and the Ironmen finished regulation time tied at one. After they played 30 minutes of overtime, two 10-minute halves and two five-minute halves,

they were forced into a five-man shootout. Pesci, Fran Catalina, Wilson Pyle, Bill Miller and Tim Walters netted their direct kicks and so did the five shooters for SV.

The next round of kicks was sudden victory and that's when Rubb misfired. It's also when Steel Valley earned the chance to face defending PIAA champ Quaker Valley. Sewickley Academy finished the season with a record of 18-5. While the Panthers would like to be 19-4, Hudson said they lived up to his expectations.

▼ QV SOCCER

Quakers advance, Mike Norris sets new school record

By Don Ellis
Staff writer

The Hilltoppers from Westmont-Hilltop didn't provide much excitement for the Quakers Saturday, but there was something for Quaker Valley soccer fans to be excited about.

Mike Norris, senior goal keeper, set a new school record for shutouts in one season. The 5-0 win gave Mike his 19th shutout this season and allowed him to break the old record of 18, which was set by Chris Hitchens in 1985.

"He's a great goal keeper. He is just always so solid back there, even on days like this where its cold and your not touching the ball a lot, many keepers would lose their concentration but he stays into the game very well," said Gene Klein, QV head coach.

The 5-0 win also gives QV a 27-4 record throughout its history in PIAA playoffs.

Brad Christof opened the scoring in the PIAA quarterfinal game early in the first quarter. His shot from the right



CHRIS TEDESKO dribbles the ball down the sideline Saturday.

corner of the goal box overpowered WH goal keeper Dave Hinderlang. Hinderlang managed to get his hands on the shot but couldn't keep it out of the net.

Jobie Glessner and Chris Churchill

added goals in the first quarter as well. Sam Chamovitz provided a screen for Glessner whose shot eluded Hinderlang on the ground. Churchill scored on a head shot off of a corner kick by Chamovitz to close out a three-goal first

quarter. Westmont played a defensive style from the opening kick off and even after the three goals by QV, refused to push there midfielders up field. Ryan Henry, WH's leading scorer, played sweeper. Henry was the furthest man up field and he rarely crossed midfield.

"They really weren't able to penetrate ... I really think they just wanted to keep the score down and try and counter and hopefully maybe they could get one on us. We were fortunate to get one early," said Klein.

Westmont managed to have a rush midway through the second quarter but QV's defense surrounded the ball on the snow-covered artificial turf.

Chamovitz scored early in the third. Facing a 4-0 deficit, Westmont finally pushed its players up the field to add some offensive pressure.

Hilltop managed a shot on goal midway through the third quarter after QV's defense over pursued the ball.

QV faced Steel Valley last night. Results were unavailable. Check the web at www.ghplus.com for scores.

PERFECT ENDING

Quaker Valley repeats as PIAA champ

By Dean Klein
Staff writer

In Gene Klein's 16 seasons as Quaker Valley boys' soccer coach, he's coached many winning teams, including five PIAA champions.

The Quakers won the PIAA in 1985 with heroes like George Strong, John Maruca and Ken Pryor. In 1991, QV won on the feet of Ben McKnight and Phil Oxendine.

In 1993, it was Oxendine again with Seth Perkovich and Armann Fenger. In 1995, the heroics of Chris Churchill, Brad Christof, Jobie Glessner and Sam Chamovitz propelled the Quakers to a title.

This year, the names of last year's heroes appear on the Quakers' roster, however there is one difference between this year's team and all the Quaker teams of the past — this one was perfect.

With their 1-0 victory over Wyomissing Saturday at Messiah College in Grantham, the Quakers posted the best record in school history, 26-0, thus completing what they set out to do: win the section, win WPIAL and repeat as PIAA champs.



MAKING A HEAD pass to teammate Brad Christof is QV midfielder Jobie Glessner (9) at Saturday's PIAA championship.

"This has to be; we went 26-0," said Klein about the 1996 squad being the best team in QV history.

And like great champions do, the Quakers found a way to win in the face of adversity.

"Even when things weren't going as well as they should have, or could have, our heart was there," said Klein.

So was goal keeper Mike Norris.

Quaker Valley faced the best team it's faced all season, and it showed with the little amount of time QV possessed the ball.

Norris, a senior, was called on to make 13 saves to preserve the Quakers 11th straight playoff shutout. The shutout was Norris' 21st this season and seventh in this year's playoff stretch.

"We have 11 playoff shutouts in a row, seven this year. He is the reason behind it," said Klein.

"He's relaxed. He's steady. He's cool. He's composed. He's been there every game this year. He's not called upon to make these saves everyday, fortunately, but we know he can make them. He does it everyday in practice."

While the players witness Norris' aerobatics daily, the sight became too familiar for the liking of Quaker Valley fans.

The Quakers managed to withstand the Spartans in the first quarter, 3-2, but Norris' saves, one on a direct kick and the other on a low shot that forced him to dive to his left to deflect a one-touch shot, kept the Quakers in the game.

Wyomissing would finish the half with seven shots, and not a goal to show for it. Fortunately for the Spartans, Quaker Valley didn't score either.

