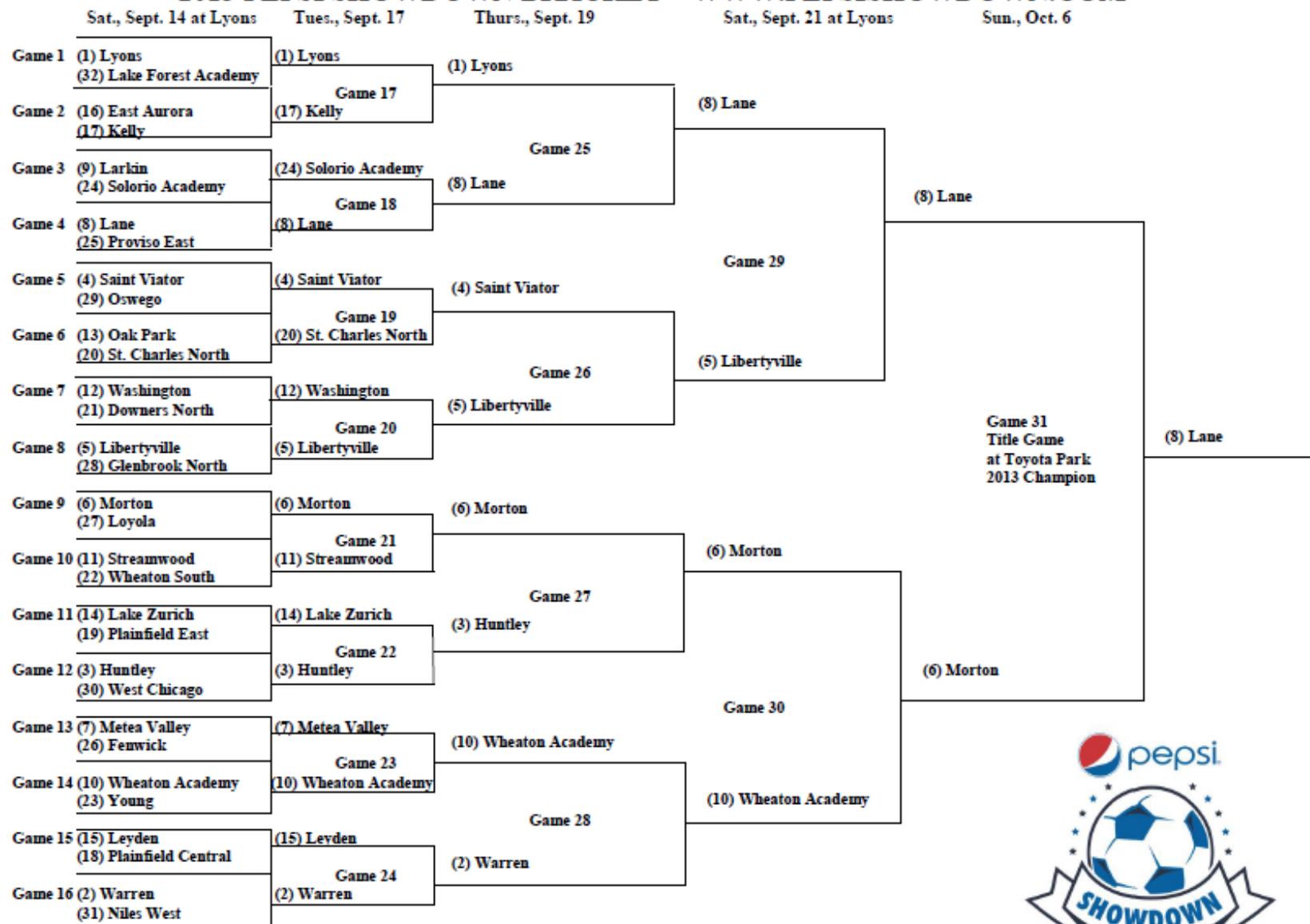


2013 Boy's Tournament

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SATURDAY'S RESULTS (9-14)

Saint Viator 5, Oswego 0
St. Charles North 3, Oak Park 2 2OT
Lake Zurich 1, Plainfield East 0 OT
Huntley 2, West Chicago 1
Lyons 7, Lake Forest Academy 0
Solorio Academy 3, Larkin 2
Lane 10, Proviso East 0
Washington 2, Downers North 0
Metea Valley 2, Fenwick 1 PK
Wheaton Academy 2, Young 1 2OT
Kelly 2, East Aurora 0
Morton 2, Loyola 1
Streamwood 2, Wheaton South 0
Leyden 2, Plainfield Central 0
Warren 3, Niles West 0

