

## Champion soccer coach addresses Senior Men

Gene Kline, head coach of Quaker Valley boys' soccer team, will be the guest speaker at this Friday's meeting of the Senior Men's Club.

Kline, a teacher at Quaker Valley, has guided the

Quakers to two consecutive state soccer championships. The 1997 squad did something no other Quaker Valley boys' soccer team had ever done — go undefeated.

Kline also was named the top boys' soccer coach in

Pennsylvania.

Sewickley Senior Men's Club meets Friday mornings at Sewickley Valley YMCA at 10. Coffee and doughnuts will be served beginning at 9:30.

Any interested retired man is welcome to attend.



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**HOTSPURS MOVE ON:** The Sewickley Hotspurs soccer team won the Under-18 Boys division at the Pa. West State Cup Tournament in Erie. The team will represent Pennsylvania at the United States Youth Soccer Association regional tournament, to be played at Family First Sports Park in Erie and Edinboro University July 2-5. The Hotspurs include Sewickley residents Sam Chamovitz, Brad Christof, Chris Churchill, Jobie Glessner, Mike Norris, Sean Norris, Joel Perkovich, Wilson Pyle and Chris Tedesko. The team is coached by Gene Klein and Arne Thomas.



**1967:** The Pittsburgh Phantoms, Pittsburgh's entry to National Professional Soccer League, scrimmaged Sewickley Academy's soccer team at Nichols Field. The Phantoms brought their entire squad to oppose Academy's varsity team, which included several alumni. The game was one of the first major sporting events sponsored by Sewickley Valley.

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# Camps to be held at QV, SRU

The 1997 Keystone Soccer Kamps boys' and girls' resident camps will be held July 13-17 at Slippery Rock University.

Meanwhile, the day camp scheduled for Quaker Valley High School July 21-25 has been moved to Edgeworth Elementary School because of ongoing construction at the high school.

Both camps are conducted by Quaker Valley soccer coach

Gene Klein and University of Pittsburgh coach Joe Luxbacher. The resident camps are open to all boys and girls ages 10-18. The day camps are open to those ages 7-12.

Cost of the resident camps is \$295 per player, or \$225 for those attending as a commuter. That cost includes advanced training in skills and tactics, a ball and T-shirt for each camper.

Closing date for applications

is one week before the start of the camp, and all applications must be accompanied by a \$100 non-refundable deposit.

Applications accepted after the closing date will be assessed a \$10 late fee. Cost of the day camps is \$105.

Brochures and applications for both camps are available at the United Men's Store in Sewickley, and anybody with questions can call Klein at 766-8160 or Luxbacher at 221-9117.

## **Soccer sign-up**

Registration is under way for Sewickley Area Soccer's 1997 fall season. Forms are available at the United Men's Store on Beaver Street in Sewickley.

Registration will be held Saturday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Edgeworth Elementary School. Registration officially closes at 2 p.m. that day, and a late fee of \$10 will be charged thereafter.

Coed leagues and girls' leagues will be offered in several age groups, including "micro-soccer" for children born between August 1, 1990, and July 31, 1991. The season will begin the weekend of Sept. 6.

Parents interested in being coaches or assistants can inform SAS officials on registration day or call Bill Castle at 741-7852. Coaching classes will be held.

## Sewickley Area Soccer gives QVAR big boost with \$10,000 donation

The work of Quaker Valley Association for Recreation to raise funds for the development of athletic fields in the Sewickley Valley is off to a promising start thanks in part to a significant boost from Sewickley Area Soccer.

Sewickley Area Soccer will, over the next six to eight months, donate \$10,000 to QVAR. According to Bill Castle, president of SAS, the donation will come from funds raised by the youth soccer organization over the past several years, and is intended to help all youth sports in the area.

"We are obviously very excited that Sewickley Area Soccer has taken this initiative," said Julie Rickert, president of the QVAR. "This is exactly the kind of thing we need to get this effort up and running."

Castle also said he hoped the donation might spur other

organizations in the area to back the efforts of QVAR.

QVAR is a non-profit organization formed a little more than a year ago to promote the development of recreational opportunities throughout the communities that make up the Quaker Valley school district.

The organization has received the support of most of the communities in the district.

Mrs. Rickert points out that support paid dividends earlier this year when the Borough of Edgeworth offered its help in getting alternate fields ready for use by the Quaker Valley Recreation Association, the local youth baseball and softball organization, whose regular fields were unavailable because of the construction at Quaker Valley High School.

"That is the kind of cooperative effort we hope to encourage," Mrs. Rickert said.

# STARS OF TOMORROW



**THE FUTURE** of Quaker Valley soccer would appear to be as bright as the past if the turnout at head coach Gene Klein's annual Quaker Valley Soccer Day Camp last week was any indication. Despite stifling heat on some days and steady rain on others, and the fact the camp had to be moved to Edgeworth Elementary School because of renovations at the high school, turnout and enthusiasm for the camp was high. At the left, a pair of 7-year-old enthusiasts go head-to-head in scrimmage action.

**COACH KEVIN** Kress, (right), offers some words of encouragement to one of the youngsters as Coach Klein watches another group in the background.





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## **Fryor**

Ken Pryor was one of Quaker Valley's first soccer stars.

A four-year letterman and starter, Pryor was the leading scorer both his junior and senior seasons, earning All-WPIAL honors both years. In addition, he was team captain, All-State and All-America his senior year.

As a junior he was a part of Quaker Valley's state championship team, and he still holds QV career records for total points, goals and hat tricks.

His efforts earned him a scholarship to the University of Akron, where he again lettered and started for four years. In addition he led the Top-20 Zips in scoring his junior and senior seasons, was named All-Mid Continent Conference both years and conference Player of the Year his final season.

In 1991 Pryor was drafted in the first round by the Canton Invaders of the National Professional Soccer League, where he played, started and was a top scorer for three years.

From 1994-95 he played professionally for the Pittsburgh Stingers of the Continental Indoor Soccer League and was a two-year starter, leading scorer and team MVP. When the team folded in 1996, he retired from soccer. He presently lives in Moon Township and works in Sewickley.



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GENE KLEIN and his troops hope to board the bus for the state championships one more time.

## Soccer classic to christen stadium

On Saturday, Aug. 30, Quaker Valley boys' soccer team will host the second half of the fifth renewal of the East-West Soccer Classic. It will be the inaugural event at QV's new stadium.

The event also will be the first soccer game the team has played since its exciting finish in 1996, when the Quakers successfully defended their state title with a 26-0 record and were ranked as the top high school team in the country.

The 1997 tournament brings together two premier teams from western Pennsylvania, Quaker Valley and Mt.

Lebanon, against two top eastern Pennsylvania teams, Fleetwood and Wilson.

The tournament begins Friday night at Mt. Lebanon Stadium, where the Quakers will play Fleetwood at 6 p.m. and Mt. Lebanon will play Wilson at 7:30.

Saturday's contests will feature QV against Wilson at 11 a.m. and Mt. Lebanon against Fleetwood at 12:30 p.m.

Since the games on Saturday mark the inaugural event at the stadium,

there will be pre-game ceremonies to commemorate the occasion. The 1997 Quaker Valley team is again led by Gene Klein, the only boys' soccer coach in the school's history, who is beginning his 16th season at QV.

Klein has led the Quakers to five state titles.

The co-captains for this year's team are Craig Madara and Reed Rickert. The Quakers will officially open defense of its title on Sept. 2 in a night game — the first in school history — against Hopewell at 7:30.

## **Soccer night**

Sept. 2 will be the first night game in the new Quaker Valley High School Stadium and will feature the Quaker Valley Boys' Soccer Team playing against Hopewell.

The evening will be dedicated to all the youth soccer players in the district, who will be admitted free by wearing their team shirt. They will also receive a free gift when they arrive at the stadium.

Sewickley Area Soccer players will have an opportunity to watch the 1996 Quaker Valley Boys State Championship Team start its season in the new stadium.

Ranked #1 nationally in 1996, the QV boys' team has won an unprecedented 5 state championships.

For more information about the event, call 741-2366.

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## **Sewickley Academy**

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■ Jessica Wright, a Quaker Valley High School graduate who holds a bachelor's degree in international relations from Bucknell University and a master's in education from the University of Pittsburgh, will teach ninth- and 10th-grade world history and coach middle school girls' soccer. For the past year, she has been an intern at Fox Chapel High School, teaching ninth-graders cultural geography.

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## Klein's team prepared to defend crown

By John Lewis  
Staff writer

Here's a sports analogy for you: Joe Paterno-Penn State; Gene Klein-Quaker Valley.

Although the two coaches live and work half a state away from each other, and by no means do they have any physical resemblances, these two coaches share two enormous qualities: They are both emblematic of his respective team, and they both win.

Last year Quaker Valley's soccer team, coached by Klein, went undefeated, and was ranked as the top high school in the United States.

"It felt like the icing on the cake. It felt good," said Klein.

However, Klein is not resting on last year's laurels.

"We just want to keep getting better. The number one goal is for us to improve and get better."

But, how far can one advance from being the top soccer team in the coun-

try?

"Every year is different. And we've got a very big challenge ahead of us. We lost a lot of seniors who were starters last year."

Two of last year's starters, Craig Madara and Reed Rickert, will be returning, and they have been dubbed as co-captains.

"I look to them to provide some leadership. I depend on them. They have

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## QV soccer defends title

had a lot of experience. They know what it takes to win. They know how to win.

"Hopefully, they will be able to help guide the younger guys on the team," said Klein.

A first look at the QV boys will be available on Saturday when the Quakers will be part of the East-West Soccer Classic.

The Quaker Valley boys will make this season's debut on Tuesday, Sept. 2, in their new stadium.

"The new stadium is a great motivator for us. I think it's the best place to play in western Pennsylvania," said Klein.

The new stadium also will allow QV to play night games. Klein hopes that these nocturnal contests will help increase attendance and awareness within the community and surrounding areas.

