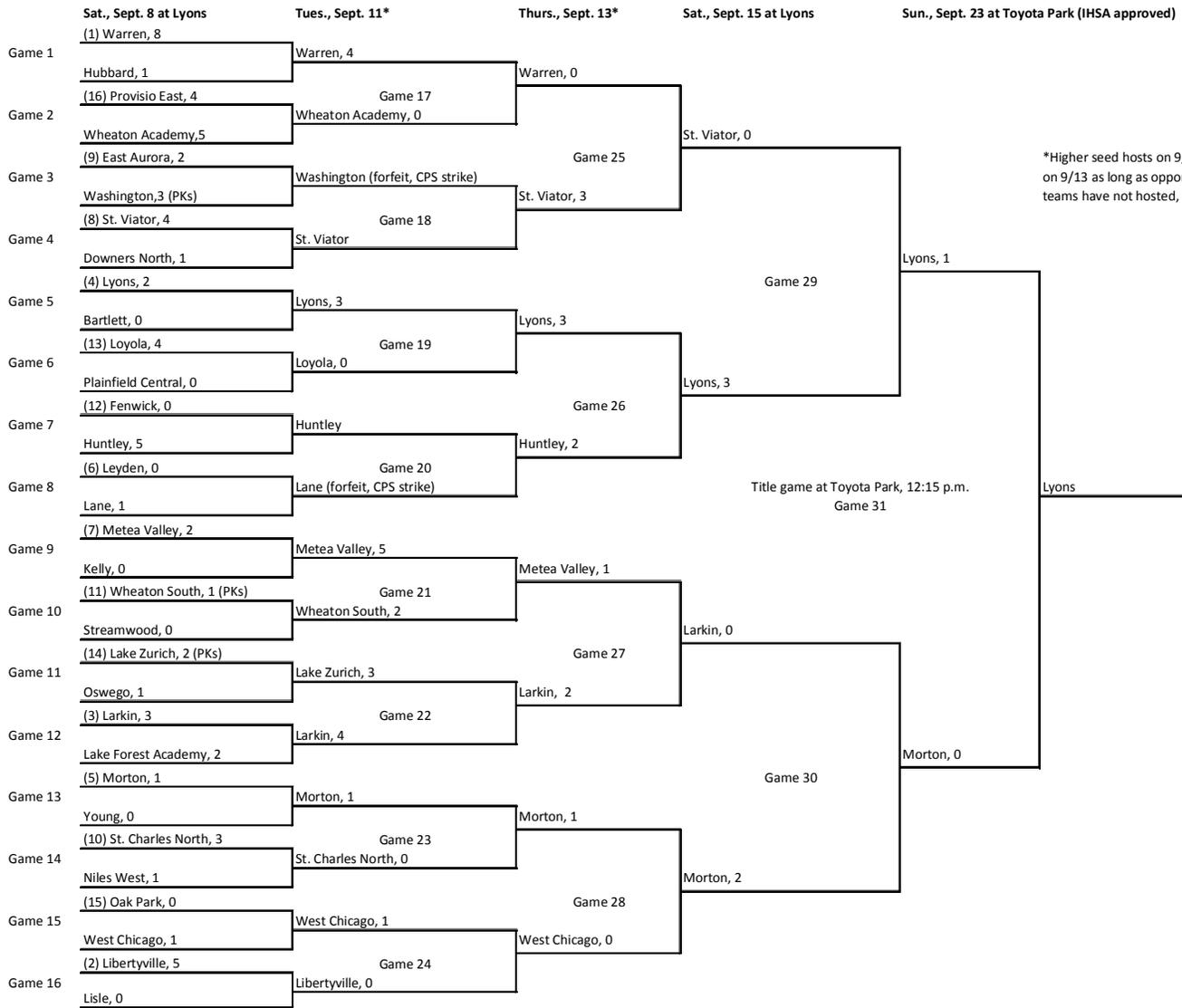


2012 Boy's Tournament

2012 PEPSI SHOWDOWN BRACKET – WWW.PEPSISHOWDOWN.COM



*Higher seed hosts on 9/11; Higher seed hosts on 9/13 as long as opponent has hosted. If both teams have not hosted, higher seed hosts.