SUNDAY'S RESULT (9-15)

Libertyville 2, Glenbrook North 1

TUESDAY'S RESULTS (9-17)

Lyons 5, Kelly 0
Lane 7, Solorio Academy 0
Saint Viator 4, St. Charles North 0
Libertyville 4, Washington 3
Morton 2, Streamwood 0
Huntley 1, Lake Zurich 0 OT
Wheaton Academy 2, Metea Valley 0
Warren 3, Leyden 2 OT
Larkin 3, Proviso East 3
Oak Park 1, Oswego 1
Glenbrook North 1, Downers North 0
Wheaton South 2, Loyola 0
West Chicago 2, Plainfield East 0
Whitney Young 3, Fenwick 2
Plainfield Central 2, Niles West 1

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS (9-18)

East Aurora 6, Lake Forest Academy 0

THURSDAY'S RESULTS (9-19)

Libertyville 2, Saint Viator 1 PKs
Morton 1, Huntley 0
Wheaton Academy 3, Warren 1
Lane 3, Lyons 2
Plainfield East 1, St. Charles North 0
Niles West 3, Fenwick 0
Washington 1, Plainfield Central 0
Metea Valley 3, Lake Zurich 1
Oswego 1, East Aurora 0
West Chicago 2, Whitney Young 0
Streamwood 1, Oak Park 0
Kelly 2, Leyden 1
Larkin 1, Glenbrook North 1
Solorio Academy 2, Downers North 1
Wheaton South 2, Lake Forest Academy 1
Loyola 4, Proviso East 1

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

ALL TEAMS LYONS SOCCER COMPLEX

(Home team is listed second)

Muscle Mike West Field 1

Huntley 7, Solorio Academy 0
Proviso East 3, East Aurora 2
Downers North 1, St. Charles North 1
Streamwood 7, Loyola 0
Fenwick 1, Lake Zurich 1

Nike Middle Field 2

Plainfield Central 2, Lake Forest Ac. 0
Niles West 0, Oswego 0
Oak Park 1, West Chicago 0
Morton 2, Wheaton Academy 1
Lane 1, Libertyville 0 2OT

Pepsi East Field 3

Larkin 1, Kelly 0
Metea Valley 1, Washington 1
Glenbrook North 1, Wheaton South 0
Leyden 3, Young, 1
Saint Viator 3, Plainfield East 2
Warren 1, Lyons 1

SUNDAY, OCT. 6

Lane 1, Morton 0

All-Tournament Team

MVP

Lane's Jose Fuentes, Sr., F (six goals, two assists in five games)

All-Tournament Team

Morton's Ian Chacon, Jr., G (three goals allowed in five games)

Huntley's Niko Mihalopoulos, Sr., F (four goals in four games)

Lane's Sergio Fuentes, Sr., F (five goals, four assists in five games)

Lyons' Matt Murphy, Sr., F (five goals, four assists in four games)

Plainfield East's Ryan Olans, Sr., F (four goals in four games)

Streamwood's Nestor Ascencio, Sr., M (four assists in four games)

Saint Viator's Spencer Moore, Sr., M (two goals, five assists)

Wheaton Academy's Sam Hardy, Sr., M (three goals, two assists in four games)

Libertyville's Kiki Savatic, Sr., D (helped Wildcats advance to semifinals)

Metea Valley's Brandon Howard, So., D (one goal, one assist in four games)

Washington's Alejandro Llamas, Sr., D (two goals in four games)

Blogs

Fenwick

9-16-2013

Coach Robert Watson

Fenwick loves Pepsi. We enter the Pepsi Showdown every year knowing this atmosphere replicates the IHSA tournament. It is the best test we can take in order to determine where we are as a team. We were fortunate enough to be part of a great game, compete against an outstanding Metea Valley side, and experience several learning lessons. We would like to wish Metea Valley best of luck next round, and throughout their year. Losing in penalties can bring tough emotions, and our opponents showed a lot of class understanding this. Lastly, we want to thank Pepsi, Lyons for hosting, Joe Trost and his team, and all of the volunteers that make these Saturdays so special.

Huntley

9-18-2013

Jakub Rys

Last night's game against Lake Zurich was intense. We possessed the ball almost the whole first half but did not get many opportunities. Second half, we disappeared and Lake Zurich dominated us. We ended regulation time with a 0-0 tie. In extra time, we got the ball first and went all out and 2 minutes in, Niko Mihalopolous scored off of an assist from David Pardo. We want to wish Lake Zurich good luck on the remainder of their season. We have a lot of respect for LZ and the way they came out and played last night.

