

Gateway City Classic underway

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POST-DISPATCH

Billed as the "premier boys high school soccer event in the nation," the Gateway City Classic was slated to begin Thursday night and will run through Saturday, with games slated for the Metro United Complex in Collinsville, SIU-Edwardsville, CBC, O'Fallon, Chaminade and Collinsville High.

The event features 32 teams from eight states _ Illinois, Missouri, Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, New York and Wisconsin. Area teams in the field are Belleville East CBC, Chaminade, Collinsville, Zumwalt South, Granite City, O'Fallon and Summit. Due to a late cancellation, a second CBC squad has been added.

The tournament field includes seven teams from the ESPN RISE Fab 50, including No. 4 Reitz Memorial (Ind.), No. 7 St. Thomas Aquinas (Kan.), No. 20 CBC, No. 24 Chaminade, No. 28 Rockhurst, No. 38 John the Baptist (N.Y.) and No. 47 Quincy.

The event includes three eight-team brackets slated to wrap up Saturday with finals at SIU-Edwardsville at 1:45 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. In addition, there's a pool-play division to be played at Metro United and showcase games at Collinsville High Friday night and at Chaminade Saturday morning.

For complete schedules and more information about the event, go to quincysoccerclassic.com