

CBC Soccer Weekly

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The upcoming week will see the Cadets in action 3 times as they travel to DeSmet on Tuesday for a 4:00 encounter and at the end of the week journey to Jeff City for the 2 game Shootout with games vs the host team on Friday and Rockhurst on Saturday.

The DeSmet game is an MCC Conference game and it will be a difficult game as DeSmet always is a better team as the season progresses. This is the time of the year where they have settled on their team and their trademark defense is starting to come together. Playing at 4:00 on their practice field will be another challenge. In the CBC Tournament, CBC beat DeSmet 2-0. CBC is currently nursing a rash of injuries and it is a greater challenge to put together a winning lineup. In Saturday's win over St. Mary's, CBC was without 7 players due to various reasons – some of those will return soon, others it will still be some time. To fill in for the shortened roster, 4 sophomores were brought up from the B team to provide depth.

The CBC – DeSmet is a long standing rivalry and it will not take much to get the boys ready to play, and to play well. Both teams have a well-respected tradition of soccer excellence and this is no exception.

At the week's end, the team will travel to Jeff City for what has become the major bonding time during the season. It seems that every year our team returns more together after that trip and this should be no exception. We will play the host school, Jeff City on Friday and they will be looking for the chance to upset us. The Jays have been struggling to date and a quick start will do the Cadets a world of good.

On Saturday morning, CBC and Rockhurst square for a battle of heavyweights from opposite ends of the state. Kickoff is scheduled for 10:45 am. Rockhurst is the defending State Champion and have a solid returning cast. It will be a challenge for both teams. In the Quincy tournament, CBC and Rockhurst were in the same bracket and had the possibility of meeting in the second round, but Rockhurst was upset by St. John the Baptist of New York. They went on to win the Consolation Championship and they were the past Champions from 2007 defeating CBC 2-1 in the Final game.

This past week saw the Cadets collect 2 more victories to bring their win total to 17 on the year. A convincing 4-0 win over St. Dominic and a short - handed 2-0 win over a young St. Mary's team. Seldom do we have a 2 game week, so it was nice to get 2 wins and also get some much needed rest. Nick Sanchez continues to lead in scoring with 12 goals and Drew Duncan has posted 10 shutouts.