2012 PEPSI SHOWDOWN RESULTS

SUNDAY, SEPT. 23 (IHSA approved)

Lyons 1, Morton 0

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 RESULTS

Home team listed second

MUSCLE MILK EAST FIELD 1

Leyden 4, Lake Zurich 3

Loyola 2, St. Charles North 2

Lake Forest Academy 1, Downers North 0

Metea Valley 2, Huntley 1

Lyons 3, St. Viator 0

NIKE MIDDLE FIELD 2

West Chicago 2, Warren 1

Morton 3, Larkin 0

Libertyville 2, Wheaton South 1

Streamwood 3, Leyden 2

Oak Park 2, Wheaton Academy 1

PEPSI WEST FIELD 3

Fenwick 1, Oswego 0

Bartlett 1, Lisle 0

Proviso East 5, Niles West 3

East Aurora 3, Plainfield Central 1

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13 RESULTS

PEPSI BRACKET

St. Viator 3, Warren 0

Larkin 2, Metea Valley 1

Lyons 3, Huntley 2

Morton 1, West Chicago 0

MUSCLE MILK BRACKET

Wheaton Academy 3, Plainfield Central 1

St. Charles North 4, Lake Forest Academy 1

Oak Park 3, Loyola 1

Lake Zurich 3, Bartlett 1

Fenwick 3, Niles West 2

Libertyville 4, Proviso East 2

Streamwood 1, East Aurora 0

Leyden 2, Wheaton South 1

Oswego 2, Lisle 1

Kelly 0, Young 0

Lane 0, Washington 0

Downers North 1, Hubbard 0 (forfeit)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 11 RESULTS

PEPSI BRACKET

Metea Valley 5, Wheaton South 2

West Chicago 1, Libertyville 0

Lyons 3, Loyola 0

Morton 1, St. Charles North 0

Larkin 4, Lake Zurich 3

Warren 4, Wheaton Academy 0

MUSCLE MILK BRACKET

Hubbard 0, Young 0

Oak Park 1, Kelly 0

Plainfield Central 5, Lisle 1

Niles West 1, Lake Forest Academy 1

Downers North 2, Oswego 0

Proviso East 5, Fenwick 3

Streamwood 2, Bartlett 0

Leyden 3, East Aurora 1

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8 RESULTS

EAST FIELD 1

Metea Valley 2, Kelly 1

Wheaton South 1, Streamwood 0 (PKs)

Libertyville 5, Lisle 0

West Chicago 1, Oak Park 0

Loyola 4, Plainfield Central 0

Lyons 2, Bartlett 0

MIDDLE FIELD 2

Morton 1, Young 0

St. Charles North 3, Niles West 1

Lake Zurich 2, Oswego 1 (PKs)

Larkin 3, Lake Forest Academy 2

Warren 8, Hubbard 1

WEST FIELD 3

Huntley 5, Fenwick 0

Lane 1, Leyden 0

Washington 3, East Aurora 2 (PKs)

Wheaton Academy 5, Proviso East 4

St. Viator 4, Downers North 1

Blogs

Downers Grove North

9-12-2012

Mike Raines, #20

With high hopes regarding this tournament, we were crushed with our first round 4-1 loss to St. Viator. Starting off on a bad note was heart breaking to most of the team, considering it would be the last Pepsi showdown we'd ever be a part of. Our second round game finished with a 2-0 win, despite our poor performance against Oswego high school. A penalty kick scored by our keeper Jim Barkei to make the score line 2-0 didn't seem to stop Oswego from several good chances on goal towards the end of the match. The downers grove soccer program as a whole was extremely disappointed with how we played last night.

9-5-2012

Mike Raines, #20

Starting the season with 7 returning varsity starters has given us high hopes for this years Pepsi Showdown. Last year we were a very young and inexperienced team, but with many of us having one, two, or even three years of varsity experience. Because of this, we're ready to make a statement this Saturday, setting the pace for what we believe will be a very strong performance in the Pepsi Showdown, and then carrying onto our conference. We like the fact that we weren't given a preseason rank, because people don't know what to expect out of us. A good amount of our pre-season training has consisted of keeping our fitness up, because of this, we're able to field several 80 minute players. Great team chemistry, talent, high work rates, and creativity with the ball at our feet are all things that will make every game we play this tournament worth watching.