"I thought we really started off very slowly and were never really able to get into it," said Klein. He gave credit to Wyomissing's pressure for keeping the Quakers out of sync.

Norris' flying saves were still the difference in the game in the third quarter. He would be called upon again before Sam Chamovitz brought water to the scoring drought.

Wyomissing took advantage of crossed signals inside the 18-yard box of the Quakers, but Norris read the play and made the initial save. The rebound hit a Spartan in the arm. Luckily for QV, it was ruled a hand ball.

Chamovitz took the spotlight with the game's only goal with 2:13 left in the third quarter. Chris Irwin maneuvered deep into Wyomissing territory and passed the ball to Chamovitz at the top of the box.

"If I could have any shot, that's where I want it. My left foot, that's where I want it," said Chamovitz.

That's where he got it and the net is where he put it.

The goal would stand as the game winner, but not until Norris stole the limelight again.

Wyomissing's best chance of the day came with 4:20 remaining. Matt Torok took a free kick from just outside the 18-yard box that hit QV's wall.

"I saw the first one come off of the wall and I was happy about that," said Norris.

Torok was just as happy when the ball came right back to him in perfect position. His shot had the course of a heat seeking missile for the upper right-hand corner.

"The second one I guess I just reacted to."

Norris' reaction stunned everyone including his coach, an ex-goal keeper himself.

"I don't know how he got that last one," said Klein. "He was flying."

As stunning as the save was, it was very surprising.

"I've seen him do that stuff all year," said Chamovitz. "Actually, I've seen it my whole life. Mike always does that stuff."

Quaker girls come up short in PIAA final

By Don Kline
Staff writer

One of Amy Adams' goals as the new Lady Quakers' head coach was to have the team go further in the playoffs than it did the previous year.

Mission accomplished, however,

QV didn't win as many games as it would have liked.

The girls dropped the PIAA championship game 4-0 to Villa Joseph Marie, an all girls school in Bucks County.

The Lady Quakers finished their inaugural season under Mrs. Adams' tutelage 19-6-1 as WPAAL and PIAA

finalists.

"It's disappointing now, but to get here was an honor," said Mrs. Adams about the season. "The girls deserve more credit than I do."

"It was a transitional year. They came together. They helped me and

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Quaker Valley girls' soccer team looks to next season for revenge

made it easy for me an enjoyable for me to coach them. They're just a great bunch of kids."

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As hard as they worked all season at building a team, their preparation wasn't enough to overcome the power of the Jems from VJM (23-2-1).

Quaker Valley's most potent attack came early in the game and was short lived. In fact, the first shot of the game came from the Jems three minutes into the action.

QV wasn't able to gain control of the play, and, because of VJM's relentless pressure, Amy Schneider, VJM sophomore forward, scored. She would capitalize again later for her second and third goals of the game.

"Seeing what they had ... We knew what they were going to do. Seeing their style of play, their aggression, their power. You can talk about it and prepare for it but when you see it, it takes you back," said coach Adams.

VJM ended the game with 20 shots and two more goals, one each from



HILARY SOMERSET defends against the Villa Joseph Marie ball carrier during the PIAA final Saturday at Messiah College.

Michelle Biehl and Erin McCloskey.

QV's best scoring chance came late in the game when junior target Melissa Ryerson broke away from the Jems'

defense and in on goal.

VJM goal keeper, Colleen Corcoran, aggressively played Ryerson, and when Melissa made a move, the ball hit the

keeper and bounced out of Melissa's reach into the hands of Corcoran.

Melissa's quest to put at least one point on the board showed Mrs. Adams what kind of character her team has and what type of leadership she will have next year.

"We are losing a lot of quality seniors, but we've got a solid junior class, a solid sophomore class and a solid freshman class," said Mrs. Adams.

"We've got people coming up. They need to work from here to August to try to fill the shoes of the seniors that are leaving and have worked so hard."

Next year, the Lady Quakers will be without captain Bethany Csensich, Lori Gross and Rochelle Veza.

Jill Kriger, Emily Farris, Casey Peluso, Jennifer Potter, and Emily Smith also will graduate this spring.

Losing these seniors will mean QV loses 21 years of letterman experience.

However, the leading Lady Quaker scorer, Ashley Pyle, will be returning with starters Melissa Ryerson, freshman Tessie Veza, Alyssa Pyle and Hilary Somerset.

The future looks bright.

COMMENTARY

Hard work, dedication will lead to success

Editor's Note: This commentary by Quaker Valley senior Tom Henry is in conjunction with Gateway Publications' Newspapers in Education project.

**By Tom Henry
Quaker Valley**

"We won't really understand what we've accomplished until 10 years from now," Coach Gene Klein admitted after Quaker Valley boys' soccer team's phenomenal year.

As one of the 11 starters on that team, I think he's got a point.

We still can't quite believe that we had an undefeated season, with 21 shutouts and a state championship. This wasn't the result of blind luck or chance, but the culmination of years of hard work and dedication by team members and the coaching staff.

