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Can Brentwood (N.Y.) become the first fall soccer back-to-back FAB 50 national champion? Will this McDonogh (Owings Mills, Md.) squad go down as one of the best high school teams ever assembled? How long can Reitz Memorial (Evansville, Ind.) add to its national-best undefeated streak?

These are just a few of the storylines that will unfold in the next three months of high school fall boys' soccer play.

Brentwood, coming off a perfect season and a FAB 50 No. 1 ranking in 2008, starts in the No. 1 spot in 2009. However, there are plenty of legitimate title contenders. Below is the preseason FAB 50 with a short capsule on the Top 25 teams.

Preseason				
Rank	School	Record	Prev. Rank	Notes/Comments
1	Brentwood (Brentwood, NY)	0-0	NR	The defending national champion starts where it finished last year, at No. 1. Brentwood returns three first- or second-team all-state honors from last year's 24-0-0 squad. Although all-state forwards Joseph Lopez and Hancel Guevara received most of the media attention last year, the team's top college prospect is midfielder Andrew Jean-Baptiste. Brentwood's early match with St. John the Baptist will help settle the issue between which is stronger, the state's public schools or the Catholic League.
2	McDonogh School (Owings Mills, MD)	0-0	NR	On paper, McDonogh is the most talented team in the nation. Senior standouts Marquez Fernandez and Mamadou Kansaye have committed to reigning NCAA champion Maryland. Midfielder Lucas Winters is likely headed to an ACC program, as well. Senior projected starters Benja Makinde, Joe Meyer and Jake Weiner also are being recruited by NCAA Division I programs. Junior forward Julian Griggs is one of the nation's top 2011 prospects. Sophomore Matt Shinsky, who helped the Casa Mia Bays to the US Youth Soccer national title this past summer, projects as a defensive starter. McDonogh is the defending MIAA champion, a league that features such storied Baltimore powers as Archbishop Curley, Calvert Hall, Loyola and Mount St. Joseph.
3	Saint Ignatius	0-0	NR	St. Ignatius returns nine starters from the Ohio Division

	(Cleveland, OH)			I defending state championship squad, and all nine players are US Development Academy participants. Seniors Kayvon Afsarifard, Vaughn Spurrier, Dennis Holowaty, Kailum Ijazand Joe Kalt are all being courted by NCAA Division I programs. St. Ignatius carries a 21-match undefeated streak into the 2090 season.
4	Saint Anthony's (South Huntington, NY)	0-0	NR	St. Anthony's finished No. 2 in last year's FAB 50 pool. Despite the graduation of seven Division I-bound players, St. Anthony's figures to be loaded again in 2009. Three seniors have committed and four others are being actively recruited by Division I programs. Three players from the St. Anthony's roster helped the Hicksville Strikers to the US Youth Soccer national championships this past summer.
5	Jesuit (Carmichael, CA)	0-0	NR	Jesuit graduated an under-20 national team member last year, but may be stronger this season. The team already has four NCAA Division I commits in Gabe Padilla (Georgetown), Jake Fenner (Seattle University), Austin Bravo (St. Mary's) and A.J. Agha (Harvard), and a fifth player, Matt Thayer, is close to deciding. Jesuit returns 11 players from last year's 27-0-2 squad that was upset on penalty kicks in the section semifinals.
6	Zionsville Community (Zionsville, IN)	0-0	NR	Last year's state runner-up has the makings of a powerhouse team in 2009. Led by Indiana commit Harrison Petts and SMU commit A.J. Corrado, Zionsville enters the 2009 season with high expectations despite a new coach.
7	St. Benedict's Prep (Newark, NJ)	0-0	NR	St. Benedict's is always the safe pick in national rankings given the program's storied history. This year's squad is chasing a 21st straight state title and is loaded with US Development Academy players from PDA (N.J.) and Red Bull (N.Y.). This year's prized prospect is senior defensive mid Bonny Londono. The Gray Bees' schedule will have the team playing squads from five states. Those results will greatly influence the FAB 50 rankings.
8	Pennsbury (Fairless Hills, PA)	0-0	NR	Pennsbury is the surprise team in this year's FAB 50 Top 10. The past two seasons, the squad has just missed out on the state playoffs. This year's team features Stanford-bound keeper Drew Hutchins and Division I-bound Brian Powers and James Ockford.
9	Chaminade	0-0	NR	Chaminade returns 19 players from a team that made a

	College Prep School (Saint Louis, MO)			strong postseason run in 2008. Chaminade plays one of the nation's best schedules with dates in the Gateway Classic, the St. Louis Classic and the Great Midwest Classic, not to mention league play against FAB 50-ranked Christian Brothers, SLUH and St. John Vianney.
10	Neuqua Valley (Naperville, IL)	0-0	NR	A touchy offseason coaching change rocked the boat, but Neuqua Valley appears to be the class of Illinois this fall. Midfielder Bryan Ciesiulka has committed to Marquette and transfer defender Keegan Balle is headed to Bradley.
11	Christian Brothers (St. Louis, MO)	0-0	NR	Despite heavy graduation from last year's 23-5-0 team, CBC figures to be in the Missouri title chase again this year. Among the returners are SIU-Edwardsville commit Austin Tierney, keeper Drew Duncan and forward Matt Hutichson.