Fenwick

9-12-2012

As we head into the game Thursday vs. Niles West we are looking to get our first win of the tournament after losing our first two games to Huntley as well as Proviso East. We have been working hard in preparation for the game and have high expectations for a win. We fought valiantly against Huntley after coming back from losing 2-0 to tying it up 2-2. The game then went back and forth from 2-2 to 3-2 then to 3-3 and finally Proviso broke away and won the match 5-3. We wish them the best of luck in the rest of the tournament. During this season we have made some key changes in our starting players and their positions. We are hoping this new formation will help us get the win on Thursday. Best of luck to all teams and Go Friars!

9-6-2012

Jacob Peterson, GK

The Fenwick soccer team is very excited to participate in the Pepsi Showdown tournament again this year. We always love the atmosphere and competition the Pepsi provides. This year we expect to do very well, we have a very dynamic team in which almost every player can play any position. We have put in a lot of work in the summer and are expecting a huge payout for that work this year. Unfortunately we started a little rocky considering we currently have a 3-2 record, but we expect to have a great season. We wish the best of luck to all teams participating in the tournament and we are excited to play some quality soccer come Saturday.

Hubbard

9-8-2012

Erik Rodriguez
Midfielder - Junior

We played against Lane Tech to start our season, and I think that we did well as a team. We were getting used to playing together and covering each other's positions, but we've fixed those problems in the practices since our game. Lane had a really good team and played a solid game against us. Small mistakes cost us the game. We are looking forward to playing in the Pepsi Showdown

tournament and think that we have a good chance of doing well. We are really confident and know what we have to do to win. This is a chance for us to show people who don't usually get to see us play, that the city has enough talent to play at a high level. We are looking forward to playing Warren and seeing what we have against one of the best teams around. They will be tough to beat, but if we apply what we have been working on in practice, then we should do well. It should all be an amazing experience! Go Hounds!

Huntley

9-15-2012

Lucas Baker, Eduardo Gonzalez, Jakub Rys

After tonight's loss, our team felt that we played one of our best games yet. The opposition was fast, technical, and physical. Although we were defeated 3-2, my team felt very accomplished. We came back after an early 2-0 deficit and tied the game 2-2. Unfortunately, they scored a couple minutes later to take the lead in the first half. No goals were scored in the second half, but both sides had plenty of chances. The second half was intense and eventful including a few cards. But all respect to Lyons Township for getting a win fair and square. I felt that my team held our own against a highly ranked team.

9-12-2012

Lucas Baker, Eduardo Gonzalez, Jakub Rys

While we are excited to be moving on to play Lyons Township in the quarterfinals it is with heavy hearts for the Lane Tech players. We watched them play on Saturday and were very impressed. We know that it would have been a very difficult and competitive game. We hope you are able to return to your season soon. Best of luck.

9-10-2012

Lucas Baker, Eduardo Gonzalez, Jakub Rys

After the Saturday game we are proud to be in the place that we are in. Fenwick was a good team even though they played short-handed. The quality of play was good from both teams. We also feel like we handled the game very well. We are looking forward to playing on Tuesday.

9-8-2012

Lucas Baker, Eduardo Gonzalez, Jakub Rys

As captains, we are proud to be showcased in the Pepsi Showdown for the first time. We are aiming to make a name for Huntley boys' soccer this year. We are ready to show our talents to all the college coaches that will be attending the showcase each game. We are excited and very appreciative of this opportunity that is in front of us.

Kelly

9-8-2012

Francis Cruz #16

This year our team is more excited to participate in this year's Pepsi Showdown than any other year. Our team has worked hard this entire summer getting fit and becoming united. We've started out very well this year, with a 3-3-0 record being undefeated and getting better as every game goes by, we feel we can do anything this year. For many of us it's our last year and with that being said we are putting more effort to do the best we can. This year's team is the best team in recent years, with a squad that has great chemistry and with very high quality players in the entire team. We feel that our passing ability and our talent will give joy to all those attending in this year's tournament.

We are looking forward to having a great start in this year's Pepsi showdown and show that dedication pays off. "Kelly Pride"

Lake Forest

9-8-2012

Robin Skinner

This will be the very first time a team from Lake Forest Academy will be playing in the Pepsi Showdown. We feel honored and thrilled to be competing with the quality of teams participating in The Pepsi Showdown this year. We have started off our season well, winning the Evanston Invitational Tournament last week. Many of our players have been playing together all 4 years on varsity. We have been training hard this season and hope we give our competitors a good match this coming Saturday. We wish everyone participating safe competitive play. See you on the pitch.

