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## BOYS' SOCCER CLASS 1A STATE QUARTERFINALS

# Holy Angels stays unbeaten with shutout

Holy Angels had what coach James Sew called a "shaky 90 minutes" to start the game. But Sew was impressed with the response a 1-0 lead in the 8th minute on a diving header by junior attacker Porter Ball.

"It's kind of fun to score a highlight goal in October, because often October's about managing games and mucking out results," Sew said. "It was an awesome response."

One goal was all the Stars needed on their way to a 2-0 victory over unseeded Worthington in a Class 1A boys' soccer state quarterfinal Wednesday at Farmington High School.

Ball scored just in front of the net after senior Peter Foley made a pass from the corner.

"It was a little behind me, so I just dove and headed it in," Ball said. "I kind of surprised it went in, but I was so happy."

Junior defender Connor O'Rourke also scored on a header for the Stars, making it 2-0 in the 56th minute with a perfectly timed jump off a corner kick from Ball.

The second-seeded Stars (9-0-1) are making their first state tournament appearance since finishing as state runners-up in 2003. The Stars, with 33 shutouts, have allowed only one goal all year.


Worthington (12-3-4) suffered a state-quarterfinal loss for the second consecutive year. Its best scoring chance came about three minutes in when senior Victor Alvarez sent a kick from about 20 yards out just wide of the goal.

HEATHER BOLE

**Austin 2, Holy Family 1** Lee Rich broke through for the Packers and Andres Garcia finished the job.

"They were blocking everything, and we just had to keep fighting [and] not let that distract us, and we did our job," Garcia said.

Junior Bennett Croeger gave fifth-seeded Holy Family (12-3) a 1-0 lead in the first half at Price Lake High School while the first-seeded Packers in check. Austin (12-3), the No. 4 seed, had chances throughout, especially on close shots by forwards



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Holy Angels players celebrated a first-half goal by forward Porter Ball (9) vs. Worthington. The Stars won 2-0.

It ended Holy Family's first state tournament trip.

"The really proud of my team," first senior defender Sawyer Schugel said. "We were not looked at as high seeds this year, and we came out and proved everybody wrong and made history with our program this year."

MATTHEW DAVIS

**Blake 1, Duluth Denfeld 0** It wasn't only first-seeded Blake at Chicago Lakes High School.

"The Hunters were organized," Blake coach Tomba Johnson said. "They kept it congested in their half. We were just trying to figure out how to stretch them out. They stayed really compact."

Will Mortenson found a way with 14:30 left in the game. He got behind the defense and got his shot under-riding Hunters goalkeeper Eric Gibson.

"I thought if I could get body position on their defender and get a shot off, I would have a good chance of scoring," Mortenson said.

JOE GUNTHER

**Bemidji 1, Mahanood 0** Junior Silas Hess has a knack for being in the right place at the right time.

He scored the lone goal, his 19th of the season, on a header after taking a perfect centering feed from his twin brother, Ben, in the sixth minute as the Lakeshore (12-2-2) eliminated the third-seeded Zephyr (8-3-0) at St. Cloud State.

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## GIRLS' SOCCER CLASS 1A STATE QUARTERFINALS

# Four metro-area teams shut out outstate foes

Orono won a defensive battle against Duluth Marshall 2-0 on Wednesday in a Class 1A girls' soccer quarterfinal game at Chicago Lakes High School.

With just over 15 minutes left in the first half, Anna Fouz turned and lofed a shot toward the Hilltoppers' goal. The ball sailed off the underside of the crossbar and over the hands of goalkeeper Natalie Weirink.

"I saw it and was like, 'Way as well go for it.' Getta take risks to get the reward," Fouz said. "I saw [Weirink] was coming out a lot. I saw I had an open shot, so I took it."

Moments later, Kenley Frueter got her head on a crossing pass and directed it past Weirink for a 2-0 lead for the second-seeded Spartans.

"I actually imagined that in my head," Frueter said. "I was like, 'I need to take a header' and the ball came right to my head. So, I just flicked it in and, thankfully, it went in."

The Hilltoppers (8-6-1) had their best scoring opportunity with just over 20 minutes left in the second half. Victoria Thornton received a penalty kick but Spartans goalkeeper Ciara Gage deflected her shot off the crossbar and over the net.

The Spartans (12-1-1), led by junior defender Ally Swenson, limited the Hilltoppers to only three shots on goal, including one in the first half.

"Ally is always important for us," Spartans coach Erin Murray said. "She is super speedy. She is not our biggest defender, but she always keeps her in the back, especially against fast players."


"We just know that she will go anywhere on the field and kind of zone us."

JOE GUNTHER

**Holy Angels 2, Mankato West 0** The Stars made the most of their scoring chances at Farmington High School and scored their 10th shutout victory this season, despite Mankato West's best efforts.

"That's been us all year," Holy Angels coach David Manshak said. "We play defense, we find a way to score a goal or two."

The Stars took a 1-0 lead in the 18th



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Orono midfielder Natalie Brockman (17) hit Duluth Marshall's Emily Lemmer for control of the ball.

grader for the Red Knights playing in the state tournament.

"It's always intimidating going up against older players, especially seniors," said Cassidy, a member of the Red Knight's 2017 and 2018 state championship teams.

Dietrich looked at home and she and the senior midfielder teamed up for the first two goals in the Red Knight's victory at Price Lake High School. Dietzen scored the first goal of the first half on an assist by Cassidy, who has committed to Division I Chicago Loyola. Dietzen then found Cassidy for the second goal.

"I knew she could make the shot," Dietzen said.

The third-seeded Red Knight (14-4-2) controlled possession, but Eagles goalkeeper Lauren Nichols settled in. The Eagles (12-2-2) became aggressive offensively in the second half but missed opportunities, including a chance for a close-range shot by Eagles senior attacker Ritzmey Genovinski that got poked away.

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"It was pretty frustrating. We always want to get one in," Genovinski said.

Bemidji-St. Margarets answered with a free kick goal by senior midfielder Katie Tucker for a 3-0 lead with 39:40 left in the match.

MATTHEW DAVIS

**Mahanood 0, Bemidji 0** The defending state champion Zephyr (11-5-1) were the better team from the outset at St. Cloud State. Junior Audrey Sorenson scored the first of her two goals in the fourth minute — the also scored in the second half — converting a rebound after senior Sofia Meyer's initial shot, cancelled off the crossbar.

Junior Lauren Heinach and Sydney Paak also scored in the first half as Mahanood built a 3-0 lead.

Anna Wagner, another junior, added a second-half goal after assisting on the final tally of the first half. Freshman Audrey Berry closed out the scoring in the final two minutes.

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## BOYS' 2A, 1A SCHEDULES

**Monday - Quarterfinals**

**2A**

- Central (12-3-0) vs. Duluth (11-6-2), 5:30 p.m.
- Bemidji (12-2-1) vs. Hilltoppers (12-1-2), 7:30 p.m.

**1A**

- Holy Angels (12-2-0) vs. Stars (12-3-1), 5:30 p.m.
- Worthington (12-3-4) vs. Packers (12-3-1), 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Oct. 24 - Final phase**

**2A**

- Duluth (11-6-2) vs. Hills (11-6-2), 5:30 p.m.
- Hills (11-6-2) vs. Bemidji (12-2-1), 7:30 p.m.

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