So, is defending the state title on this year's agenda for Klein?

"Right now, we're not thinking about titles. We're just going to work hard and try to uphold the tradition of Quaker Valley. We're going to go out there, play as well as we can, and have fun."

# Academy boys look to take next step

## Panthers want to go where Quakers went

By John Lurik  
Staff writer

If the third time is a charm, is the fourth time a sure bet?

Dr. Uwe Stender, Sewickley Academy's boys' soccer coach, certainly hopes so. For the past three years, the Panthers have finished third, third, and second respectively.

And what about this season?

"We'd really like to be number one. I don't mean to sound arrogant at all, because there are a lot of other great

teams out there. But we've had a taste of success, and it was good.

"I won't be satisfied for us to just make the playoffs yet again. It is always good to be there, but it would be very nice to win it all."

Thus far in this young season, Stender is happy with his team's demeanor.

"There's a lot of teamwork out there. I like that a lot. They work well together. They have jelled well. They get along with each other.

"But there is always room for improvement. I always want my players to keep on improving in all aspects."

Stender is looking for his three co-captains to help lead the team: goalie Bill Aloe, midfielder Ryan Thompson, and striker Bill Miller. According to Stender,

Miller may be the best striker in the WPIAL.

"If he's not (the best) then he's in the top 10. And that should be very evident after a few more games this season."

The team as a whole is praised by Stender for "playing aggressive, but fair. All of the kids worked very hard practicing, and they deserve all the accolades. They play like Europeans—lots of quick passes, and making opportunities and taking advantages of them. They don't just kick the ball down the field fifty yards and chase it."

The German-bred Stender, said that he was "almost born with a soccer ball in his crib." And his excitement has not dimmed over the years. "I still love the sport."

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# Walters expects big year

By John Loebe  
Staff writer

The Sewickley Academy girls' soccer team is anticipating the start of its season as patiently as a kid on Christmas Eve.

"We're really looking forward to the first game of the season," said Coach Ed Walters, "Scrimmages are just an extension of our daily practices. But in a game, there are a lot of different things to try and execute."

The SA girls will host North Catholic today (Wednesday) at 4 p.m. And Walters feels confident about the season and the team.

"This is one of the best teams I've had since I've been here," said Walters, who has been coaching a variety of sports at Sewickley Academy since 1974. "This team is made up of a lot of very good players."

"Every one of them adds up. They've got good ball control, good vision, and they are very strong."

Last year, the SA girls' soccer team finished in third place in its section. That team consisted of only 13 players. Eleven players are needed on the field at a time. This lack of players led to obvious fatigue.

"Some teams would have a much bigger team, and we'd just get worn down," said Walters.

This year, the Lady Panthers have 20 players, and some of them already have made a name for themselves.

Junior Tara Utchel has been the MVP and leading scorer for the last two seasons. Sophomore Virginia Nimick was the team's second leading scorer, as well as a "tremendous play maker," according to Walters.

Senior Captain Sara Donatelli will be returning to the sweeper position. Sophomore Gloria Lozano is a "solid player" and will be a huge scoring threat, according to Walters.

Sophomore Sara Grenert will be goalie, and "she's an absolute strength in the goal," said Walters. Also returning from a soccer-free semester will be junior Chrystal Condon.

No article about soccer would be complete without goals, and the primary goal of SA is to "improve as a soccer team. Improve the way we play soccer," said Walters.

"We want to play the best possible soccer that we can. Winning or losing is not as important as executing what we want to do. I'm happy if the team does as well as they can. And when I'm on the field, I'm as happy as I can be."

How happy? Perhaps as happy as a kid on Christmas Day.

## First night game moved, Quakers to face Panthers

Folks who were expecting to see the first night soccer game in the history of Quaker Valley High School will have to wait a little longer.

The Quakers' inaugural night soccer game and corre-

sponding Sewickley Area Soccer Night has been moved to Saturday, Sept. 20, when the Quakers host archrival Sewickley Academy.

The event was rescheduled from yesterday (Sept. 2)

because of a delay in having the stadium lights operational.

But the delay might prove to be fortuitous. Could there be a better matchup for such a historic occasion?

Sewickley Academy has

been knocking at the door for the past two years, and last year, a two-goal effort by Sam Chamovitz and a pair of brilliant saves by keeper Mike Norris propelled the Quakers to the WPIAL title 2-0.



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By John  
Lorinc



## QV holds class in Soccer 101

Why isn't soccer called football?

I mean, after all, you use your feet a lot more in soccer than in football. And the guys in football who use their feet the majority of the time, place kickers, are scoffed at for the most part.

And, also ...

Oh, never mind, that's the topic of another column.

The purpose of this column is for me to sincerely tip my hat to every soccer person that participated in the East/West Classic.

Now, I'll be honest with you. I was never a big follower of soccer. I have never watched a single soccer game on television, and I never played it in the back yard with my friends.

In fact, I could not name nor recognize a single player on the Pittsburgh Spirit, or the also-defunct Pittsburgh Stingers.

Actually, as I type this, I am surprised I actually remembered the surname of the Steel City's former soccer teams. And, as a result of my ignorance, I never really realized — let alone appreciated — how much hard work, energy, and stamina it takes to play.

As I've mentioned before, I was a baseball player for many years. It's a great game, but let's be truthful. You spend a lot of down time on the field.

If *Seinfeld* is a great television show about nothing, then perhaps baseball is a great sport based on nothing. That is not meant as an insult towards Mr. Doubleday and his game, it's just that I spent a lot of time standing aimlessly at first base staring at the grass and the bleachers, while a batter would adjust his crotch or an umpire would clean home plate with the precision of a surgeon.

But you guys on the soccer field, you never stop! You run up the field and down the field, over and over again.

I got winded just watching you. And just in case your legs haven't had enough, you hit the tough soccer ball with your head, chest and knees.

Now, perhaps some of you Quaker Valley guys are a bit disappointed with how the game turned out. Well, if you are, you shouldn't be. You showed a soccer illiterate how much heart and soul it takes to play the game.

Plus you gave everything you had. It was very apparent by the looks on your exhausted faces after the game. And that is something that means light years more than two numbers on a scoreboard.

# Quakers start title defense with win

By John Loring  
Staff writer

After a well-played but tough defeat against Wilson High School in The East/West Classic, the Quaker Valley boys' soccer team needed to bounce back. And the Quakers bounced back hard. Extremely hard.

For their first home game on their new field, the Quakers were pretty much infallible, embarrassing the Hopewell Vikings 11-0.

It was an overcast and humid day, but the sun kept shining down on Quaker Valley Coach Gene Klein and his team. Tyler Dewhirst, Colin McGroarty, Matt Mooney, and Brian Smith each scored a goal. Craig Madara and Peter Christof each scored two apiece, and Reed Rickert had a hat trick.

Alex McGroarty pitched a shutout, but he had a lot of good, strong defensive help from Jason Kastrounis and Charles Telep.

Another player that had a standout performance was freshman forward Nick Castle. When he was not stealing the ball from Hopewell, he was taking one of his three shots on goal.

Perhaps the sole reason for the Quakers picking up this win was a complete team effort. For a large portion of the game, the soccer ball was on the Hopewell end of the field, as the



**REED RICKERT** scored three goals against Hopewell.

Quakers took turns kicking in goals.

"We are a very young team, and it was nice to bounce back from (The East/West Classic loss) with this win," said Klein. "We made some mistakes

then, but we came back and I'm very happy with how the team looked today."

The Quakers' next home game will be Saturday at 9:30 a.m. against Peters Township.

# Lady Quakers aim to make run at section title

By John Lorinc  
Staff writer

The Quaker Valley girls' soccer team is running. A lot.

At the start of each practice, Coach Amy Adams has her team do about an hour's worth of running.

"We stress endurance, stamina, and a lot of tactical things."

Last year the Quaker Valley girls

made the state championship. However, eight seniors, five of whom were starters on that team, have graduated. This exodus does not faze Coach Adams, though.

"We have a very good core of juniors and seniors this year to lead the us to our goal."

Does that goal include returning to the state championship?

"We are not thinking about that yet.

First we would like to play well through the season, then the WPIALs. And there is a whole lot of hard work and good playing that has to be done by us to get there."

With a few game experiences underneath Quaker Valley's belt, Coach Adams praises the team for its unity and cooperative playing.

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## Versatility key to QV girls' hopes

"This year the team has lots of play making ability, lots of speed, and lots of flexibility."

Flexibility and versatility. According to Coach Adams, the starting 11 players on the team can play any position on the field equally well.

Senior midfielder Ashley Pyle is returning to the team as this year's captain. Last year, she was the team's lead scorer.

Her younger sister, Alyssa, is a sophomore and also a midfielder.

Senior Melissa Ryerson, last year's second leading scorer, is returning in the target position. Sophomore Tessie Vezza, last year's third leading scorer, receives high praise from Coach Adams for her ability to lend a helping hand, or rather foot, to her teammates.

"She assists well. She sets up a lot of goals for the others."

Coach Adams, who is starting her third year as a head coach in soccer and her second as the head coach of Quaker Valley, says for her team to succeed, "we need to work very hard and take advantage of all the things that occur."

That and a lot of laps around the soccer field.

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**VIRGINIA NIMICK** put Sewickley Academy on the board by beating South Fayette's goalie with a penalty shot.

*Photo by Tim Krikston*

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## Lady Panthers prevail in cat fight, 3-0

**By John Larkin**  
Staff writer

The Sewickley Academy Lady Panthers and the South Fayette Lady Lions got into a cat fight. And Sewickley Academy won the game the old fashioned way, with tough defense and aggressive offense.

On the offensive side of the ball, Tara Utchel scored a pair of goals and gave a solid, sure-footed performance. Virginia

Nimick demonstrated strong ball control and scored the first of the three Sewickley Academy goals on a penalty shot. Chrystal Condon was a ball of fire, displaying her joie de soccer, racing up and down the field.

