

Zumwalt South, CBC win

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Ft. Zumwalt South's Tim Lambing tries to break loose from Springfield Catholic's Mitchell Moncada to get to a loose ball.

(Paul Kopsky/STLtoday Prep Sports)

Marquette Jesuit of Milwaukee 2-0.

St. Thomas Aquinas of suburban Kansas City scored a late goal to knock off Quincy 1-0 in the title game of the ESPN Rise bracket.

The tournament, touted as the premier boys high school soccer event in the nation, drew 32 teams from eight states and featured a number of the top-ranked teams in America.

Making its first Gateway City Classic appearance, Zumwalt South (11-3) wasted no time in taking control as Tom Baker headed in a free-kick cross from Justin Gomez just eight minutes into its title match.

Six minutes later, the Bulldogs' Ousmane Gueye scored on a tough-angle header to make it 2-0.

"We scored early in all three games here and that's something we're pleased about," South coach Andy Delehaunty said. "When you score early like that, it allows you to relax a little; you're able to play your game to do the things you want to do."

The Bulldogs added another goal before halftime as Gueye knocked in a pass from Kevin Roach just before halftime.

EDWARDSVILLE — The Fort Zumwalt South soccer team struck for two early goals and went on to a 3-0 victory over Springfield (Mo.) Catholic to capture the Soccer Master bracket of the Gateway City Soccer Classic Saturday afternoon at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

CBC won the Adidas bracket, coming up with a pair of second-half goals to knock off

Andrew Riggs posted the shutout.

"This is a quality event and we're happy to be a part of it," said Delehaunty, whose team defeated Hudson, Wisc., 4-0 Friday and Springfield (Mo.) Glendale 2-0 Saturday morning. "It's always nice to see teams you don't see regularly, and I really like the way the boys stepped it up this weekend."

BACK-TO-BACK TITLES FOR CBC

The Cadets, who defeated Vianney 3-0 a week ago to win their bracket of the 55th annual CYC/Bob Guelker Memorial Tournament, defeated Marquette in a Gateway City Classic championship game for the second time in as many seasons.

CBC (13-2-3) controlled the match from start to finish, creating a number of quality scoring chances. Still, the game was scoreless until the Cadets struck for a pair of goals during a late three-minute span.

Vic Lombardo scored after getting a pass from fellow senior Austin Tierney to ease the Cadets' mounting frustration. Not long after that, Jake Bond took a pass from Sean Kuster and scored with a short-side blast for the 2-0 final.

Drew Duncan posted the shutout.

"We had a lot of chances — their goalkeeper was very good — and sometimes you get frustrated when you have a lot of chances and can't finish," CBC coach Terry Michler said. "But we fought through that, we kept playing and we got the goals we needed. We're not quite there yet, but things are definitely coming together a little more with each game. We have a bunch of guys who can play in different spots and we're getting good play from everybody on the roster.

"I really like the way this team is coming together."

CBC defeated Dunbar (Ky.) 5-0 Friday and battled past Zionsville (Ind.) 4-2 earlier Saturday to reach the title match.

TOUGH BREAK: Not even a broken arm could keep the nation's all-time winningest coach off the sidelines Friday.

Christian Brothers College (St. Louis, Mo.) coach Terry Michler fractured his left arm Thursday night in a fall at his home, shortly after returning from CBC's match. Michler said he was reaching to his right when his left knee gave out and he sustained a fall that resulted in the break. Michler said he waited until Friday to go to the emergency room and had the arm put in a cast and sling just hours prior to CBC's match against Dunbar (Lexington, Ky.). Michler sat on the bench for Friday's 5-0 victory, and said he will be coaching in Saturday's matches, as well.

Michler is the only high school soccer coach to top 800 career victories.

