

CC downs Rice in final, 1-0

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Casey Cook is used to helping out his goalkeeper through his club soccer background. And it was that experience that helped Redford Catholic Central win the Class A regional Saturday at Southgate Anderson.

Cook led an inspired CC defense as the Shamrocks blanked rival Birmingham Brother Rice 1-0.

With CC clinging to the one-goal lead with approximately 13 minutes left in regulation time, Rice was dominating play and appeared to have tied the game as Mike Koval's shot sailed past CC goalkeeper Matt Kessler.

But Cook, standing just in front of the goal line, was able to clear the shot, preserving the lead.

"I've done that throughout club soccer; I guess I'm the assigned person to do that," said Cook, who made a similar play early in the game. "That was definitely the biggest save I've made in my high school career."

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The Shamrocks (13-6-2), who have allowed only one goal in their last five games, advance to the Class A quarter final at Warren DeLaSalle on Tuesday. They will face the winner of the Troy-Chippewa Valley game.

But being one of the final eight teams remaining was never expected of CC, which finished fourth in the Catholic League Central Division and failed to make it into the league playoffs.

"This is like a dream come true," Orsucci said. "We're on cloud nine and don't want to come down."

"We lost two games to DeLaSalle, lost to Rice and everybody thought we'd be out of this tournament early. But it doesn't matter who wins the league or who makes the conference playoffs; the only thing people remember is who went far into the playoffs."

It was CC's first regional title since the program began in 1982. When Orsucci played at CC in

1989, however, his team did advance to the state's final four before the regional format was developed.

"I think we have snuck up on people who thought we would fold," Orsucci added. "But now I think teams don't want to face us and may be afraid of us. Records don't matter now. It's important who the hot team is and who is on the roll."

The game was expected to be tight. The two squads split games this season with CC winning 2-1 before Rice came back to win a 1-0 affair.

Neither team carried play in the first half, but Shamrocks came out strong in the second half and scored the game's only goal five minutes into play.

Sophomore midfielder Andy Kogut sent a corner kick toward the net where Tony Moucoulis headed it past Rice goalkeeper Charlie Nicholas.

"I was on the near post and no one was coming over to cover me," said Moucoulis, a senior midfielder. "I told Andy to get the ball to my head and he did."

The goal stood as Kessler recorded his sixth shutout in goal.

But Kessler needed the help of his defense led by Cook and junior Jeff Boogren, who effectively marked Rice's playmaker, junior Jeff Beeler, throughout the game.

The Warriors (14-4-3) dominated play after the CC goal but couldn't score. Rice had 11 scoring opportunities with six shots on goal in the second half to CC's six chances and two shots on net.

"I thought we played well today and dominated play in the second half," Rice coach Jay Louis-Preziosi said. "We just couldn't finish. Shots on goal don't matter; the only thing that matters is how many find the back of the net."

"But you have to give CC credit; they were tough in the box today. They definitely protected the net well."

The Warriors had several excellent scoring opportunities late in the game. Koval bided for a goal with a header, but that was tipped just over the crossbar by Kessler. Kessler also robbed Jason Canfield with a diving save.



They're No. 1: Members of the division champion Farmington Phantoms under-12 soccer team are (front row, from left) Lindsay Dougherty, Rachel Liberty, Mary Atallah, Katie Keshishian, Rachael Button, (second row) Michelle Rzepka, Michelle White, Danielle Liebowitz, Leslie Orihel, Elizabeth Fullerton, Alana Knoppow, (third row) coach Steve Liberty, Alicia Orihel, Jess DiDonato, Jackie Andrusiak, head coach Steve White, Amy Paquette, Lindsay Kronzer and coach Vince Orihel.

Phantoms take division title

The Farmington Phantoms won the under-12 division championship in the Western Suburban Soccer League with a 2-1 victory over a Livonia opponent Oct. 26.

The teams had tied earlier in the season, 1-1. Farmington scored first in the rematch, but Livonia tied the score at half-time. The Phantoms scored the game-winning goal with 10 minutes left in the game.

Farmington completed 79 passes during the game as opposed to 55 for Livonia. Farmington had 17 shots on goal while the opponent had eight.

The Phantoms finished the season with a 6-0-2 record.