Defensively, Sewickley Academy was near perfect. South Fayette was given very few clear shots on goal as a result of the swarming defense of the Lady Panthers, especially Sara Donatelli. Goalie Sarah

Grenert contributed nine saves.

Sewickley Academy did let some other prime scoring opportunities slide by, but as a unit, it was a good day at the office.

"It's nice to see (the team) coming along well," said SA coach Ed Walters after the 3-0 victory. "They are looking very good."

It seems that the Sewickley Academy Lady Panthers are sitting in the catbird seat.

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# SA's loss brought to you by the letter 'C'

By John Lorber  
Staff writer

Careless, clumsy, and at times, crazy. There are a lot of words beginning with the letter "C" that can be used to describe the soccer game between Sewickley Academy and South Fayette. Except for one: consistent.

At times on the field, Sewickley Academy looked brilliant, swerving the ball around its opponents, showing athletic prowess.

However, moments later, the Panthers would collapse, and make silly mistakes and fall into a deep cloud of confusion. These moments ended up costly, and it caused South Fayette, the lesser team, to end the game in a tie, 2-2.

To further illustrate the inconsistency, the weather was erratic, trampling from sunny and pleasant to overcast and rainy.

There was one C word that South Fayette did not have: class. Almost the entire team—players as well as coaches—failed to adhere to the gentlemanly standards usually associated with soccer.

Lion players and fans knew a lot of four-letter words that did not always begin with the letter C. In fact, the referees handed out numerous unsportsmanlike conduct penalties to South Fayette for their language as well as their cheap physical shots.

Brian Garlick, assistant coach for South Fayette was awarded a red card—a ban from his team's next game—

because of his utter lack of professionalism.

For Sewickley Academy, Connor Kirsch had a spectacular game as did Bill Derece and Mike Mele. In fact, as a whole SA played well, the only reason why the Panthers did not win this game was a lack of focus.

For SA to succeed in the future they need one more C word. Concentration.

## Lady Panthers

If the game of soccer could be translated into musical terms, the Sewickley Academy girls' soccer team recently recorded a masterpiece along the lines of "Sgt. Pepper."

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## Lady Panthers roll 11-0

The Lady Panthers embarrassed the Avonworth Antelopes 11-0.

In music, when the various instruments support each other's melodies and harmonies, the final sound is much more powerful than just a bunch of self-indulgent solo acts.

This theory is why SA is undefeated thus far this season. They work in tandem, and the Academy's sum is astronomically better and stronger than its parts.

Chrystal Condon, whose footwork on the field would make Fred Astaire jealous, scored two goals, as did Tara Utchel. Deborah Gettleman, Jackie Mantica, Holly Seifert, and Sarah Grenert each

chipped in a point.

Gloria Lozano scored three goals, which was the same amount of shots on goal that Sewickley Academy allowed Avonworth in the entire 80-minute game.

The sticky defense of Meredith Daniels and Sara Donatelli prevented Avonworth from posing any serious threat. Aiding the stellar victory was Jessica Englehard, Emily Kniess, and Ali Grenert with inspired play.

The Lady Panthers just seem to get hungrier with each game. Another stupendous "Abbey Road" performance can not be too far off in the future.

And you know that can't be bad.

### **QV soccer**

Quaker Valley High School's inaugural night soccer game and corresponding Sewickley Area Soccer Night will take place Saturday as the Quakers host archrival Sewickley Academy.

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**GAETAN PETTIGREW** and the SA Panthers will invade Quaker Valley for the first night game.

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# LIGHTS OUT



**COLIN McGROARTY (17)** tries to work the ball past Academy defenders **Ryan Thompson (7)** and **Adam Bender-Heina (9)** and goalie **Bill Aloe**.

*Photo by Tim Krilston*

# Quakers dump Academy in overtime

By John Lorinc  
Staff writer

The 100-minute soccer game between Quaker Valley and Sewickley Academy -- the first home night soccer game in Quaker Valley's history -- was decided by a matter of inches.

Those inches, just barely longer than SA's Bill Aloe's arm span, produced a victory for the Quakers. The Quaker Valley boys beat Sewickley Academy 1-0 in overtime.

Throughout the 90 minutes of regulation, both teams performed incredibly. On both sides, the offenses would break out some strategic plan, but the opposing team would prevent any deep development. Both defenses played near perfectly.

In the first half of the game, the soccer ball spent almost 10 minutes down by the SA goal, but QV was not able to convert the penetration into any points. SA senior captain Ryan Thompson had a lot to do with that, with his swarming, uncompromising defensive stance.

Aloe also had an incredible defensive performance, with 15 saves. These two players deserved to share player of the game honors.

The Quaker Valley boys were just as impressive. Sophomore James D'Alessandro and junior Charles Telep provided tough, intelligent defense, which was a prime factor in assisting junior goalie Alex McGroarty shut out the Panthers.

With exception of a few missed

offensive opportunities from both teams, both Quaker Valley and Sewickley Academy played strong, aggressive, and full of passion. With 15 seconds left in the first of two overtime periods, sophomore Tyler Dewhirst, added to his excellent offensive performance a shot in the upper corner of the SA goal that broke the scoreless tie.

The Quaker Valley soccer team has beaten Sewickley Academy in this matchup for the last 11 meetings.

"They (Sewickley Academy) are a great team, and we were fortunate to get that goal," said Gene Klein, QV coach. "It was a great night, great atmosphere, and a great high school soccer game."

A very accurate description.

## SPORTS

### ROUNDUP

# QV girls blow out Neshannock

By John Lorinc  
Staff writer

The Quaker Valley girls' soccer team drowned Neshannock 14-0.

It was a cold and rainy day, but the Lady Quakers were basking in their own self-produced sunshine. The soccer ball spent the majority of the game around Neshannock's end, and the QV girls took turns scoring goals.

Senior Ashley Pyle had four goals, senior Melissa Ryerson added three. Junior Annie Corcoran contributed a pair, and senior co-captain Tish Hittinger, sophomore Tessie Veza, freshmen Caitlin Courneen, Alyssa Pyle and Leigh Miller each had one.

Neshannock's Lancers tried a few clever offensive patterns, but they were quickly and quietly destroyed by the excellent collective play of the Lady Quakers.

The next home game for the Quaker Valley girls is Friday against Bethel Park at 4.



**ALYSSA PYLE** sends the ball upfield for Quaker Valley.

Lady Panthers and the Fox Chapel Lady Foxes had a nail-biter of a game the eventually ended in the Panthers' favor 2-1.

After a scoreless first half, in which both teams' defenses were immaculate, the Foxes took an early lead in the second half, courtesy of a goal by Jesse Liken.

The Panthers regrouped and tied the game with a goal by Cyra Contractor.

For the next part of the game, the stingy defense returned on both sides. For the Lady Panthers, a very strong

defensive performance came from sophomore Diana Tamboli.

However, there was a slight break in the Foxes' defense, and the Panthers capitalized by swarming around the Fox Chapel goal, and Chris Batyko provided the game winning shot.

Other strong SA performances came from Nicole Pessolano, Bethany Giles, and Kate McGuigan.

The next home game for the SA field hockey team will be on Saturday at noon, against North Allegheny.

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**BILL ALOE**, Sewickley Academy goalie, swats away a shot by Steel Valley in the Panthers' 5-1 win.

*Photo by Tim Krikston*

## Academy melts down Ironmen 5-1

By John Lavin  
Staff writer

**T**he Sewickley Academy boys' soccer team neatly disassembled the Steel Valley Ironmen, 5-1.

Proving that the best offense is derived from a strong defense, the Panthers' goalie, Bill Aloe, had yet another stupendous outing vacuuming up 17 saves.

For the first 10 minutes of the game, SA's offense seemed slightly off-kilter. There was a tangible lack

of communication that occasionally transformed into some confusion.

And then, all of a sudden, came the wake-up call. A picturesque breakaway goal by Gaetan Pettigrew provided the spark that created a Sewickley Academy bonfire.

All of the pieces then fell into place.

The next two SA goals, by Bill Derence and Mike Mele, respectively, were created by textbook style assists from Mele and Connor Kirsch. Derence later recorded two more goals as a result of his pure,

natural talent.

Strong performances by Mike Rafalko, Scott Kennedy, D.J. DiMarco, Adam Bender-Heine, Ryan Thompson and Will von Schack also essential to the victory.

"I am very pleased with the team's performance. They played very well, and they worked well together. This was an important win for us, and I'm happy," said Dr. Uwe Stender, SA coach.

The next home game for the Panthers will be on Saturday at 10 a.m. against Butler.



▼ SOCCER

# SA overcomes slow start to beat Carlynton

By John Loriot  
Staff writer

The Sewickley Academy boys soccer team overcame various obstacles to collect its eighth win of the season, beating Carlynton, 5-1.

"We looked really good out there on the field after we decided to play," said Sewickley Academy coach Dr. Uwe Stender.

After senior co-captain Bill Miller racked up two goals, SA slipped up slightly.

"We missed some big opportunities, and we made a costly defensive mistake," said Stender.

That "mistake" was a defensive foul that allowed Carlynton's Larry Fingers to score on a penalty kick.

At one point in the game, Carlynton's coaching staff was issued a yellow card as a result of constant sideline complaining. That, according to Stender, was another knife in the Panther back.

"The crowd started in on the referees then. Yelling and screaming. I think that they intimidated them. So after that, they (Carlynton) would push us all around, and nothing.

"But if we looked at one of their guys, we would get a foul."

However, Sewickley Academy jelled



**THE ACADEMY'S** offense puts pressure on Carlynton's defense.

together and became a united force.

"I am very proud of the team for not trying to retaliate against their players, and get more fouls as a result," said Stender.

Bill Miller scored a third goal, and Bill Derence and Mike Mele each chipped in one.

"After Derence's goal, we had the momentum of the game, and the guys on the field then decided that we would not let Carlynton win," said Stender.

As a whole, Stender is very happy with his 8-5-2 team.