I remember playing Sewickley Area Soccer with Brad Christof, Joel Perkovich and nearly all the rest of this starting team. We were a bunch of little 10-year-olds already talking about how we were going to play for Coach Klein on the high school team someday.

We had heard the horror stories about two-a-days, the grueling summer practice sessions that ran the last two weeks in August and we knew we'd have to be ready when our time came.

Coach Klein characterized our class as one with "a lot of potential." After my first two years playing high school soccer, I was part of the potential unrealized. I would have to "put it into another gear," as Coach Klein told me that year in my postseason player meeting.

He was motivating me to be an integral part of a successful team. Even after we won the state championship the following year, he felt, as we did, that our team still had to reach for another level of play.

This is part of a winning coach's strategy to maximize the potential of his individual players by motivation and hard work.

As junior Craig Madara says about Coach Klein: "He doesn't settle for anything but the best."

This year, his slogan was "Be obsessed and possessed about winning." He enabled us to stay focused on our goal and not worry about anything beyond the next game.

He inspired us to play with heart so that even if we weren't at the top of our game, no one was going to beat us.

Ten years from now, what this team will remember, along with the glories we achieved on the field, is the lesson Coach Klein taught us: Hard work and commitment lead to success.

Web page helps keep QV boys' soccer on cutting edge

By Dean Kline
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Traditional duties of a "baseball dad" or "soccer mom" include bringing soda to a game, selling 50/50 tickets or working the concession stand.

Not until recently, very recently, has maintaining a web page been on the list of parents' volunteer duties. Instead of serving Swedish fish, folks are being asked to learn the latest in fashionable media — the world wide web.

At least that's what Jim Glessner did for Quaker Valley boys' soccer team.

Glessner hopes the Quakers' home page attracts college coaches and scouts to QV's talent. A Sewickley resident and

father of a QV player, his efforts produced a team roster, information about the coaches, statistics, schedule, senior photos, booster information and a "related sites" section for all soccer fans to see.

Glessner and his son, Jobie, a senior midfielder, took a class presented by Mary Anne Buvens, SewickleyNET's webmaster, to learn HTML, a computer language for use on the web. One of their projects was designing a web page.

That's how the address <http://www.snet.org/sport/qv/soccer.index.html>, otherwise known as QV boys' soccer page on SewickleyNET, came to be.

At first, Glessner learned HTML from Mrs. Buvens.

"I taught him HTML, and he

didn't like it," said Mrs. Buvens. But he didn't give up on the idea. "He went out on his own and learned another product."

What he learned was software from Microsoft called Publisher '97.

"I don't have to write one line of code," said Glessner. "What you see is what you get."

Glessner's ambition to learn the software impressed Mrs. Buvens, but he insisted that it really wasn't that difficult.

"If I can do it," said Glessner, "anybody can do it."

If you don't believe him, try it. He and Mrs. Buvens freely offer their help.

"She was instrumental in our effort. Mary Anne made me feel comfortable enough as

a layman to do it," said Glessner.

Of course Glessner is only one of several volunteers that maintains sports and other various pages in SewickleyNET.

The process of building and maintaining a page is quite simple, but people need to take the first step.

"People need to volunteer," said Mrs. Buvens.

Volunteers don't even need their own computer, to be parents, or have too much time. The hardest part is already done.

Public computers at Sewickley Public Library and Penguin Book Shop, Beaver Street, provide web access.

"I can even meet them (vol-

unteers) there," said Mrs. Buvens.

She'll teach the volunteer HTML, all the pupil needs to do is be responsible for designing the page, gather information for updates and process it for the web. She even has a scanner so organizations can get their pictures on the web.

Glessner will be putting the finishing touches on the boys' soccer page for the 1996 season. Unfortunately, after Jobie graduates, he will no longer have a child on the team.

"I did it because I was an interested parent," said Glessner who hopes someone will pick up the project in '97. "It is really very simple, and I would be willing to help them."

Sewickley Area Soccer registration scheduled for January

Winter is here, but that doesn't mean soccer isn't on the minds of Quaker Valley residents.

Sewickley Area Soccer will "kick in" its registration drive for the 1997 season next month.

Sign-up forms are available at United Men's Store Beaver

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Street in Sewickley.

Personal sign-up day is Saturday, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at SportTrak, located on Chadwick Street next to the Sewickley Bridge.

Registration will officially

close at the end of personal sign-up day. To register after this date, participants will be charged an additional \$10.

Co-ed leagues and girls' leagues will be offered in all eligible age groups. Micro soccer will be offered for the youngest players.

Children born between Aug.

1, 1989 and July 31, 1990 are eligible for micro soccer.

The season starts the week-end of April 5, 1997.

Any parents interested in coaching or assisting a head coach should call Bill Castle at 741-7863, or inquire on personal sign-up day.

Coaching classes will be

available throughout the year.

■ GLESSNER HONORED

Quaker Valley Alum Justin Glessner notched his first All-Region Honor, earning third team recognition as a member of the Washington University in St. Louis men's soccer team. Glessner had four goals and an assist this season.