Lake Zurich

9-8-2012

Danny Suerth

"It's klobberin' time!" That's the motto of the Lake Zurich Boys Varsity Soccer Team. This is the type of team that everyone is proud to be on, we're more than a team, we're a family. Throughout practice we push each other to become ever better players. We practice how we play, and we go hard whether it is practice or a game. Although we may not have been winning our games, we always leave the field knowing that we gave our everything and that our time will come. We will play our hearts out during The Pepsi Showdown, and we won't be an easy team to beat. We have all the pieces; we just need to put them together. We will strive.

Lane Tech

9-10-2012

Jordan Flores

As Lane Tech had a good start to the beginning of their soccer season they entered pepsi showdown with great enthusiasm and high hopes. Other teams in the tournament knew Lane Tech as a formidable opponent and hoped to see them somewhere down the line. With Lane having such great teamwork and chemistry they knew working together would get them far in their season. Their goals for the season were to come out on top with a city championship and push for the state title. Sadly their hopes for being a tough competitor in the Pepsishowdown were demolished due to the CPS strike in Chicago. With the team unable to compete they continue to train on their own and look forward to their season after the obstacle of these CPS matters.

Leyden

9-18-2012

Joaquin Cardenas

The Leyden Eagles ended the Pepsi showdown with a record of 3 wins and 2 losses. Although it may have not gotten the results that it wanted, all the Leyden players had a great experience. "I really enjoyed the tournament and hopefully we can get into next year" said the team captain Tony Guzman. Much is still yet to come for this young and talented Leyden team though. Having conference games every week now Leyden is looking to win in a very difficult conference. Leyden, which is a team with a lot of potential is looking forward to having a great rest of the season.

9-10-2012

Joaquin Cardenas

After a very exciting game on Saturday vs Lane Tech, Leyden came up short versus a very talented Lane Tech team. Leyden was just not able to crack its tough defense. Leyden played a very good game and an unfortunate mistake which Lane Tech took advantage of

was the lone goal of the game. Even though it was a disappointing loss, after the game the Leyden players had a good time with the activities that the tournament offered. Leyden will be looking for redemption against a good East Aurora team.

9-5-2012

Joaquin Cardenas

The Leyden Eagles have gotten off to a strong start to begin their season with plentiful talent. Despite having a young team composed mostly of sophomores and juniors, Leyden is looking to repeat as conference champs and make a run in the state playoffs. Defense has been solid all season long and has been a valuable asset to the team. Having already, four shutouts in their first six games, the most significant one against Lyons Township. Winning their own tournament, the Challenge Cup and defeating Lyons Township have been the highlights of the team so far. Leyden will be starting off the Pepsi Showdown against Lane Tech. Lane Tech is a very tough team and the game will be a tight one. It is the first year that Leyden will be participating in the Pepsi Showdown and is looking to make a deep run to prove that Leyden is an elite team. We are very excited to be involved in this tournament.

Lisle

9-10-2012

Jake Krpan

Senior, #2 Midfielder

We played against Libertyville, the number two seed in the tournament. They were a well-rounded team and had skilled players in every position. I don't believe they were truly a better team by five goals. Our team is young and we have room for improvement. We were missing two of our starters and I believe that could have had a huge impact on the game. I thought we played well; however, we just need to keep a closer eye on through balls. That was the only way they were able to break us down and if we can tidy up in our defensive third and pressure more in the offensive third I think we will have a much better chance at competing at the same level as these other teams.

9-6-2012

Jake Krpan

Senior, #2 Midfielder

During the transition from the 2011/12 to 2012/13 season we lost a total of eight senior soccer players. Seven of these players were starters. Of these seven were three of the defenders and three midfielders. We also lost our starting goalie, Kazim Khan; He holds the standing record for saves in a state game. All of these players were key aspects of our team and carried us to state last year. We were all concerned with the loss of our seniors. When the first game came around I think our team really stepped up and showed we can contend with any team. I believe we need to mature and work together more like in the Glenbard South game in which we should our true potential.

Everyone in lisle believes we can go far and I think our team has proved that. Although we have a young defense we have a great coaching staff and have improved greatly in the short time we have had. We are on a good path and like Coach Ty said "winning and losing become a habit, make a habit out of winning." I think we are using that to motivate us.