"We have been moving the ball a lot better than we did at the start of the season. Our communication has also improved. We still need to improve even more in those areas, but we've progressed well. We've got a lot of hard work ahead."

The next SA home game is Tuesday, Oct. 14, against Our Lady of the Sacred Heart at 4 p.m.

**GIRLS' SOCCER**

# QV downs Hopewell in overtime

Tessie Vezza's goal ties teams for first

By John Lurinc  
Staff writer

It took a while, 100 minutes to be exact, but the Quaker Valley girls' soccer team is now tied for first place in their section.

On Monday night, the Lady Quakers hosted the Lady Vikings of Hopewell, who handed QV its only loss of the season. It was payback time.

Retribution, however, did not come easily.

The first half ended scoreless thanks to tough defensive performances from both teams. Sharon Floyd and Amy O'Connor were the stalwarts for QV.

In the second half, cracks appeared in both teams' defenses, and both teams capitalized. QV got goals from Ashley Pyle and Melissa Ryerson, but Hopewell also tallied two goals.

It was time for overtime.

The extra play was dominated by the Lady Quakers as the Lady Vikings managed only two shots on goal. Both of those were gobbled up by keeper Carolyn Orsini.

The winning goal came off the foot of Tessie Vezza, and Quaker Valley came away with the 3-2 win. Barring a loss by either team the rest of the way, they will share the section championship.

"It feels good," said QV head coach Amy Adams. "This was a game we needed to win if we wanted to look toward the playoffs. We played well, and I'm happy."



## FOLLOW THE LEADER

Sewickley Academy defender Adam Bender-Heine takes off on a break-away run as Carlynton maintains hot pursuit. But the host Cougars couldn't catch up to Bender-Heine or the Panthers as Sewickley Academy posted another section win last Thursday evening.

Photo by Tim Krikston

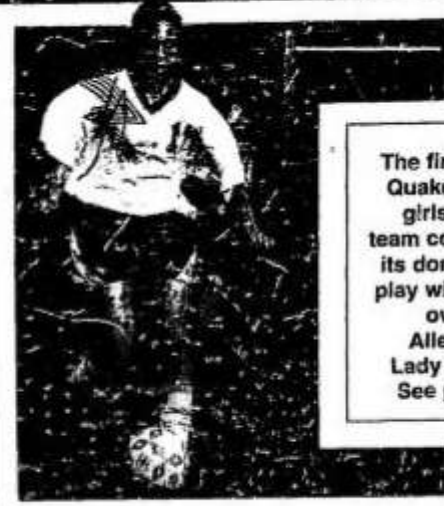
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team continued  
its dominating  
play with a win  
over West  
Allegheny's  
Lady Indians.  
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# WHAT GROWING PAINS?



The first-ever QV girls' middle school soccer team

## Middle school team having perfect year

By John Lurie  
Staff writer

The Quaker Valley middle school girls' soccer team is going for perfection.

In their inaugural year, the girls have a perfect record thus far of 8-0. They have recorded five shutouts, and they have outscored their opponents by an astonishing amount, 52-3.

"The girls are really the ones that deserve a lot of the credit," said QV coach Brian Slencak. "They are the

ones doing all the work. I just coach them. And they are having a great year."

There are 23 seventh- and eighth-grade girls involved in the soccer program, and their conference consists of North Allegheny, South Allegheny, Pine Richland, Ambridge, Riverview and Carlynton. All of the girls are given an opportunity to play in the games.

The incredible, undefeated success of this new team is a result of the girls, according to Slencak.

"All of the girls have dedicated them-

selves to working very hard. They practice as hard as they can, and that carries over into the game situations. The whole team is very skilled and they work well as a unit."

Among the leaders of the Lady Quakers are Kari Unger, Sara Vogel, Madalaine Koyle, Elizabeth Hay, and Heather Whittmer.

"We've had a lot of excellent support from parents and from the administration, and we are having a great first season," said Slencak.

An unbeatable season, to be exact.

▼ SOCCER

# Lady Quakers rout West Allegheny, 10-0

by John Larkin  
Staff writer

The Quaker Valley girls soccer team scalped the West Allegheny Lady Indians, 10-0.

From the onset of the game, the Lady Quakers took charge of the game with their dynamic ball control and street-smart passing skills. The West Allegheny girls, who were suffering from having three of their starters not able to play as a result of injuries, never had a chance.

The soccer ball spent the majority of the time at the Indians' end of the field.

Quaker senior Tessie Vezza scored three goals, and sophomore Kelly Norris had a pair. Other Lady Quakers that added to this rout, were Ashley Pyle, her sister Alyssa Pyle, Christine Tomana, Annie Corcoran, and Emily Hogan.

The defensive part of the team, espe-



cially co-captain Tish Hittinger and Hillary Somerset, also deserved a share of the spotlight, allowing West Allegheny an abysmal three shots on goal in the entire game. Goalie Carolyn Orsini prevented those shots from entering, and racked up her 10th shutout this season.

With a near perfect performance on the field, such as this one, the Quaker Valley girls will be a force to reckon with in the playoffs.

The last QV girls' game in the regular season will be tonight (Wednesday) at Chuck Knox Stadium against Ambridge. It will be Senior Night. The junior varsity starts at 6 and the varsity plays at 8.

**MEGAN PARRIS, QV midfielder, gets the ball upfield.**

SPORTS

# SA girls fall 3-1

By John Larkin  
Staff writer

The Bethel Park Lady Blackhawks soared over the Sewickley Academy Lady Panthers, 3-1.

In the first half of the game, Bethel Park methodically tore through the excellent SA defense racking up its three goals. It would have been four, but an excellent defensive play by Emily Knies prevented it.

The Lady Blackhawks were tough and swarming on defense, not allowing the SA attack of Tara Utchel, Virginia Nimick, Deborah Gettleman, and Ali Grenert any clear opportunities to strike. At times, the Blackhawks were successfully able to triple-team the Lady Panther with the ball, without allowing any room for breathing, let alone escape.

Then came the second half.

Sewickley Academy was recharged. Bethel Park was still tough, but no longer infallible, which was how they appeared in the first half. First off, they did not score any more points. And second, the Lady Panthers were able to find occasional cracks in the defense, and then took some clearer, cleaner shots.

The lone SA goal was a work of art. Virginia kicked the ball from the far corner, and Tara, standing in front of the goal, headed it in. Picture perfect.

Other fine performances came from Sara Donatelli, Chrystal Condon, Deborah Gettleman, Sarah Grenert and Gloria Lozano.

The final game of the regular season for the Lady Panthers is at Vincentian today (Wednesday) at 3:30.



**SEWICKLEY ACADEMY** battled Bethel Park admirably in the second half, but the Lady Blackhawks' 3-0 halftime lead was too much to overcome.

*Photo by Tim Krikston*

▼ BOYS' SOCCER

# Quakers, Bridgers fight to tie

By John Larica  
Staff writer

The Quaker Valley Quakers and the Ambridge Bridgers shared two things last Thursday. My award for the most imaginative nicknames for a soccer team, and an inability to score against each other.

The game ended in a scoreless tie.

This inability to score did not come from lack of effort, however. Both teams displayed impressive performances on both offense and defense. In fact, that is why neither team could capitalize.

They were mirror images of each other, and as a result, an equal challenge to each other.

Craig Madara, Brian Smith, and Chris Mauney each showed superior footwork and endless stamina. Shane Hogan was very aggressive, and Peter Christof was everywhere doing everything.

Reed Rickert's poise and determination was so concentrated that he was a forward possessed. When he had the ball, he did everything humanly possible to score, but the stingy Bridgers defense prevented any penetration.

As did the Quakers. The Bridgers did have one straight-away, open-field shot on goal, but at the last second, James

D'Alessandro had a beautiful sliding steal to thwart the shot.

For a game that had no scoring, there was a lot of action, and a lot of superior play. That is what prevented the game from being a disappointment. Since both teams played so well, it would have been a shame to give a victory to either side.

## SA boys

The Sewickley Academy boys' soccer team won two of three games last week.

The Panthers embarrassed Chartiers Houston, 10-0. In that game, senior co-captain Bill Miller and junior Mike Mele each racked up three goals. Bill Derence, Lenny Muckle, Grant Martsof, and Andres Vivas each had one.

The SA boys were also successful in beating South Fayette, 5-0.

A fabulous second half by the boys returned them to the Section 1 pole position.

Miller showed his impressive leadership by converting a Mele pass for a goal. D.J. DiMarco added a beautiful header after a Ryan Thompson free kick.

The defense, again with Mike Rafalko and Ivan Soldo, played tough and prevented any serious South Fayette penetration. Miller finished a

DiMarco pass for the next Sewickley goal. Derence converted a quick Kyle Baughman throw-in. Finally, Pat Baughmann prepared a David Riordan goal with incredible hustle and commitment.

The SA boys' two game win streak ended against Penn Hills as they lost to Penn Hills 2-1.

With 37 seconds to go in the first half, Penn Hills capitalized on a defensive error for the 1-0 lead. Sewickley started the second half in a furious manner, but the tough Penn Hills defense held firm, crushing four SA opportunities in a row.

SA was finally able to capitalize after Miller was fouled. Derence scored on the penalty kick. A defensive mistake allowed Penn Hills backup goalkeeper Nate Kinchel to score the game winning goal.



# Quakers oust Moon Area in overtime

By John Lorick  
Staff writer

It wasn't easy, but the Quaker Valley boys' soccer team tamed the Moon Tigers in overtime, 1-0. As a result, the 15-3-2 QV boys clinched the Section 5 title.

On a cold, see-your-breath night at Chuck Knox Stadium, the first half of the game was a defensive battle. The Quakers were not able to take a shot on goal from within 30 feet for approximately the first 20 minutes of the game.

Goalie Alex McGroarty and the Quaker defense were just as tough, preventing any serious Tiger offensive threat.