9-14-2013

Jakub Rys

Today's game was great! The competition came out flying at us and put us on our heels but we were able to adjust to their style of play which we haven't seen yet this year. Luckily we were able to pull away with a 2-1 win from a team which I believe, deserved a higher seed. This just shows how good the competition will be in the Pepsi Showdown. We can't wait for our next match against Lake Zurich at home on Tuesday!

9-12-2013

Jakub Rys

We are very excited to be in the Pepsi Showdown for the second time. Attending the showdown was an amazing experience last year with all the great endorsements and good atmosphere. Being the #3 ranked team is an honor. We look up to that accomplishment to prove that we are one of the best teams out there.

Leyden

9-18-2013

Zlatomir Todorov

Last night, we played one of the most exciting and hard fought games of the tournament against a very fast paced and talented Warren team. End to end action from both teams made this game very fun to play. Although we lost late in the second overtime, Leyden had an absolute blast playing that game. We wish Warren the best of luck as they move on and we look to rebound Thursday against a very talented Kelly squad.

9-16-2013

Moises Merlos

Leyden is thrilled to again be part of the Pepsi Showdown. It is a great event that allows teams and players the chance to be part of great atmosphere in a soccer setting. Although we have had a slow start to our season, we have played some very good teams in preparation for this tournament. We opened with a very talented side in Plainfield Central across from us, and they made us work for every opportunity. Thankfully we won 2-0. The team is in good spirits and have advanced to the next round against the defending State Champs, Warren HS. We look forward to competing against such a talented team Tuesday.

Metea Valley

9-15-2013

Dakota Rowsey

Game 1 for Metea Valley High school sure was filled with plenty of excitement. We squared off against Fenwick, a familiar opponent. Going into the game we knew that seeding can always be misleading. We have played Fenwick in the past and they have always been a team that is organized, and fights for every ball. We knew that there was one thing we needed to do to outplay them-fight harder. But they didn't make it easy. They started out the game with a high intensity and desire to win, something we were lacking. After giving up an early goal we knew that we needed to get our heads in the game. We went into halftime and talked about how we can turn this game around, but ultimately, is this really how we wanted to go out of the Pepsi showdown? That's when we started to bounce back. We started to generate offense and impose our defense in the second half. Finally, Chris Freeman sent in a beautiful corner kick with less than 10

minutes to play in the game and I was lucky enough to get a head on it and send the game into overtime. After near misses and missed opportunities by both teams, we headed into a penalty shootout. Our first four penalty shooters stepped up, respectively, and buried their shots. But the real heroism came from senior goalkeeper Tim Howard. After getting a hand on the first one but not quite making the save, he managed to save 2 out of the next 3 penalties, giving Metea the win. Yet with all this excitement, as a team we still preach not to get too low after a loss, and not too high after a win. So now we look forward to playing a tough opponent in Wheaton Academy on our own turf this Tuesday.

9-11-2013

Dakota Rowsey

The start of the boys soccer season has certainly had its ups and downs for our Metea Valley soccer team. From big losses to Hinsdale Central and Saint Charles East to big conference wins against West Chicago and Neuqua. Next up, the always exciting Pepsi Showdown tournament. This tournament is not only great because of the spectacular setting, but also because of the chance to compare our talent to other top teams in the area. The past two years have been promising, yet frustrating at the same time for our program. Having made it deep in the tournament, even to the semifinals, we look to push even further this year. We know that it will take important contributions from not only the starting 11, but each and every rostered player too. With the leadership of senior captains Nate Donovan and Chris Freeman we believe that this team has the ability to succeed in this tournament, and throughout the rest of our season.

Plainfield East

9-16-2013

Derry Fan

The Plainfield East Boys Soccer team is very honored to be given the opportunity to experience the Pepsi showdown. So far it has been a great experience for our whole team and we are excited to finish strong . Our younger players are very thankful for the exposure and learning experience on what it takes to succeed on a different level.

Proviso East

9-16-2013

David Moss

Wow, did we run into a very good Lane Tech team in the opening round. I have not seen a team as good as Lane since Morton's State Championship team. Proviso East is looking forward to the second round game at Larkin High School Tuesday and continue play in the best high school soccer tournament in the state, The Pepsi Shoot-out!