We know they are triple A and we are single A. It is in the back of our minds but we aren't worried all we care about is winning. We are all going to play as hard as we can. We like to challenge ourselves; it makes us work at our highest rate. This week will give us a good outlook on the rest of the season.

Lyons

9-8-2012

Jack Thomas

The Pepsi Showdown Tournament is always one of the highlights of our season. It is our chance to play great teams from all over the state. This is my third year playing in the Pepsi Showdown Tournament, and our team is excited and ready! Last year we went to the final game and lost to Libertyville in overtime. So this year we are planning on a repeat to the final and a championship. We are anxious to play our first game on Saturday against Bartlett. Our team is young and our bench is deep. We lost a lot of seniors last year, but our younger guys are stepping up and filling spots with speed, enthusiasm and lots of hard work. So good luck to all the teams on Saturday, GO LIONS.

Metea Valley

9-15-2012

Gabriel Gongora

After a disappointing exit at Pepsi Showdown we were really glad we had one more chance to end such an amazing tournament on a high note. We knew Huntley was a strong team and had been over looked but we weren't about to make the same mistake. After a disappointing exit for them in the quarter finals we both wanted to prove our quality and that we deserved to get that far. After a rather dull first half not many exciting interchanges happened as both teams played the game in the center of the field. Their weren't many opportunities towards goal as both defenses were playing at very high levels. After 40 minutes the score had not changed as both teams could not seem to find a way to pull forward.

In the second half the game finally took a turn for the better as both teams began to show their quality and the game was played a little more in the final third. After a much more exciting 30 minutes the first goal came after pressing hard on the Huntley defense. In the 12 minute the game had its first goal. After quick combination starting from the defense an excellent ball was passed right in Jake Goehring's path only to have him easily finish and have us up 1-0. Huntley never gave up and continued to press hard as they searched a way to get back in the game. At the third minute Huntley found a way back through high pressure and finish which Ian Jindrich could do nothing about. We knew the game was not over and were luckily handed a free kick with 30 seconds left. Chris Freeman swung it in to find Jake Goehring in the six a finishing with his head with only 12 seconds left in the game. Jake's 6th goal in the past 3 games.

As the game ended we saw the quality Huntley had and how we barely could scrape by with a win.

That was the end to my Pepsi Showdown games as a player in which I had a ton of fun. I know that I am not only speaking for myself but also for my teammates, coaches, and Metea Valley High School, we are very thankful for being invited each year and being able to be part of such a great tournament like Pepsi Showdown. After playing in it since sophomore year I could not be more over joyed of how it ended my senior year. I am very proud of how my team preformed this year and how hard we fought to compete in such an amazing tournament. Once again thank you to Pepsi Showdown as I am grateful to end my tournament games on a high note and with such fond memories.

9-13-2012

Gabriel Gongora

Metea Valley vs. Larkin

On a rainy Thursday afternoon we had our quarter-final game against highly rated Larkin. We knew we were up against one of the toughest opponents we have had all year but that did not stop our greed to pass on to the next round. We knew we were going to get a fight and sure enough we got a fight.

As the first half began Larkin were on the front foot and were down our throats for most of the half. Thanks to a strong defense we fought to keep the score even against a very technically sound team. We had a tough time attacking as we could never get really

comfortable on the wet surface and found it hard to connect passes. We did although reach goal with a couple of good combinations through forwards Chris Freeman and Jake Goehring. Although we could never get a grip of the game in the first half we worked hard and smart and managed a 0-0 score at half time.

During the second half we had the wind to our backs and looked like a new team. We had more possession and looked a lot more dangerous than in the first half and really began to make it an even game. 10 minutes in came the first goal of the game and thankfully it was ours. Pat Regal sent in a 40 yard ball straight onto the 6 yards box that found Jake Goehring's head that got enough of a flick to play it pass the goalie and make the scoreboard 1-0. After that we once again lost our composure and could never really find a rhythm to the game again. We worked hard defensively and held on through hard, smart work until the 70th minute. A ball was shoot outside of the 18 yard box and was scored to make it 1-1 and just like that Larkin was once again back in the game. After that Larkin never stopped and were once again down our throats for the final 10 minutes. With about 30 seconds left Larkin had a corner which was cleared only to the 18 yard box that was shoot and I unfortunately gave up a bad rebound back to the six and with two of their players coming on it was to easy for them to finish. 2-1. 17.3 seconds left.