The frustration from both teams

was becoming apparent, and there were some physical and verbal altercations taking place. A few yellow cards were issued to Moon, and that seemed to add fuel to the tense fire of the game.

With less than a minute to go in regulation, QV had a prime opportunity to break the scoreless tie, but freshman forward Peter Christof was unable to convert, and the game went into overtime.

In the first of two overtime periods, Moon came out blazing. The Tigers raced down field and took a shot, but a fine defensive play by midfielder Brian Smith ended the threat.

The pressure was getting higher and higher.

As Quaker Brian Kisio was driving to the goal, there was a controversial sliding foul called on Moon. This fired up the Moon coaches, and various verbal warnings were given to the by the referees. Moments later, senior midfielder Craig Madara scored, giving QV the lead.

By this time the tension was tangible. The Tigers took more and more shots officials saw as cheap, and their issuing of yellow cards backed up that claim.

The ugliest incident was when a Moon player blatantly decked Christof.

Christof was all right after a few minutes, and the Quakers picked up the win. That made Christof and his teammates feel that much better.

▼ SOCCER

# Academy avoids early danger, beats OLSH 7-1

By John Loric  
Staff writer

The Sewickley Academy boys' soccer team put the finishing touches on another fine season by electrocuting the Our Lady of Sacred Heart Chargers, 7-1.

From the onset of the game, SA took charge — pardon the pun — and sneaked through a crack in the OLSH defense with superior footwork and passing. Bill Derence scored first, quickly followed by Bill Miller, giving the Panthers a two-point lead.

A breakdown on defense caused the Chargers to score their lone goal, cutting the SA lead in half.

But after Andres Vivas went forcefully down the sideline

and scored an authoritative goal unassisted, the momentum went to SA, and it never left the Panthers.

Derence scored two more goals, Miller had another one, and David Lally, and Zac Zaluski each added one giving the Panthers, plenty of insurance.

Strong defensive performances by Ivan Soldo, Ryan Thompson and Dan Usaj helped goalie Bill Aloe prevent OLSH from causing too much damage.

Other good outings came from Scott Kennedy, Connor Kirsch, Lenny Muckle and Grant Martsof.

The Sewickley Academy boys will be entering the playoffs. SA will have a first-round bye.

## ▼ GIRLS' SOCCER

# Academy wins 4-1

By John Lortie  
Staff writer

What a difference a half makes.

The battle between the first-place Sewickley Academy Lady Panthers and the second-place Vincentian Lady Royals commenced with a frustrating first half. Neither team was able to generate any significant offense. Meredith Daniels and Sara Donatelli were very aggressive preventing any penetration.

And for SA, the offensive triumvirate of Virginia Nimick, Tara Utchel, and Gloria Lozano were kept under wraps. They were not allowed to take any shots on goal that were further 20 or 30 feet away from the goal. The attempts were stopped easily by the Royals' goalie. The first half ended in a scoreless tie.

Then came the second half. Minutes into the second half, the Royals' coach was issued a yellow card. That acted like a red flag waived in the face of the Lady Panthers. After that they were unstoppable.

Virginia, calm, cool, and collected marched right down the field and drilled in the first goal of the game. Deborah Gettleman followed suit minutes later. The two then joined forces, and Virginia scored her second goal off a nice pass from Deborah.

The Lady Panthers were sitting comfortably with a three-point lead, when the Royals slipped one just past goalie Sarah Grenert's reach.

As the game was winding down, Ali Grenert had a corner kick that Tara headed in for a beautiful icing-on-the-cake goal, and the Lady Panthers ended their regular season with a 4-1 win.

As a result, SA will earn a bye before the playoffs.



## QV holds off Ambridge, captures section crown

By John Loria  
Staff writer

Note to the Quaker Valley girls soccer team: Replace Queen's "Another One Bites the Dust" with "We are the Champions."

The Lady Quakers ended their regular season with on a cold, clear night at Chuck Knox Stadium against the Ambridge Lady Bridgers.

It was Senior Night for Quaker Valley, and the Lady Quakers wanted to end their season on a high note. Senior Melissa Ryerson and freshman Megan Parris scored the first two goals of the game.

Ambridge was not going to go without a fight, and the Bridgers kept on fighting. With just over seven minutes left in regulation time, Ambridge's Justine Elliot broke through

the tough QV defense and scored a goal, cutting the QV lead in half.

Quaker Valley answered the call with tough offense of its own.

Right after that Ambridge goal, QV's offense, led by senior co-captain Tish Hittinger, Alyssa Pyle, and Melissa Ryerson took control. With five minutes left to go, each took strong shots on goal, but the rejuvenated Ambridge defense did not break.

Moments later, the Bridgers retaliated by heading downfield with a full head of steam, but a smart, strong defensive play by senior co-captain ended that strike.

The Quaker Valley girls held tight and won the game 2-1. The win secured the section championship; QV beats out Hopewell.

▼ BOYS' SOCCER



**BILL MILLER** of SA launches a shot on goal. Miller scored twice.

## Panthers advance with 6-1 victory

By **John Levine**  
Staff writer

The Sewickley Academy boys' soccer team started the playoffs with a bang, beating the Freedom Bulldogs 6-1.

On the frozen tundra of Nichols Field, SA came out charging. Bill Derence, and his great, swift feet scored the first goal of the game. Throughout the game, Derence was perfection.

Freedom came back to answer Derence's goal running down the field, but a strong defensive play by Ivan Soldo crushed the attack.

Mike Mele scored the second goal of the game on a nice Connor Kirsch pass, and it seemed at this point that SA may have had the game in control.

But, Freedom came back and Bulldog Garrett Kemp placed a shot

over the arms of an outstretched Bill Aloe. The SA lead was cut in half, and momentum started going to Freedom.

Just before the first half ended, some superior footwork and passing by SA resulted in a Adam Bender-Heine goal. That goal ended the threat from Freedom.

Grant Martsof scored the fourth goal of the game from from a Mele assist. Mele earned his paycheck in this game with his superior passing skills.

Bill Miller raced down the field unassisted and unescorted, outsmarted the Freedom goalie and scored, making it 5-1.

And as a fat lady was in the background singing, Miller scored another goal from a Martsof assist.

"If we continue to play as a team, we will be all right," said SA head coach Dr. Uwe Stender.

## ▼ GIRLS' SOCCER

# SA triumphs in shootout

The first 110 minutes of the Sewickley Academy-Quaker Valley girls' soccer matchup were irrelevant.

It would take a shootout to decide this crosstown rivalry, and Sewickley Academy emerged with a 2-1 victory.

The first goal of the game came quickly, as SA's Virginia Nimick broke through the QV defense and slipped one past goalie Carolyn Orsini.

With 53 seconds left before half-time, Ashley Pyle placed a goal past Sarah Grenert to tie the score at 1-1.

The next 70 minutes went scoreless, and the shootout ensued.

Quaker Valley shot first. Tessie Vezza scored. Alyssa Pyle's shot went wide right. Melissa Ryerson's shot was blocked by Sarah Grenert, but officials said Grenert moved too early.

Ryerson got another try, but her next attempt was wide left. Hilary Somerset made good on her shot and Ashley Pyle was blocked by Grenert.

SA was next. After Gloria Lozano's shot was blocked by Orsini, Nimick, Ali Grenert and Tara Utchel scored to give SA the victory.

SA faces Springdale next.

## Quaker Valley boys get rare early exit from WPIAL playoffs

By John Larinc  
Staff writer

The Quaker Valley boys soccer team lost to the South Park Eagles, 1-0.

As usual, the QV boys came out ready to conquer, but offensively, although impressive, they were not able to produce any points.

In the first half of the game, the Quakers had three prime opportunities to capitalize, but they not able to score. Part of it was a lack of concentration, which led to shots that were either too high or too wide. Another factor was the sticky, line-like defense of the Eagles. The other, most destructive factor was the excellent, Quaker-killing performance of Eagle goalie Matt Boehm.

On defense the Quakers were near perfect. In the first period, midfielder Chris Mauney prevented an early attack by sliding and stealing the ball from a charging Eagle. The one misstep of the QV defense —and it later

proved to be fatal —was when the Quakers allowed Eagle Calvin Snee to penetrate. He was able to get past goalie Alex McGroarty, to score the only goal of the game.

Offensive threat Reed Rickert was double teamed at times, and was unable to get a clear shot on goal.

The closest QV came to scoring was when Mauney stole the ball and passed it to Peter Christof. He shot, and Boehm dove and blocked it, but the ball was sitting unprotected in front of the goal, just out of Boehm's reach.

Unfortunately, no Quaker was close enough to respond, before the Eagles recovered.

### QV girls

In the first round of the playoffs, the Quaker Valley girls embarrassed the McGuffey Lady Highlanders, 8-0.

How bad did the Lady Quakers make McGuffey look? The Lady Highlanders had only one shot on goal in the entire game.

The QV girls sure did play, tearing up the field with their trademark aggressiveness. Offensively, senior co-captain Ashley Pyle scored three goals, as did sophomore Tessie Vezza. Freshmen Megan Parris and Leigh Miller each added one goal to the total.

The tough defensive play of QV, especially senior co-captain Tish Hittinger and Hilary Somerset, was a prime factor in helping goalie Carolyn Orsini record another shutout.

From the onset of the game, the Lady Quakers were the stronger, faster, smarter, better team on the field. Eighty minutes later, that statement became a matter of the record books.

### SA girls

The Seton LaSalle Lady Rebels shutout the Sewickley Academy Lady Panthers for the last 75 minutes of their game. However, SA was able to shutout SLS for the entire 80 minutes.

The Lady Panthers won the first

round of the playoffs, 1-0.

The lone goal of the game was scored on a Tara Utchel free kick five minutes into the game. That is not to say the game had no action. Far from it.

Both teams played superbly.

As usual, the SA defense was strong. One of the first strong offensive drives by Seton LaSalle was quickly stopped by Sara Donatelli. Jessica Engelhard had an enormous play also. She prevented another Seton LaSalle scoring threat, by reaching over and blocking a shot, while on the ground.