Saint Viator

9-13-2013

Kevin Klinkenberg

The St.Viator soccer team is excited for the Pepsi Showdown. Playing in the biggest and best high school tournament in the state is always enjoyable. The Pepsi Showdown is always something our team has high expectations for and is excited for at the start of the season. Testing our ability against teams that we normally wouldn't play is always a treat. We have been giving the 4 seed for the tournament and we are ready to face off against some of the best teams Illinois has to offer. After a 3-2-1 start against tough competition, we feel like this is our year to finally win the Pepsi Showdown. All summer we have been preparing for this season. We had captain practices, summer camp, and a 2-week trip to Europe to play in the Gothia and Dana Cup. We have a senior laden team with lots of returning varsity players and we are ready

to avenge last year's semi-final loss to Lyons Township. I'm not saying that it will be easy, but with hard work, teamwork, and giving our best and nothing less I think that we can archive our goal of lifting the Pepsi Showdown trophy. Go lions!!

St. Charles North

9-13-2013

Nick Graham

Going into the 2013 Pepsi Challenge, the St. Charles North soccer team has been training very intensively both on an individual level and coming together as a team. Each and every day at practice, gives us a chance to prepare ourselves more and more for the games to come. We are very excited to be able to play new teams as well as renewing old rivalries. At St. Charles North, we are eager to see new and different styles of soccer and see how different teams play. We are very anxious to get the tournament under way as the days leading up to our first game are very intense but as a team we are ready. St. Charles North will give it all on the field and do whatever we can to come home with wins.

Streamwood

9-16-2013

Nestor Ascencio

It was a hard fought match for both teams throughout eighty minutes. At the end, we were able to walk off the field victorious. We were up against a good Wheaton Warrenville South for the second year in a row. Fortunately, the dice rolled in our favor this time around. The score was 1-0 for a large portion of the match; until one of our players was able to convert from inside the box making it 2-0. That closed the deal, putting us in the second round of the Pepsi Showdown. Next, we will measure ourselves against a school that never fails to produce quality teams, Morton. We know that it will definitely not be an easy task, but our team is more than happy and excited to take on the challenge. Streamwood does not want its tournament run to end here.

9-12-2013

Nestor Ascencio

Last year, our Pepsi Showdown run was cut short during the first round in a PK shootout by Wheaton Warrenville South. It so happens that they are our first adversary this year for the second time in a row. Call it destiny if you must. However, we have a difficult task ahead of us. We will be going against a very good opponent with a lot of history in the tournament. It will be a great test playing a team of great caliber like WWS. We've had a great start to the season and we are coming into the tournament with a 5-1 record. It is very exciting being able to measure ourselves against the remarkable competition the Pepsi Showdown has to offer. Streamwood won a regional championship last year for the first time in school history, and we are working diligently to prolong that success this year in the best high school tournament in the country.

Washington

9-16-2013

Luis F. Ortega

Our opening game of the Pepsi show down tournament was a successful victory. The achievement was made possible by all of the teams' hard work. The first to score was Alejandro Llamas, our team captain, followed with the second goal of Angle Rodriguez making the final score 2-0. We all entered the field a bit nervous not knowing what was ahead of us,

lucky as the 90 minutes passed we all gained the confidence needed for our next game on Tuesday. We don't know much about our next opponent but we are definitely expecting a great game vs them. Having seen, first hand, the outstanding competition offered in the Pepsi tournament we will go all out and make the best of our next game. We will play with our hearts as always in search for another victory. We will also fight till the end and play the ball like George Washington knows how. Turn up G-DUB!

9-13-2013

Luis F. Ortega

The excitement I carry is one of a kind. I am a student currently attending George Washington High school. As a junior and my first time playing in the Pepsi showdown I am a bit nervous but also anxious to see the competition we are offered. We have all sorts of valuable and talented players who contribute to our team success on the field. We are all mentally focused to strive for victory and most importantly, play with our hearts not only our feet. Last year, unfortunately we stopped short in the 2nd round because of the teacher strike in the Chicago area, this year we will make up for the missing opportunity. I wish luck to all the other teams who just like us earned their spot in such a competitive tournament. Patriots, let's get it!

Wheaton Academy

9-16-2013

Zeb Lewis, Senior, Co-captain

It is such privilege to be invited back to the Pepsi. This tournament provides some of the best competition in the state and we are honored to have been invited back again. This year our team is more excited than ever to play in the tournament. Following a strong finish to the season last year, this time around our team has made it a goal to bring nothing less than our top quality of play to each and every game of the Pepsi.

Wheaton Warrenville South

9-19-2013

J.S. Spera

Coming off a deserved win against Loyola, our next challenge was Lake Forest. We started off the first half sloppy against them. Our through balls weren't connecting and we were making bad decisions. We had most of the possession through the whole game. The second half was a little better. We were making more chances but couldn't finish them. They had a free kick with 15 minutes left. We let them score off of it due to poor marking and not winning the ball in the air. Five minutes left in the game, we had a nice set up that turned into a Mikey Bennet volley into the back of the net. Still motivated from our last goal, three minutes later, we scored another goal by Anthony Berardi. We won the game 2-1. We have heart but our decision making needs to improve. We will try to go for a third win in the tournament on Saturday.