The players are Jackie Andrusiak, Mary Atallah, Rachael Button, Jess DiDonato, Lindsay Dougherty, Elizabeth Fullerton, Katie Keshishian, Alana Knoppow, Lindsay Kronzer, Rachel Liberty, Danielle Liebowitz, Alicia Orihel, Leslie Orihel, Amy Paquette, Michelle Rzepka, Michelle White.

The head coach is Steve White;

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the assistant coaches are Steve Liberty and Vince Orihel.

"The key to the season was the unselfish play of the girls and a stifling defense," coach White said, adding the Phantoms set the tone for the season in the first game, a 7-0 victory over Northville in which seven players scored a goal.

"The game starts with our forwards. The dribbling skill of Jess, the raw speed of Leslie, the hustle and spreading of the field by Rachael, Katie and Alana meant we could score at anytime on a breakaway."

"As a result, the other team's defense had to stay back and couldn't push up to help their midfielders or forwards."

"Consequently, our midfielders were able to dominate every team we played. If it wasn't the power of Jackie, Lindsay (Kronzer) or Amy dribbling through people and shooting on goal, it

was the unselfish passing of Danielle and Michelle (White) to anyone who was open that no other team could handle."

"Then, when a ball did get through our midfield, our fullbacks quickly cleared it. Alicia's quickness stopped anyone from coming down the middle, while Mary, Elizabeth and Rachel fought for every ball that came down the sideline."

"When an occasional ball did get through our defense, the aggressive play of our goalies (Jackie, Mary, Jess and Elizabeth) changing out of the net to clear the ball or cut down the angle resulted in very few shots on goal and four shutouts in eight games."

"Like any winning team, we needed players who could play any position. We were lucky to have two such players in Lindsay (Dougherty) and Michelle (Rzepka)."

For the season, the Phantoms outscored their opponents 637-296, outshot them 165-37 and outscored them 31-4.

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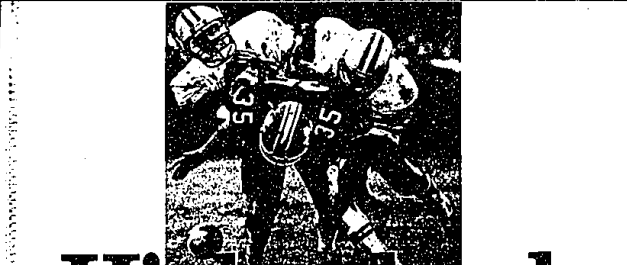
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Stevenson wins regional over Canton

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

You have to seize your opportunity when it comes in a close game.

Livonia Stevenson struck

when the time was right Saturday to nip Plymouth Canton, 1-0, and win the Class A soccer regional at Brighton.

Stevenson advanced to a quarterfinal match Tuesday night

against neighborhood rival Livonia Churchill.

"What about voting?" jubilant Stevenson coach Walt Barrett said after accepting his school's regional championship trophy. "I guess I'll have to vote early."

Paul Tokarsky netted the game-winner, a goal with 19:02 left to play that came out of a mill of confusion in front of Canton goalkeeper Ben Davis.

It began when the Spartans' Jim Bullock and the Chiefs' Dan Steinert collided while struggling for possession of a loose ball on the left side of the box.

Bullock and Steinert were scuffling, trying to get their conflicting points across without actually coming to blows. Referee Victor West was putting himself in the middle of the situation to keep things from escalating.

In the meantime, play continued.

"I was watching the box," Canton coach Don Smith said. "And the referee. They were still playing. I didn't even see the goal."

"The ball just popped loose," Tokarsky said. "It came out, thanks to Jason Roy, and I just shot it."

"I turned around," said Davis, who's attention had to be taken slightly by the action in front of him, "and he shot it. I just saw it when it was coming in."

The ball clanked off the goal post to Davis' right and banked across the goal mouth.

"It was a total miscalculation," Barrett said after his team raised its record to 16-2-1 with its second victory in three matches against Canton, which finished 15-3-4.

"There were four or five things going on at once," Barrett said. "The referee just let play go."

"That's the way it goes," Smith said. "We had a good run this season. I was proud of the way we played."

Both teams started like they knew they were involved in a one-goal game. Every offensive thrust was countered by a long-ball kick to midfield.

"When there's that much pressure in one game, it's just a matter of who wants it more," Barrett said. "We knew we could play with them. What we didn't know is whether we could stay in it mentally until the last second."

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