Goalie Sarah Grenert had a few saves also, and she picked up yet another shutout.

Offensively, as usual, the SA girls were near perfection. Virginia Nimick, Chrystal Condon, Ali Grenert, Deborah Gettleman, Gloria Lozano, and other Lady Panthers played well, but were unable to put any other points on the board. But, in the end, it didn't matter.

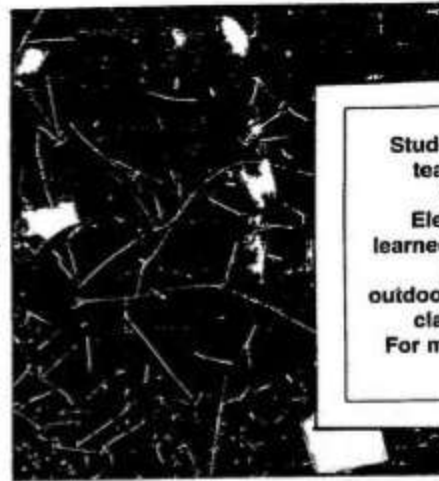
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## ▼ WPIAL SOCCER



**SILVER STARS:** The Sewickley Academy girls' soccer team saw its magical run to the WPIAL championship ended last week as Springdale scored a 2-1 victory in the title game. Still, it was the best finish ever for the Lady Panthers and head coach Ed Walters. For more on the game, see Page 19.

# Springdale defeats Academy for title

By John Lerkac  
Staff writer

**N**ice girls finish second. The Sewickley Academy girls' soccer team is the runner-up in the 1997 WPIAL AA Championship after succumbing to the Springdale Dynamos, 2-1.

On a warm, clear night at Carl Newman Stadium, the SA girls were forced to present a strong, defensive front against the Springdale powerhouse offense. They had no other option.

The defense of Sara Donatelli,

Meredith Daniels and Katie Van Sluyter, whose performance has improved dramatically over the course of the season, extinguished many Dynamo attacks.

Even the offensive part of the Lady Panthers had to drop back and play some defense, and Virginia Nimick, Tara Utchel, and Ali Grenert did it well. Kathy Kilker and Colleen Minnock also gave played aggressively.

Goalie Sarah Grenert had her hands full, blocking and catching many Springdale shots. She had an excellent game, with some highlight-

reel worthy saves. But two shots got through, and the Dynamos had a two-point lead as time began to wind down.

The two tallies were all the Dynamos needed.

In the closing minutes of regulation time, a bright offensive spark emerged for SA, and with 17 seconds left in the game, Gloria Lozano scored on a direct kick, cutting the Springdale lead in half.

Next up for the Lady Panthers will be a trip to the state tournament. The road to the PIAA title begins Saturday.



▼ **PLAYOFF SCENE**

# SA Panthers take lead in quarterfinals

By John Lorinc  
Staff writer

Within the first few minutes of the boys' soccer quarterfinals game, it became apparent that it was not a question of whether or not Sewickley Academy would win the game. Rather, the question was how much would they win by.

The answer at the end of regulation was four. The SA boys beat Elk County Christian High School 5-1.

From the beginning, the Panthers out-hustled, out-passed and outsmarted the Elk Crusaders. It took 18 minutes before the boys could turn that dominance into any points, but Bill Miller ended that by rebounding a Bill Derence shot for the first of his two goals.

Derence scored next, coming off a nice assist from Ryan Thompson.

The Crusaders were kept under control, but late in the first period, they started downfield with a strong drive. As they closed in on the goal, Miller and Lenny Muckle emerged and stole the ball, ending the threat.

Early in the second half, the Crusaders charged again, but Scott Kennedy broke up the attack. After that, with one exception, it was all Sewickley Academy.

Next, Mike Mele drilled in a goal to extend SA's lead to four.



**DYNAMIC DUO** of Miller (11) and Derence (20) combine for three of SA's five goals in quarterfinal win over Elk County Christian.

*Photo by Tim Krikston*

However, the Crusaders did not drive two and a half hours on a cold, cloudy Saturday morning to go home empty handed.

With nine minutes left in regulation,

Tony Undercoffer headed the ball over Mac Bryson, who was subbing for Bill Aloe.

In the closing minutes, Mele got another goal in the left corner.

# SA Lady Panthers score in title quest

By John Lorinc  
Staff writer

And her name is G-L-O-  
RRRRR—GLORIA.

I know that Van Morrison lyrics do not always work well in print, but his garage band classic, "Gloria" seemed appropriate this time.

Sophomore Gloria Lozano scored both of Sewickley Academy's goals in their 2-1 victory over the Villa Maria Victors, continuing the Lady Panthers PIAA title quest.

This victory is significant, in the respect that the Lady Panthers have never gone this far in the post-season before.

The Victors struck first with a Kris Klaus goal that got past SA goalie Sarah Grenert. Sarah had six saves in the first half, but the Victors had a 1-0 lead.

Gloria tied the game with her first goal, coming off an assist from Virginia Nimick. And after that, both teams went into a drought, and were unable to score in regulation time.

Sewickley Academy had been impressive with their ball control, footwork and their passing, but no one could turn in any points.

The game went into overtime.

The first two ten-minute overtime periods passed, but again no one was able to score again and break the 1-1 tie. There was a strong defensive performance on both sides of the field.

Sarah Grenert had prevented five Victor shots from entering the



**ON THE RUN** is sophomore Gloria Lozano who sparked the game with her two goals.

*Photo courtesy of Chuck Van Sluyter*

goal, while Sewickley Academy had 11 shots denied.

Overtime was extended yet again, into a five-minute sudden death period, in which the first team to score would win.

It was all or nothing.

With 77 seconds left in sudden death, Gloria scored on a direct kick to enable

the Lady Panthers to continue on in the playoffs.

Gloria was just one of the five Lady Panthers who were acknowledged as All-Stars. Virginia Nimick, Tara Utchel, Sarah Grenert, and Sara Donatelli were the others given the recognition. Tara was also named All-State and All-American.



## ▼ SOCCER-PLUS

# Gold medalist brings winning message to Quakers

By John Lorinc  
Staff writer

If soccer is seen as some sort of religion in the Sewickley area, then a new chapter was recently written in its bible.

The scribe, or prophet, if you will, was Julie Foudy, a co-captain of the 1996 Olympic gold medal U.S. women's soccer team.

With sponsoring provided by Reebok, Ms. Foudy, the 1991 Player of the Year by Soccer America, met with the three Quaker Valley soccer teams.

After sharing a handful of globe-trotting, soccer-related anecdotes, such as the thrill of playing soccer in front of 78,000 spectators in Atlanta or being part of the first women's soccer team to get the gold in the Olympics, Ms. Foudy expressed the prime reason for her visit: Reebok has originated the first child labor-free soccer ball.

In Ms. Foudy's words, "We would rather see children playing soccer than stitching the balls."

Reebok is the first company to make this guarantee, but that vow is not merely for bragging purposes.

According to Ms. Foudy, the point is for Reebok's athletic counterparts to "follow our example and help us end child labor."

Ms. Foudy went to Pakistan and visited a soccer ball factory. Inside, she saw 12- and 13-year-olds stitching soccer balls. It took an average of three-and-a-half to four hours to complete the 1,500 stitches required for one soccer ball.

The majority of soccer balls in the world — about 95 percent — come from Pakistan.

Reebok decided to combat the child labor problem head on, and in an unprecedented fashion, the company built its own soccer ball factory in Pakistan.

"To do something like that

was unheard of," said Ms. Foudy.

Inside of the factory, there is strict monitoring to ensure that no children are working on stitching the soccer balls.

"It's a huge step," said Ms. Foudy.

Another major point stressed during this visit to Quaker Valley was the importance of education.

"When you get older, go to (a college) that is strong academically. Rely on your education, and always take it seriously," said Ms. Foudy, a medical graduate of Stanford.

"Always make school your first priority."

Ms. Foudy practices what she preaches. She had a 4.4 grade point average in high school and turned down athletic scholarships from other colleges to attend Stanford.



IN THE spotlight is Julie Foudy and QV's undefeated middle school soccer team.

# ONE AND DONE

SEWICKLEY ACADEMY emerged victorious from the PIAA finals, held in Hershey last weekend.

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## Single goal lifts SA boys to title ...

By John Lertz  
Staff writer

Just the fax.  
In the locker room prior to Sewickley Academy's shot at the state title against Fleetwood, Dr. Uwe Stender, head coach, read the team a fax from a friend who was in a similar do-or-die situation.

"The fax said 'Don't change. Don't get too nervous. Play this game just like any other game. Relax.' It seemed to work, because they just went right out to the field and did the warmups," said Stender.

Sewickley Academy emerged with a 1-0 victory and the state Class AA crown.

"It's fabulous. I'm in a slight daze. It all went past like a blur. I'm elated. It's what we've been working

### Three named to game

On Sunday, Nov. 23, at North Allegheny, three SA Panthers will be performing in All-Star games. Derence and Ryan Thompson will be in the 1 p.m. game, and Bill Miller will be in the 2:30 game.

on for the past four years," said Stender. "We looked very good out there.

"We played with a lot of intensity. The guys that came in from the bench played great also."

On defense, Ivan Soldo, Mike Rafalko, and Kyle Baughman were "stingy" with the Fleetwood offense. Scott Kennedy, described by Stender as "one of the most overlooked play-

ers in the western part of the state, if not the entire state," shut out Fleetwood's dangerous striker.

Goalie Bill Aloe had seven saves.

"The key to this victory was that no one carried this game. No one had to. Everybody put out a strong performance. Great teamwork," said Stender.

Both teams played tough, so tough that neither was able to score in regulation.

Three minutes into the first of two overtime periods, Bill Derence passed the ball to Lenny Muckle. At that second, on the sideline, Stender got very excited.

