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BOYS' SOCCER CLASS 2A STATE QUARTERFINALS



Stillwater reaches semifinals on late goal

Having appeared in the past two Class 2A boys' soccer title games, No. 2 Stillwater came into its second 29th state tournament appearance with another deep run in mind.

The Ponies' opponent, unranked Lakeville North, had other plans in their quarterfinal match.


Midfielder Ethan Kimer scored what proved to be the game-winner for the Ponies (2-3-2) with 12 minutes, 36 seconds left to play in their 21-victory Thursday at Chisago Lakes High School. But goals were not easy to come by for Stillwater.

The Ponies struggled to find their way to the net through much of the first half. When they did, Panthers sophomore goalkeeper Evan Siefken, who had three shutouts during the Section playoffs, showed confidence as he ran out on incoming traffic to cut off many loose balls.

Lakeville North (2-2-2) struck first a little more than five minutes into the match on a sustained goal from forward Logan Lyden. The first half featured fast, physical play by both teams.

Stillwater took a different approach after halftime.

"We played so much more physical in the second half, and we tried to match their intensity off the ball," Stillwater coach Jake Smothers said. Stillwater led the score at 1-0



Max Percy (18) of Centennial and William Francis of Duluth East battled for the ball. Francis had two goals in the second half in the top-ranked Greyhounds' 4-2 victory on Thursday night at Chisago Lakes High School.

2A semifinals in 2017. After their victory over Centennial, the top-ranked Greyhounds (28-0-2) have found themselves back in familiar territory — only one victory from their first state title game.

Senior forward William Francis led Duluth East with two second-half goals, giving him 27 this season, and the Greyhounds' never trailed but couldn't get much separation from the Cougars.

"They put a couple in the net, and we were scored for a bit, but we were confident," Francis said. "We have two games left, and we believe we are going to win two more."

Duluth East forward Sean Brumaghian scored the first goal of the match in the 14th minute of the first half. It came only a few minutes after Centennial (2-1-1) scored the lead but midfielder Matt Howe's shot hit the left post.

The Cougars, rated No. 8, evened the score at 1-1 in the 20th minute on a goal from Demetrius Bernarthy-Nelson, his 27th this season.

Midfielder Michael Beckhoff put the Greyhounds back in the lead at 2-1 with 36:11 in the first half.

Francis then scored his first goal only in the second half. His long strike sailed just inside the left post to put the Greyhounds up 3-1.

The Cougars' defense held back

BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHEDULE

BOYS	GIRLS
Class 1A Quarterfinals - Duluth East vs. Centennial - Centennial vs. Duluth East - Duluth East vs. Centennial - Centennial vs. Duluth East Class 2A Quarterfinals - Stillwater vs. Lakeville North - Lakeville North vs. Stillwater Class 3A Quarterfinals - Duluth East vs. Centennial - Centennial vs. Duluth East Class 4A Quarterfinals - Duluth East vs. Centennial - Centennial vs. Duluth East	Class 1A Quarterfinals - Duluth East vs. Centennial - Centennial vs. Duluth East Class 2A Quarterfinals - Duluth East vs. Centennial - Centennial vs. Duluth East Class 3A Quarterfinals - Duluth East vs. Centennial - Centennial vs. Duluth East Class 4A Quarterfinals - Duluth East vs. Centennial - Centennial vs. Duluth East

GIRLS' TENNIS STATE TOURNAMENT

Maple Grove freshman beats two seeded opponents

Zoe Adkins knocked out the No. 5 and 4 seeds in Class 2A singles.

BY HEATHER JULE
Special to the Star Tribune

Maple Grove freshman Zoe Adkins doesn't have a seed number next to her name in the Class 2A singles bracket, but she's just another.

She proved that when she knocked out two seeded players in the girls' tennis state tournament Thursday at Bassett Tennis Center at the University of Minnesota.

"I'm just really happy that I played better this year," said Adkins, competing in her third consecutive state tournament. "Because last year, I

state, I didn't play as good. I wasn't able to compete as well. This year, I've gotten a lot better."

She defeated No. 5-seeded Kinloch Dorr, a senior from Princeton, 6-4, 6-2 in her first match before defeating No. 4 seed Annika Ehnstrom, a fellow freshman and Minnesota's top singles player, 6-3, 6-0.

Adkins earned her first state tournament victory after going 0-2 each of the past two years.

"I just didn't feel like I could win. I just didn't feel like I could win. I just like I was really in there and I could compete with the rest, so that

Ben Seyler. I knew where Ben was going to play if I won the net, and I just ran right through and scored. It felt amazing."

Duluth East 4, Centennial 2 It's been nearly one year since the Duluth East boys' soccer team's last loss, which came in the Class

one goal with Jesus Galvan-Garcia's goal midway through the second half. Francis then scored an insurance goal to make it 4-2 less than two minutes later.

Duluth East will face No. 6 Minnetonka (4-2-4) in the semifinals on Wednesday. The teams played to a scoreless tie in September.

"We know our opponent, we have tape on them, so we will be prepared," Duluth East coach Corey Richard said.

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Minnetonka 2, Wayzata 1: Alejandro Forner-Lago scored his seventh goal of the season midway through the second half, lifting the Skyppers (14-1-4) over the defending state champion Trojans (9-5-5) at St. Cloud State. Tommie Sergio Rhvas and Wayzata's Chance Kozmin traded first-half goals.

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St. Paul Central 6, St. Cloud Tech 1: Daniel Kavel and Aidan Covasyngh scored three minutes apart in the first half, and the Minnetonka (18-0-3) turned in a dominating performance in defeating the Tigers (14-2-2). William Hirt cracked a lob into the first half on a penalty kick. The Minnetonka scored three more times in the second half with Mac Skotcho getting two of the goals.

STAFF REPORTS

CLASS 2A RESULTS

Soccer
Quarterfinals
 - Stillwater 2, Lakeville North 1
 - Lakeville North 1, Stillwater 2
Class 3A
Quarterfinals
 - Duluth East 2, Centennial 1
 - Centennial 1, Duluth East 2
Class 4A
Quarterfinals
 - Duluth East 2, Centennial 1
 - Centennial 1, Duluth East 2

CLASS 1A RESULTS

Soccer
Quarterfinals
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 - Centennial 1, Duluth East 2
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Quarterfinals
 - Duluth East 2, Centennial 1
 - Centennial 1, Duluth East 2
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