After a hard fought game we were out of the Pepsi Showdown at the quarter-finals. It was truly heart breaking for me, as I had high hopes to move on into the next round and play even better competition but 14 saves means nothing if the one that matters the most can't be made. Coach really helped to get us refocused and realize that their was an even bigger goal that we have our eyes set on and know that this was only a bump on the road and to continue to work hard. We kept our heads high and learned from the mistakes knowing their is still a long way ahead of us.

9-11-2012

Gabriel Gongora

Metea Vs. Wheaton Warrenville South

As we continue our tournament appearances, we played the very strong and respected Wheat Warrenville South. Thanks to seating we had the home field advantage and were luckily playing a strong team at Mustang Stadium. We knew that WWS has always been a strong team and we knew that they wanted a win as much as we did.

As the first half began it was an even game playing a lot in the middle with a handful of attacks going at both ends. Early in the first half we received a goal after a scramble in the box. As Chris Freeman crossed in a ball, Nate Donovan was the first one there but after scrambling in the six, Jake Goehring was able to poke in the ball as we took a 1-0 lead. The game continued and WWS never gave up after they had numerous shots hit of the post. With 3 minutes left, WWS broke down the left of the field on a counter. After beating a player and sending in a cross a WWS player reacted faster and slotted home the equalizer.

Once the second half began we had the winds to our backs and knew that it was a must win game for us to continue fighting in this tournament. After multiple attacks from both teams Jake Goehring found the back of net for his second time in the game. He was given space to dribble down the center of the field, took a player and had an excellent finish. A few minutes later Chris Freeman was on the attack as he took two players in the box and placed the ball to Jake Goehring for the easy tap in.

The game was 3-1 with 15 minutes left as we continued to fight to get the win. The game's momentum changed when the referee called a 6 second violation and placed an indirect kick on the penalty spot. The goal was scored leaving the game 3-2 with WWS breathing down our necks. After a few intense minutes our midfield found its composure and the game seemed back in our hands. On one play the ball was swung into Jake Goehring who had an excellent shot outside of 18 yard box only to bounce off the post. Opportunistically Dakota Rowsey grabbed the rebound and finished to seemingly seal the game 4-2. A few minutes later Dakota Rowsey was once again the instigator as he passed a through ball to Chris Freeman as he calmly slotted the ball into the back of the net to finish off the game 5-2.

After playing a hard fought game we knew that both teams gave it their all. WWS was one of the strongest, most well organized and lethal teams we have played against, also showing a lot of class with how they played. We continue to strive for wins but know to make it to the next level we need to eliminate all the mental mistakes and be able to have a perfect 80 minutes in which we play our soccer and control the games tempo. It was also great for the guys to realize that even against top teams like WWS we have the ability to finish games and put up big numbers on a very good defensive team.

9-11-2012

Gabe Gongora

Our first game in the Pepsi Showdown really proved to be an exciting game. After arriving at the excellent fields of Lyons Township we saw how great it is to once again play in the tournament setting, knowing that every game must be won. We were facing a skillful and creative team in Kelly and knew that we had to play smart and hard to be able to get the result we were looking for.

After a few minutes we broke through with a goal from Chris Freeman assisted by Pat Regal that really made us calm our tournament jitters and play the soccer we know we can play. The game really began to settle after that and both teams were attacking hard and defending tooth and nail. Every time Kelly came down to our defensive third, they always seemed dangerous and everyone had to be on their toes defensively and not let their guard down. Both teams had multiple chances when finally late in the first half we got our second, from a cross from Enrique Rodriguez that was beautifully controlled by Brendan Espino and volleyed into the back of the net.

As the second half began we seemingly had the momentum but Kelly fought hard and never gave up. At the beginning of the second half a 30 yard shot squeezed through and before we knew it the game was 2-1. For the next 10 minutes Kelly attacked hard and showed their quality as we could not seem to find our composure and rhythm. With 20 minutes left in the half the game became more even and the game shifted from playing only in our third to the middle of the field with attacks equally coming from both teams.

The game ended 2-1 after a hard fought game from both teams. We had mixed feelings about the game and how we played as a team. Although we all thought we worked hard and we had an excellent first half we did not play all 80 minutes how we had hoped for. During the second half we did not find our composure until later in the half and that is something that we have to change if we plan on making it far in this tournament.