"I knew that if Muckle would get that pass cleanly, he would score."

Needless to say, Muckle did get the Derence pass, and the winning goal.

# ... knocks SA girls from contention

The clock struck midnight on the Cinderella season of the Sewickley Academy girls' soccer team. SA lost to the Springdale Dynamos 1-0.

"We had a spectacular season. We set a lot of goals, and we matched them, and in some cases, we surpassed them," said SA head coach Ed Walters.

Playing against the 19-3-1 Dynamos in the PIAA Class AA semifinals, the Lady Panthers were looking for a little revenge. Springdale had beaten SA 2-1 in the WPIAL championship game.

The Lady Panthers gave a much stronger performance in this game against Springdale, but the weak link in the game — which was the same problem in the first matchup against Springdale — was the fact that SA could not penetrate the stingy Springdale defense.

The Dynamos outshot the Lady Panthers at a rate of 21-4. The SA defense played tight and disrupted many Springdale attacks. Goalie Sarah Grenert, who had 13 saves in the first half, spent a lot of time in the line of fire.

On two occasions, a crowd of Lady Panthers and Dynamos were entangled in front of Sarah and the goal. Both times, Sarah got injured.

The first was an elbow to the head, which sidelined her briefly, as freshman Kristen Sutcliffe replaced her. In the second half, moments after Springdale scored the lone goal of the game, Sarah received a leg in the thigh, causing her to be taken out for the rest of the game. Kristen had five saves in the remainder of the game.

The SA girls finished their impressive season with a record of 19-4-2.

# QV middle school girls' soccer finishes undefeated

By John Loring  
Staff writer

If an athletic debut can foreshadow the next few seasons, then all of the girls' soccer teams that play the Quaker Valley Middle School will be in truckloads of trouble.

The QV middle school girls went undefeated in 13 games in their first season, but that is only half of the story. What is really impressive is the manner in which the QV girls annihilated their opposition.

Quaker Valley outscored the other teams by an incredible score of 78-6. In other mathematical terms, for every one goal scored against QV, the QV girls racked up a dozen.

The team consisted of 23 girls — nine eighth-graders and 14 seventh-graders. Every girl played in every game. Liz Hay, Heather Whittmer, Madelaine Coyle, and Cari Unger were the team captains.

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Goalie Sara Vogel racked up seven shutouts, and was supported by a strong defense.

According to Brian Slencak, head coach, "The girls showed a lot of promise for next year."

So, for all the teams that play the QV Middle School girls next season, consider yourselves warned.

## Battle of bench

The U.S.F.C. Gym of Moon Township, Mike DeGori Personal Training, and Duro Products of Sewickley held the Battle of the Bench and Deadlift '97 last week at the U.S.F.C. Gym.

"We didn't have the number of contestants we normally get, but nevertheless, there was good lifting in both competitions. This area has a lot of good lifters, and quite a few champions come from this

area," said DeGori, who was the event's meet director.

Tim Briggs of Scott Township won the award for the Best Bencher, setting a new record. Steve Kirit of Moon Township broke another meet record, lifting 675 pounds.

## QV hockey

The Quaker Valley JV Hockey team got off to a strong start with a win, beating North Catholic 3-2 at Cranberry.

Behind goals by Tim Hawley, Tom Michael, and Sherif Taher, the Quakers dominated play early and the defense withstood several key penalty kills in the third period to make the win stand up.

Goalie Chris Utley was strong in goal with 25 saves.

## Hall of Fame

Quaker Valley Hall of Fame Association is taking requests for funds from Valley organiza-

tions.

Interested groups are to submit a written request to the association detailing what the money would be used for and how much is needed. Groups also are to include a copy of their budgets.

Requests should be sent to the association 30 days prior to when the money is needed. Send to P.O. Box 527, Sewickley 15143-0527.

For more information, call 594-4323.

The next meeting of Quaker Valley Hall of Fame Association will be at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 1, at Quaker Valley Middle School.

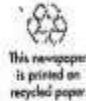
## Boys' soccer

To advance to the PIAA finals, Sewickley Academy avenged an earlier loss to East Allegheny by winning 1-0.

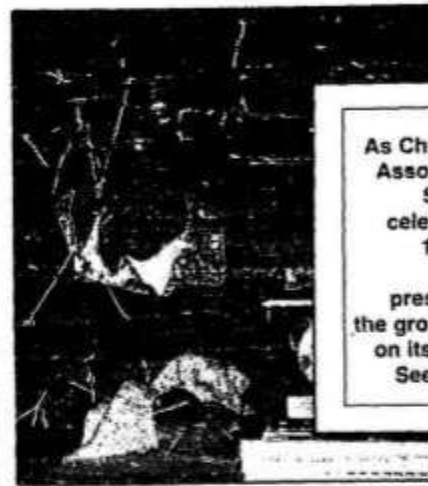
The Wildcats had not given up a goal in postseason. Bill Miller's goal ended that streak.

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■ Hail to the champs!  
Sewickley Academy  
boys' soccer team's  
state title is honored  
with a photo spread  
inside.

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# Five Lady Panthers named All-Stars

By John Lorinc  
Staff writer

The Fab Four came from Liverpool, England. The Fab Five — not to be mistaken with the University of Michigan men's basketball team led by Chris Webber — comes from Sewickley Academy, Pennsylvania.

Sara Donatelli, Sarah Grenert, Gloria Lozano, Virginia Nimick, and Tara Utchel, members of the Sewickley Academy Lady Panthers 19-4-1 soccer team, have been recognized as All-Stars.

That is not to infer that these five players were solely accountable for the SA girls' most successful season ever, which saw the girls reach the WPIAL championship. Far from it.

Head coach Ed Walters confirmed that with a comment he made in September, a week after this historic season started.

"This is one of the best teams I've had since I've been here," Walters has been coaching since 1974.

The entire SA girls' soccer team deserves a round of applause for the successful season. The five All-Stars just happened to provide a stronger guiding force, but that kind of leadership is useless if it is not supported by a capable and willing backup support system.

In other words, Sara, Sarah, Gloria, Virginia, and Tara led the SA team in the same sort of way that John Lennon led The Beatles into recording the song "Revolution." Lennon provided the spark, but the three other Fabs performed as if it was their own inspiration.

As a result, the finished product was undeniably a community effort.

Sara, senior co-captain was part

of the strong SA defense. Throughout the season, Sara was around the ball because of her very nature.

"I love the competition of playing soccer. You are always trying to beat the other player. You always have to be the first person to get to the ball, regardless of what it takes," she says.

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**"This is one of the best teams I've had since I've been here." — Ed Walters,  
September 1997**

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Walters moved Sara from offense to defense for her final season in an SA soccer uniform. And he had sound reasoning.

"She's really tough. Physically and mentally. There's quite simply no getting around her."

Sara also had little difficulty, if any, adjusting to her new position.

"On defense, I just kept thinking about how to position the ball, and to clear it downfield."

On the field, Sara was quite often the immovable wall that caused the unstoppable object to finally cease.

And by the occasional fluke whenever an opponent would get by Sara, there was another enormous headache to encounter. That, of course, was to figure out a way to get a shot past sophomore goalie Sarah Grenert.

"She's the number one goalie in all of Division 2. Outstanding," said Walters.

Sarah, who has been playing soccer for half of her 16 years, started her career casually in her North Carolina school, at recess with fel-

low classmates.

"After I moved (to Pennsylvania), my friends asked me to play soccer, and so I did," said Sarah.

Sarah's strength as a goalie is her ability to play at certain angles, which makes, in Walters' words, "the goal seem smaller to shoot at."

Lateral mobility is also an enormous factor in her success. That does not mean Sarah's time inside of the goal are a walk in the park, however.

"It's very nerve-racking inside the goal. You're always working under pressure. I used to be on the field, but I like being in the goal better."

Why?

"I like to be under pressure. I don't know why. I work better that way I guess."

Don't mess with sophomore Virginia Nimick.

"She's very dangerous," said Walters. "Speed, skills, moves, a no-quit attitude. She's an incredible player."

A former California girl, Virginia has been playing soccer since she was 6, and has tried to improve as a player on a daily basis since then.

After being the team's second leading scorer last season, Virginia asked Walters what she could do to strengthen her performance.

"He told me to work on my (left) foot and to work on my vision on the field."

So she did. And it shows.

As a sport, Virginia likes soccer because, "It's a team sport. It's very diverse, and there are specific areas that specific people are good at. It's very fun to work together as a

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team.”

Sophomore Gloria Lozano is the gunslinger of the Lady Panthers. Her foot could and should be registered as a lethal soccer weapon.

“She’s got a bullet of a shot,” said Walters. “She distributes the ball well. Very accurately, and she can possess the ball through tough defenses.”

Perhaps some of her power on the soccer field is hereditary.

“My dad played soccer in Spain. And he was my coach for a long time on other teams. We were always playing soccer at home. Always,” said Gloria.

And although Gloria has been playing soccer for a decade, the game has not lost any of its appeal.

“I’m always trying to anticipate what is going to happen next. I think that other players don’t always do that. I also love the game, because it’s very

exciting to me.

“In soccer, every goal is huge. It’s significant. In something like basketball, people score a lot more often.”

Soccer also has family ties with junior co-captain Tara Utchel.

“My older brother and father got me interested in soccer. I always saw my brother as a role model. He’s a great athlete. I always did what he did,” said Tara.

Well, there are things that Tara has done in her own right. She has been the Lady Panthers’ MVP and leading scorer for the past two seasons. The 35 shots she either kicked or headed into opponents’ goals this season have brought her career total to 81.

“She’s got absolute hustle, fantastic vision, and a tremendous touch,” said Walters. “She’s a great player.”

On the field, Tara is cool, calm, and collected.

“When I’m out there, I just want to have fun. Anything and everything I do is for the team. I like to be challenged, and soccer challenges me. I’m always trying to keep pushing myself higher and higher,” said Tara.

So, how does it feel to be an All Star?

