Spartans win district title

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The back of one T-shirt said:
One more time in '99."

And, the way two-time
defending state champion
Livonia Stevenson performed
in a Division I district girls
soccer final Friday, the Spartans are far from rendy to
relinquish their crown.

The Spartans improved to
12-4-1 overall with a 3-0 triumph over rival Livonia
Churchill in a match played at
Livonia Franklin.

All three goals came in the
first half, one in the second
minute of action and the other
two during the final 1:09.

"We wanted to try and get
back to where we've been the
last two years, which is to be a
sound team defensively and
get on top of teams early,' said
Stevenson couch Jim Kinhle,
who cradled his fourth district
championabil tryphy in a row.
'And today we were able to get
into our game plan fortunately.

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The Spartans first goal was scored by sophomore Dana White off a corner kich from soinc captain Sarah Wittrock.

"We've talked and talked about corner kicks all year," Churchill coach Chad Campau said. "We lost to Brighton on three corner kicks (3-2). The goal early is deflating, but off a

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Churchill sottled down after White's goal, but the Chargers found themselves on their heels.

Sophomore goalkeeper Jennifer Gabon, who stopped sevoral point-blank shots, and freshman defender Sarah Phillips, who stopped four balls from going in herself, helped keep Stevenson off the board until sophomore Lindsay Gusick rammed home nebound with just under two minutes to play.

Senior Julie Murray them made it 3-9 with just eight seconds left off a corner kick after Phillips stopped the first shot from crossing the line.

"During a five or six-minute span we didn't work our hardest and it cost us," Campau seld. "Otherwise we did a pretty good job of limiting their opportunities. But Stevenson is a team that is phenomenal shape. And with their constant movement together, they're a tough team to beat."

Churchill, which bowed out at 9-6-1 overall, didn't put many shots on Stevenson goalkeeper Lesley Hooker.

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the Spartans don't lose much up front.

"Even with Gusick banged up, sho's still dangerous," Kimble said. Megan Urbata has been workhorse for us the last three weeks. She just has a sound, hard-working game.

"And with Fox and Sied back there, and everybody else filling in their roles, this team still believes it can still make a run."

Stovenson advances to the South Lyon regional to play the Dearborn district champ-Tuesday.

Salem nips N'ville in shootout

The final kicker, the Plymouth Selem player who had her team's fate in her hands,

her teum's fato in her hands, was Christen Shull. Which is the way it should have been. As her cosch, Doug Landefeld, put it: "She deserved it. She was the best player on the field for us." Shull, a junior defendor, was the Rocke' fifth shotor in the penulty kick round of overtime. Throe of her four temmates had converted. Northville, which was heating this Division I district semifinal game Thursday, had put two in the net behind

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Salem keeper Jill Dombrowski.
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Wo found a way to win,
said a relieved, although not
particularly pleased, Lande
idd. "And that's what it's all
about, isn't it?"
The victory, which improved
the Rocke' record to 11-5-2 and
put them in the district final
Saturday against Plymouth
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'I think it was a combination of two things,' asid Salem coach Mark Gregor after his team had collected its third-straight WLAA title, and fifth in eight years. 'No. 1 is, the athletes who really extend themselves in the regional have a hard time coming back in another big meet a few days later. I think that's what happened to Stevenson.

"We experienced that two years ago. We won the regional, then we really struggled at the league meet. We were fortunate then that we had enough depth to pull it out. Leat year we were fairly close but lost to Stevenson at the regional, then came back and had a great league meet and won it.

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No. 2 had to do with the Detroit Cass Tech factor. At regional, Cass hurt the Rocks—whose strength has been in the sprints this season—more than the Spartans. Also, losing to their biggest WLAA rival motivated the Rocks.

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"At regional, they wanted to qualify as many girls for state meet as possible. But not winning it didn't shatter them," said fergor. They came out a very determined group at conference meet."

One thing that did separate this Salem team from its previous two league champions was firsts. The Rocks won three events this time; they only won total of two the last two years.

Tiffany Grubaugh accounted for two of those wins, easily capturing the shot put (39-feet, 10-inches) and discus (137-11) titles. The junior standout, who also won both events at the regional, won the shot by more than five feet and the discus by better than 26 feet. She'll go into the Class A meet as a contender for a state title in both.

The Rocks' third first came in the 200-meter dash. Rachol Jones, who was edged at the finish in the 100 (she and winner Crystal Kumma of Western was the special Kumma of Weste

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champion Birmingham Groves in a district final last year, had to play well to overcome the Blazers, according to Neff.

"I was very pleased with the kids' performance, and we'll see what happens," he said. "Ladywood is a very good team, and we had to work bard to keep control.

"If we had gone out there and not played hard, we could yor easily have lost to them. The kids were up for it, and we're very happy we were able to pull it off.

"Ladywood did net drop back or give up at any time, even at the very end when it was obvious all they had a chance for





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