9-17-2013

J.S. Spera

With a difficult defeat on Saturday, our team turned our game up and played very well on Tuesday against Loyola. We realized that our two touch game is very difficult to compete with. We had the Loyola squad chasing for a bit until Jack Coultre knocked in a very well placed 25 yard shot to put us up 1-0. Our defense continued to shut any build up they made or any chance they had. We then knocked the ball down field until Anthony Berardi finished with a nice goal. We

continued to play well and spread the field well throughout the game. The final score was 2-0. Our game really improved over the past 3 days with great passing and great organization. This is hopefully the beginning of a new team that has begun to play together.

9-14-2013

J.S. Spera

Coming into our first game of the tournament, a win is a must for us coming off of a few tough losses and ties. Streamwood came out very well organized and prepared. We were missing a number of players due to injury. Our defense was a little sloppy to start and we made a mistake in the back when the ball bounced off one of our defenders and the other player just had to tip the ball in. They were a very good team and their passing game kept us on our half of the field. We did have some chances on breakaways but failed to capitalize. We learned that we need to start finishing our shots. We need to communicate more and focus on making the right plays. We play Loyola on Tuesday. The lessons we learned on Saturday will have to transfer over to Tuesday if we want to win.

9-11-2013

J.S. Spera

With an almost completely new roster this season, our team is trying to find our true identity. We struggled in the first few games trying to find our true identity and learn each others strengths and weaknesses. The past few games have been better for us. We are starting to gel together and play like a team. We are starting to take responsibility for our own actions and to not put blame on one another. We are looking forward to the Pepsi Showdown for many reasons. We have a rich history in the tournament, winning it three times. We also enjoy playing tough competition outside of our conference (DVC). We also enjoy playing at the tournament because of the crowd and entertainment. A lot of sponsors are there providing entertainment and fun. This tournament will provide us an opportunity to grow as a team and play quality teams. We hope to advance far in this tournament. The journey ahead of us starts this Saturday!

Whitney Young

9-18-2013

Erik Randall

After a heart-breaking loss to Wheaton Academy this past Saturday, Whitney Young stepped onto the field with a chance to redeem themselves against a very strong Fenwick team. We watched Fenwick from the sidelines as this team battle with a number 7 seed Metea Valley all the way into PKs. Fenwick was very big but we knew that we would be able to out-possess them as long as we were able to play our quick paced style of soccer.

The first half was rough. We were losing 50/50 balls, diving in on tackles and lacked a desire to win that Fenwick seemed to possess. After a half time break, we came at them with all we had. We were able to pick up a penalty in the box and after a game tying shot, we were back in the game. All we needed was a little momentum to get ourselves back into the game. Fenwick never stopped fighting as they were able to put up one more goal out of the air. Luckily we were able to pull through with two more goals to secure a 3-2 victory. It was a very close game throughout, however, I am very proud of my teammates for being able to pull together 3 goals within the span of a half. We wanted the win and were grateful enough to earn it.

9-14-2013

Erik Randall

Saturday's game was a very emotional game for us. We were matched up against a very strong Wheaton Academy team who came into the game with a great deal of momentum. We gave the game everything we had but unfortunately two defensive mistakes led to two goals against us. It was a hard fought game. We began the game very strong and felt that we were in control for the first 20-30 minutes as we took a 1-0 lead. Following halftime everything began to change. We couldn't move the ball as we wished to and played a mostly defensive game for the rest of the game. Size wise, we were outmatched. This loss to Wheaton was heart-breaking but definitely nothing to be ashamed of. Now we must prove we won't let this loss bring us down as we face Fenwick this upcoming Tuesday. Whitney Young never stops fighting.

9-12-2013

Erik Randall

The Dolphins cannot be more excited for the 2013 Pepsi Showdown. The boys have a great deal of momentum coming off of a 4-0 win at home last Wednesday. Compared to past seasons the Dolphins have a lot more chemistry coming into the Pepsi Showdown and hope to advance further in the tournament than in the past. With 11 returning varsity players, we have great leadership on the team. After weeks of practice, we have improved as a team more and more each week. We've made many adjustments this year in terms of formation and general positions and we hope to continue the success that we've had with our changes moving into our first Pepsi Showdown game against Wheaton Academy. With some pretty high expectations for the season the Dolphins have been eager to get on the field every time this year. We have a lot to prove as a team this year as we feel we have the talent to advance very far in the tournament. Whitney Young will definitely be a team to look out for this year. Beware of the underdogs.