“It’s a great honor, and it’s even nicer because the five of us made it together,” said Sara.

“This feels so great. It helped cheer us up after the game against Springdale,” said Sarah.

“It’s very rewarding. I wanted to get it last year, so it makes me appreciate it more this time,” said Virginia.

“It was a big goal of mine to achieve, and I’m very happy,” said Gloria.

“I feel like I’ve accomplished my goal,” said Tara.

And goals are something that these five Lady Panthers know quite a bit about.

# BELIEVE IT

## Academy boys lived dream season

By John Loring  
Staff writer

**U**nbelievable. Those five syllables are the most frequent sounds from Dr. Uwe Stender and the Sewickley Academy boys' soccer team when asked to describe this past season.

Well, believe. The SA boys won the PIAA Championship by beating Fleetwood 1-0 in Hershey.

The Panthers are the No. 1 soccer team in the Keystone State.

Senior co-captain Bill Miller and senior Scott Kennedy were named the Most Valuable Players for offense and defense respectively. Senior co-captain Bill Aloe was the MVP of the playoffs.

Senior co-captain Ryan Thompson received the Coaches Award and senior Mike Rafalko picked up the Most Improved Player Award.

Senior Bill Derence and junior D.J. DiMarco were given "honorable mentions" by Stender.

"I wish I could give an award to everybody on the team. They are all deserving of recognition," said Stender.

**What a** long, strange trip it was for the Panthers. During pre-season practices, and after the first couple of games, SA felt confident.

"I was optimistic. I was looking forward to a great season," said Miller.

"I knew we had the potential to be very successful. The guys just seemed to combine right with each other," said Thompson.



**RYAN THOMPSON** and goalie **Bill Aloe** embrace following Sewickley Academy's state championship victory.

However, there were some potholes in the road to the top for the Panthers.

"After the first few games, things became a little rough. We had some injuries, and also we had lost a lot of great players from the year before," said Rafalko.

"We were a good team, but it took a little while for it all to click together. We had a little bit of trouble," said DiMarco.

"The one team that I was really worried about was Quaker Valley. But I felt that if we worked together as a team and used our skills to the best of our ability, we'd be able to work things out," said Derence.

Things did eventually start to work out. Stender made some lineup changes, and things started to improve.

"After (changes were made) everybody really started working well. That's when it all seemed to gel," said Aloe.

At one point in the season, Stender became ill, and needed dental surgery. According to Thompson, Stender's return from his sickness also helped put things back into perspective.

"When he came back, he was out on the field, running around and showing us moves and things that

we hadn't ever seen before. It was good to have him back, because we really missed his energy."

Now there was more juice in the Sewickley Academy battery.

**One** of the many important factors in SA's success was its versatility. For example, DiMarco had played five different positions over the course of the season. Other Panthers had to be adjusted as well.

According to Stender, Thompson's ability to "play any position that I needed him to," was an irreplaceable asset for Sewickley Academy's success.

Another plus was the strong Panther defense.

"The defense was really good this year. At times, it was just spectacular. I learned so much about how to play defense from my fellow defenders like (senior) Ivan (Soldo)," said Kennedy.

"And of course, having the greatest goalie around didn't hurt either."

Aloe finished his superb season as a goalie with 212 saves. He allowed only 10 goals to pass him in the regular season and did not allow any goals in during the state playoff games. He had 12 shutouts this season.

"He had some really awesome

performances this season. At times I thought he looked like a professional goalie," said Stender.

The offense was just as impressive. Stender called Miller the "engine of our offensive attack."

"He played a very important role in our offense. The others looked at him as some sort of inspiration. He has the ability to not only score, but also to set others to score," said Stender.

Derence, the team's leading scorer with 30 goals was described by Stender as "one of the best offensive players around. He's got incredible speed."

Most of the SA Panthers consider the victory against East Allegheny the biggest highlight of the season.

"That game may just have been the best game we ever played. We really pulled everything together," said Miller.

"We were so pumped up for that game, because we lost to them before. After we won that game, I knew that we had a pretty good chance to go all the way," said Rafalko.

The only thing standing in front of SA "going all the way," was Fleetwood.

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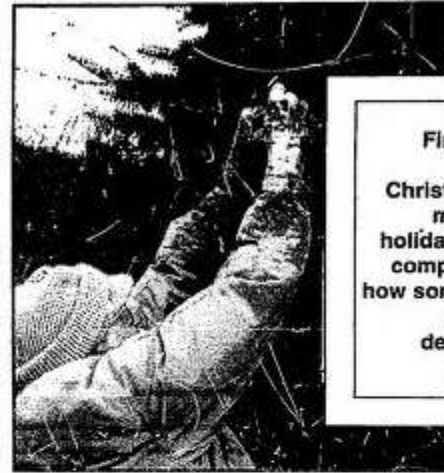
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## Sports



■ Four Quaker Valley girls' soccer players have been honored with All-Star status. See what the coaches have to say.

## Four Lady Quaker soccer players named All-Stars

By John Loring  
Staff writer

**T**essie Vezza, Joanna O'Connor, and Ashley and Alyssa Pyle were selected as All-Stars from the Quaker Valley girls' soccer team.

"This year we had a lot of team unity, and some really great leaders," said QV girls' head coach Amy Adams.

In addition to the aforementioned all-stars, Mrs. Adams also dubbed senior Tish Hittinger, and juniors Amy O'Connor and Sharon Floyd as "sort of my assistant coaches."

Senior Ashley Pyle made a big adjustment this season for QV. She changed positions from target to mid-field. According to Mrs. Adams, this change made Ashley more versatile, and "it made it easier for her to lead our attacks. She's got great leadership."

Assistant coach George Gaadt

believed the change in Ashley's position made her "a more complete player."

Ashley's younger sister, sophomore Alyssa, was the Lady Quakers' inside midfielder.

"She really matured in her confidence as a player. Her defensive performances were outstanding," said Mrs. Adams.

Gaadt specified what made the younger Pyle an All-Star.

"Size, skills, and an incredible shot. She's the top player in the WPIAL."

Senior Joanna O'Connor was on the defensive.

"She was our great stopper. Not only that, her distribution improved greatly. She has a lot of finesse, and she covered well. She has an instinct to where the ball is going to go," said Mrs. Adams.

"To have a great team of any sort, you need to have players like (Joanna)," said Gaadt.

Sophomore Tessie Vezza was one of



the offensive threats of the QV girls' offense.

"She has great speed and great ball control. She was very strong on the left side," said Mrs. Adams.

"She's the most natural female soccer player I've seen in many years. If every soccer player had have of her awareness, the game of soccer would be completely different than it is now," said Gaadt.

The success of the Quaker Valley girls' soccer team came from within.

"The entire team worked together, and went for the same goals. They motivated each other immensely, and that is why we had a great year," said Mrs. Adams.

**ALYSSA PLYE** is called "the top player in the WPIAL" by QV girls' assistant coach George Gaadt.

## Managers help teams run, provide support

By John Levine  
Staff writer

Every team, regardless of the type or activity, needs strong support. A dependable, muscular back-up system is needed to keep the main engine running smoothly and successfully.

The Sewickley Academy boys' soccer team had Jenny Daniels and Briana Ed.

Jenny and Briana, SA students, were the two managers who assisted SA head coach Dr. Uwo Stender his assistants with various team-related duties such as keeping statistics, running the scoreboard, collecting equipment, and, of course, boosting morale with loud cheers.

"They (the coaches) treat us with a lot of respect, and they really appreciate us being here," says Briana.

"I always liked soccer, but I ride horses six days a week and there is not enough time for me to play on a team anymore," says Jenny. "But I still wanted to be involved in some sort of way with soccer. And this has turned out to be a lot of fun."

Briana has been managing the SA Panthers for two years. Jenny has been there for one.

When the SA boys won the state championship 1-0, over Fleetwood, Briana and Jenny were there also, just like they had been all season.

The Quaker Valley boys' soccer team had strong support for their successful season also. Bridget Bly and Courtney Hamilton were the QV managers. This was the first year either of the two girls had been involved with managing.

"It was overwhelming at first. But we set up an outline, and soon enough it became fun. After a while we got the hang of it, and we had a great time," says Courtney.

"We got involved, because we just wanted to do more with the soccer team," says Bridget.

Courtney became interested in managing last year.

"I asked the girl (Linsay Warren) who did it last year how to do it. And I talked to (QV head coach) Mr. (Gene) Klein. After that, I agreed to do it.

"The thing is Linsay moved to Georgia, so I was stuck without a partner. So I asked Bridget to help me."

To get acquainted with managing, the two QV managers started out with going to the soccer scrimmages.

"For the first half, Bridget would watch the game, and I would keep the stats. Then for the second half, we would switch."

"I really liked going to all of the games. Seeing the games up close was a lot better than sitting in the stands," says Bridget.

Both girls will be returning next year to manage the Quakers.



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**Reed Rickert**

## QV captain All-State

Reed Rickert, captain of the Quaker Valley High School boys' soccer team and a junior at QV, received All-State honors at the annual WPIAL banquet.

He is one of 13 players selected for this honor. He was also named All-WPIAL, All-Section, and Section 5 MVP. He led the Section 5 Quakers in scoring this season.

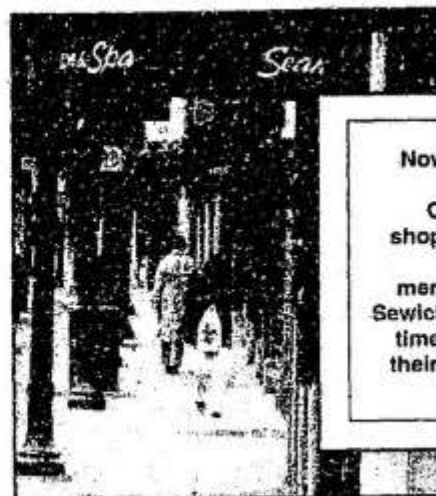
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