9-6-2012

Gabriel Gongora

This year we are excited to be part of the Pepsi showdown for a third year in a row. We are grateful that once again we have been accepted into the Pepsi showdown and are eager to showcase our talents.

In our short history at the Pepsi showdown we have improved each year and proven the quality that our team has. This year our expectations are no different, as we look to improve on the success we had last year and continue to grow as a team. We know that we have a strong team and have the capability to go very far into the tournament.

This season has gone up and down but we continue to mesh as a team. We have had a rough start to the season but have really seen a big difference these past couple weeks. We know as a team that things are beginning to turn in our favor.

We are looking forward to the start of this year's Pepsi showdown and know that with hard smart work we can go far into the tournament.

Oak Park River Forest

9-5-2012

Max Menzies

Every year I look forward to playing in the Pepsi Showdown at Lyons Township High School. The best teams and best players from all around Illinois fight for the chance to play in the championship game. This year it's at Wrigley Field in Chicago. Last year our team lost in the second round to one of the best teams in state, St. Charles North 1-0. It was the best game we played all year, and everyone on our team had a great game. This year should be a lot different for us because we lost a lot of key seniors from last season. We certainly don't have the height that we had last year, but we make up for it with our speed, in all areas of the field. We have a very young team this year, but everybody both on and off the bench is hard working and determined to win. There are a lot

of good teams this year with a lot of returning starters, so I expect our team to work three times as hard as we did last year. I expect us to get past the first round and play the game of our lives in round 2 against Libertyville.

Oswego

9-8-2012

Ryan Totsch

Today, on September 8, we play the Lake Zurich High School in our crusade to victory. From what we have heard, the opposition is going to come out physical and technically capable, but not unbeatable. Our sources say that Lake Zurich histor

Provisio East

9-17-2012

David Moss

It was an awesome experience for the Provisio East Soccer team. We played in front of some large crowds and against teams we would never have been able to play. As everyone can see we play in a very tough conference WSC and wish Mike and his Morton Mustangs are luck in their quest for a second state title. The Pepsi Shoot-out is a great opportunity for student athletes to get seen by college coaches. Thanks to all and hope to be back next year.

9-5-2012

David Moss

We are honored and excited to be part of the Pepsi Showdown for the first time. Provisio East is 5-1 losing to the defending state champions Morton (they are better this year)!!!!We lack the leadership and player motivation to take us to the next level. Playing the great teams and talent at the Pepsi might help us reach that next level.

St. Viator

9-12-2012

Jackson Owens, #11

Saint Viator is very excited to have moved past the first round of the Pepsi with a win. This is the first year we have won the opening game. We defeated Downers Grove North in a long and hard battle on Saturday, but came up big with a 4-1 victory. After finishing the first half up 1 to 0, we came out hard in the second and got the job done. Our team is slowly but surely gelling together and improving every day. Due to the Chicago Public Schools going on strike, we had a victory over Washington by default. Our next game is Thursday, the 13th, against the #1 seed Warren. This should be a very competitive game between two talented and hard working teams. St. Viator is very excited to play Warren and hopefully make it to the final four teams. Due to hard work and excellent coaching by head coach Mike Taylor, we are very confident that our goal is not too far away. We are very happy to be participating in the Pepsi Showdown and look forward to the rest of the tournament. Good luck to all teams. "Work Together Win Together"

9-6-2012

Troy Wheeler, #22

We at Saint Viator have never made it passed the first round of the Pepsi Showdown. This year we look to change that with our team consisting of ten returning starters from last years team. Our team as a whole has become much closer and more experienced and we see that, and plan to step it up a notch in the Pepsi. We have been working hard all summer long and everyone can see that in our play. We are an all around solid team, when our substitutes come in we have confidence that they will fill the shoes of the starters with no trouble. We are 3-0-2 going into the opening round of the Pepsi Showdown Saturday. We have tied Palatine (5-0-1) and the always solid host team, Lyons. We are looking forward to our opening game and with hard work we hope to make it to

Wrigley Field. We give thanks to Joe Trost, Pepsi, and the other sponsors that make this tournament the best high school tournament around. "Work Together Win Together"

Streamwood

9-8-2012

September 6, 2012

Nestor Ascencio

Having 7 returning starters from the previous season, we have gone into the season with high expectations for a more talented, more experienced team; with the same core of players. Starting off the season with a 5-2 record, we went into a big game against a talented Larkin team. Being the dominating force for the majority of the game, but failure to put the ball in the back of the net was the cause to giving up a 1-0 loss to a talented and skillful team ending our 5-game winning streak after a scrappy second half with many hard collisions. Even though we did not come out with the win, the team was happy with it's great performance on the field despite the hurtful loss. Now our eyes are set on our next opponent, our first match-up for the biggest high school tournament in the country, Wheaton South(W.S). We are looking forward to putting our skills to the test against a quick and very talented W.S team this Saturday which promises to be an exciting match. Good luck to all the teams participating in the Pepsi-Showdown.

