

Adams takes state crown away from Stevenson

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Rochester Adams was just five minutes away from settling for the first-over state co-championship in Michigan girls soccer history, but Michelle Perun would have no part of that.

The junior midfielder won a ball in the air, pushed the ball upfield and rifled a wicked shot into the upper right-hand corner of the net to give the Highlanders the outright Division I championship, 2-1, in a thrilling double-overtime victory over two-time defending state champion Livonia Stevenson (10-5-1).

Adams (21-2-2), a 3-0 loser last year to Stevenson in the title matchup, took home its second state championship in school history (the first coming in 1992).

"It was nerve-racking out there at the end," Adams coach

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Ralph Torre said. "Obviously, it's an incredible feeling to win a state championship."

The goal, coming with 5:35 left in the second 15-minute overtime, capped a dramatic end to a tooth-and-nail struggle before 600 fans at Plymouth Canton.

"At first I thought it was over (the net), then I saw that it was in — I was shocked, I just froze after that," said Perun, who also scored the equalizer with 17:16 with left in regulation. "It felt just great."

Play resumed Monday night at Canton when a scoreless game was suspended after 23 minutes into Saturday afternoon because of lightning and thunderstorms.

Under significantly cooler skies and the wind whipping

from the northwest, Adams continued to carry the action as evidenced by its 31-9 shots attempted advantage, including a 16-6 shots-on-goal margin.

"They (Stevenson) did a great job defending against us," Torre said. "They were able to take what we were throwing at them. That was the tough thing breaking through the nine or 10 players they had back there."

"We talked about (our controlling play), especially in sudden-death overtime, where you give up one opportunity and you're done."

The Spartans smelled their sixth girls state title in school history when Michigan's new Miss Soccer, Andrea Sied, taking a loft-footed direct free kick, placed the ball over the Adams defensive wall and eluded 6-foot-11 highlander goalkeeper Eric Williams with just 2:40 to go.

But Stevenson couldn't hold the 1-0 lead despite keeping Adams' two most dangerous players — Abby Crumpton and Kristin Fisher — pretty much in check.

"We knew we couldn't run with them (Adams)," Stevenson coach Jim Kimble said. "We played a defensive, disciplined game because those two (Crumpton and Fisher) are too good. We wanted to sit back, play solid defense and counter-attack by getting the ball to Guskic (Lindsay) and Urbata (Megan)."

Kimble moved forward 1 Dana White back to keep a close watch on Fisher, while Cheryl Fox, who has been brilliant in the playoffs, marked Crumpton.

Perun's game-winning goal came after a brief lull in the action from just inside midfield.

"It could have been a fatigue thing, the play was more harm-

less than dangerous," Kimble said. "We just didn't track her down."

"Perun made quite a shot. It was a bomb to the upper right. She hit a good shot. There was nothing Hooker could do."

Perun, the team's second leading goal scorer (17), earlier had poked a rebound past Hooker to tie the score in regulation.

Then, she ripped a hard shot that left little doubt about the outcome.

"Michelle kind of went unmarked," Crumpton said of the game-winning play. "When I saw she had the ball I went wide, and I yelled at her to shoot it. Sometimes she won't even shoot when she's six yards inside the box. Sometimes she's too unselfish."

"But Ralph has always told us we were not a two-person team, and then come the surprises."

Perun may have been an unlikely offensive hero, but not as far as Torre was concerned.

"Michelle is a hard worker, very skillful and she's very willing to be generous as far as passing the ball," he said. "Next year she'll take on the center-midfield position in more of a pre-leading role."

For Stevenson, it marked the end of a marvelous tournament run after an uncharacteristic so-so regular season.

The Spartans lost just six seniors to graduation, including three starters.

"I was happy with the effort and their teamwork this year," Kimble said. "Hard work made them better and they never quit in their goal to get here."

"Fox was been doing it all year, and I couldn't ask for more from Andi Sied."

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Country Day wins title

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Saturday marked the last time that Jenni and Jacki Gatt would play a prep soccer game together, so the two Birmingham Detroit Country Day midfielders more than made the most of it.

Jacki, a sophomore, scored a goal off an assist from her older sister Jenni, a senior, and their teammates helped make it stand as the top-ranked Yellow Jackets (18-4-3) beat Muskegon Western Michigan Christian 1-0 for the Division III state girls title at Plymouth Canton. It was Country Day's first title since 1996.

"This is the last time we'll play together so scoring with her assisting kind of makes it that more special," said Jacki Gatt of her sister's cross. "I'm and that it's over."

Jenni Gatt began the play from the right corner, where she beat one defender and sent a high cross into the penalty box. Country Day freshman forward Sherin Kahn screened WMC senior goalkeeper Mandy Sipe, who deflected the cross, and Jacki Gatt was there from six yards out to bury a shot into an open net.

"It was me, Sherin and (Sipe), and the ball went through the goalie's hands," Jacki Gatt said. "I had a wide-open shot. I was hoping I wasn't going to miss, because I would have looked like a fool."

"This feels great. I never imagined going this far with this team."

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