

BOYS' CLASS 2A CHAMPIONSHIP DELASALLE 3, HILL-MURRAY 2 (SO)

# Perfect ending for DeLaSalle

Islanders top Hill-Murray, send Pioneers to final loss of season on penalty kicks

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DeLaSalle clashed with perfection Friday, and perfection took a beating.

The Islanders gave Hill-Murray its first loss of the season, 3-2 in a penalty shootout, and won the Class 2A boys' soccer state championship at U.S. Bank Stadium.

Spain Marcotomas' score in the fifth round of the shootout settled it, giving the second-seeded Islanders a 2-1 advantage.

"We've been practicing penalty kicks for a while. Anything can happen, and we were ready for it," Marcotomas said. "I just want for it with everything."

The Islanders (15-1-1) scored with 21 seconds left to send the game to overtime. Junior Steven Mueller's header took a free kick from 30 yards, near the sideline. He was credited with the goal, but there was confusion over whether it hit Islanders forward Kevin Carter or went straight into the net.

"I just saw chaos, really. Everyone was going crazy," Islanders senior Sam Sullivan said. "We were just so excited. We made sure to lock back in and finish out those last 30 seconds."

The top-seeded Pioneers (23-0-0) scored first, 20:18 into the game. Jacob Ditzner got



DeLaSalle players celebrated with their trophy after defeating Hill-Murray in the Class 2A boys' soccer state championship game.

the goal off an assist from Vasey Francis.

Senior defender Keo Sena set up a penalty kick with a 2:17 left in the first half as a yellow card caution was given to a Pioneers defender for a

tackle in the box.

Islanders' Lukas took a long lead pass from Taylor Petrich and guided it past Islanders goalkeeper Arman Stack with 2:06 left to put the Pioneers ahead 2-1.

BOYS' CLASS 1A CHAMPIONSHIP ST. PAUL ACADEMY 2, ST. ANTHONY 0

# Score hardly dominant, but Spartans are

Two quick goals were plenty for championship defense of Spartans.

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St. Paul Academy won its first two state tournament games handily, by 6-0 margins. Though the score in Friday's Class 1A state championship game wasn't quite as lopsided, the defense was more of the same for the Spartans.

St. Paul Academy defeated St. Anthony 2-0 at U.S. Bank Stadium to capture its fifth boys' soccer state title.

The No. 4-seeded Spartans (4-3-3) took a 2-0 lead into halftime with goals about eight minutes apart. First, senior Cooper Bollinger-Danielson pounced on a rebound right in front of the wide-open net with the Huskies' goalkeeper out, having made the initial save. Off a corner kick, senior Nathan Cohen extended the lead, with senior Vash Kohlsaat getting the assist.

St. Paul Academy had its



St. Paul Academy's Nathan Cohen chose a celebration slide after his first-half goal gave the Spartans a 2-0 lead over St. Anthony en route to the Class 1A championship Friday night.

last goal allowed was to Minnesota Academy in a 4-2 victory Oct. 8.

St. Paul Academy won four state titles from 1980-94, but the program hadn't appeared in a state championship game since 2012. The Spartans finished the season on a 12-game unbeaten streak. That last loss came Sept. 27 at Breck.

For unseeded St. Anthony (2-2-3), the runner-up finish marked the end of an almost perfect postseason in its first state tournament trip. Friday's loss ended its five-game winning streak.

GIRLS' CLASS 1A CHAMPIONSHIP ST. ANTHONY 3, ST. PAUL ACADEMY 2

# St. Anthony rides quick start to title

Huskies scored in first two minutes of both halves against St. Paul Academy.

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St. Anthony's girls' soccer team made its state tournament debut last year with a quarterfinal exit.

"We needed our redemption this year," senior Sierra Haberman said. "Redemption complete. The No. 4-seeded Huskies defeated third seed St. Paul Academy 3-2 to win the Class 1A state title Friday evening at U.S. Bank Stadium.

St. Anthony got on the board only 1 minute, 45 seconds into the game when senior mid-



St. Anthony's Eileen Cardona leapt high for a header Friday, getting the ball over St. Paul Academy's Heidi Draz (11).

fielder Eileen Cardona converted on a penalty kick.

The Huskies extended the lead to 2-0 only 1:11 into the second half on a goal from Anna Abd. Meghan Prybyla later made it 3-1.

The Huskies (14-3-4) won their first state title and finished the season with nine straight wins, outscoring opponents 49-9 in that stretch.

"We've basically the same team we were last year," Haberman said. "But that way we've improved, the way we've gotten closer all together is kind of crazy."

They knew they were in for a battle in the title game. Huskies coach Paul Dewberry said, "We just seemed to always

SCOREBOARD

FRIDAY FOOTBALL

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**CLASS 2A**

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**CLASS 16A**

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