Warren

9-12-2012

Daniel Szczepanek, senior captain

Today we played Wheaton Academy. We came out all over them in the first 15 minutes and got an early goal. We lost a little focus after the first 15 minutes and had a tough time getting control of the ball again. We led 1-0 at half time but knew that momentum can shift very easily in a game if they were to score the equalizer. Our movement through the midfield and out wide allowed us to find the next goal. After we scored that insurance goal we didn't let down and kept going at them. Today's 4-0 win was for all the people who lost their lives on 9/11. God bless America- We are looking forward to our next game vs. St Viator.

9-9-2-12

Daniel Szczepanek, senior captain

We defeated Hubbard 8-1 on Saturday. Hubbard had a few good individuals but our teamwork was at its best. We moved the ball from one side of the field to the other. The entire team came out focused and we were all on the same page. As soon as we scored the first goal, the rest of them starting coming at ease. After we scored each goal we played as if the score was still 0-0. It was also good to see our nonstarters get some playing time. They train hard at every practice and just hope they can get rewarded for their efforts. It was a great start to the tournament- now we must prepare ourselves for our next game.

9-8-2012

Daniel Szczepanek, senior captain

We are a team that is returning many key players that helped us succeed all the way down to State last year. Experience and revenge is what will keep this team going this year. There is no better tournament to see where we compare against the best teams in the state than the Pepsi Showdown. We started our season very strong, allowing only 1 goal against us in our first five matches. With a solid back line and talented offense, we have the tools to achieve greatness this year. As coach always says, "the only team that can defeat us is ourselves". Some of us are still living last season. We have to understand that everything we achieved last year happened last year. This is a whole new season with a different team. If we focus on each game at hand, and block out all the adversaries, we will find our success. Good luck to everyone in the Pepsi Showdown, as well as in their season. Go Blue Devils!

Wheaton Academy

9-6-2012

Andrew Luetkehans, Captain

So far this season the Warriors are 4-2. Wheaton Academy is excited for the pepsi to begin. This year will be a good test as we play Proviso East. It is one of our team goals that we set in front of us to advance out of the first round. I believe we have the talent to do so.

Wheaton Warrenville South

9-10-2012

Timother Reinders

This past Saturday we played very solid defense and ended up tying Streamwood 0-0 after 80 minutes. Long story short we went to pks and won those 4-1 thus putting us through to the next round. We are of course very excited to win and cannot wait to play Metea Valley High School at their place tomorrow. First though, I would like to congratulate Streamwood on such a well-played game, it was a blast playing them and I wish them the best of luck in the future.

9-10-2012

Timoth Reinders

So far this season our team has been very successful with a 5 and 1 record. We have a relatively young team compared to last season but so far, we have shown that age doesn't matter. The boys are excited to play in the Pepsi Showdown because they know the competition is always good and the prize for doing well is so high. Our school is three time champions of this tournament so each time we play it is to try to extend that Tiger legacy in this tournament. Last year we were fortunate enough to play at Toyota Park because of the video contest. This year we hope to be among the first high school players to play at Wrigley Field by our talents on the field. Best of luck to all the teams out there, we cannot wait to play.

Whitney Young

9-6-2012

Nicholas Cantanvespi, #5

This year Whitney Young has shown more teamwork than in the years past and even though our team is relatively young we have talent and most of us have varsity experience. It has shown in our non-conference games (3-3) especially with a big win against Oak Park River Forest, a team that has sort have been a rival that we've finally beaten. The Pepsi Showdown has always been an honor to be a part of because we are exposed to much better teams compared to the level of city teams. I have high hopes for our team this year and hope we can make a run to win city and advance far in state. Our first game is against Morton, the defending state champs and I hope that we can beat them to really put our name out there. Participating in the Pepsi Showdown is always a pleasure and this will be my last year so I hope we can advance far in it.