

Bond gets goal, Cadets a title

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FENTON — For CBC's Jake Bond, it was the perfect finish to an emotional junior soccer season.

Bond came off the Cadet bench Saturday night to score the lone goal as the Cadets defeated St. Louis University High 1-0 in the Class 3 championship game Saturday night at Anheuser-Busch Center.

"Not a likely goal-scorer, but he was the right guy at the right place and he made the most of it," CBC coach Terry Michler said. "He lost his mother (Mary Ann, to cancer) in August, just before the start of our games, so I'm really happy for him."

With about 11 minutes to play in the first half, Bond received a pass from senior reserve Vic Lombardo and scored on a rising shot to the short side.

"Vic did a great job of getting me the ball," Bond said. "It seemed like the goalie was leaning a little, and I hit it well. I definitely felt my mom was with me tonight. All this was for her."

With the victory, CBC (26-4-3) wins its seventh soccer title and the sixth under Michler.

So what does six titles mean to the winningest high school soccer coach in America? It means his teams are .500 in championship games.

"I'm even now — six wins, six losses," he joked. "Seriously, each one is special because each one involves a different group of kids. For this group, it means an awful lot because they were anointed as champions before they ever played a game this season. They worked their way to the top, dropped off a little and then found a way to get back to the top."

"We played a perfect game tonight. In terms of what we had to do in order to win, I could not have asked for any more than we got from these guys. We made a few moves and we completely shut down SLUH. And we were able to do it without having to compromise in what we were trying to do in terms of the attack."

CBC was in control from start to finish, getting superior play from seniors Sam Carezza, Austin Tierney and Sean Kuster.

The loss ended SLUH's season at 21-7-1.

"We got beat," Junior Billikens coach Charlie Martel said. "We got outplayed tonight. They were stronger, they were faster and they were the better team. Give all the credit to CBC, but I also want

to say how proud I am of our team."

Martel said that CBC's tight marking on SLUH's outside midfielders all but eliminated the Junior Bills' attack. SLUH's only real scoring chance came with just under 28 minutes to play as Matt Reda's shot from the left side of the box bent just past the far goal post.

CBC keeper Drew Duncan posted the shutout without recording a save