

SLUH and CBC advance to final

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CBC's Sean Kuster (right) shows three fingers to the Cadets' bench after Matt Hutchison (left) scored his third goal of the game against Hickman on Saturday.

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needed to win a game," SLUH coach Charlie Martel said following the Junior Bills' impressive 4-0 victory. "We felt they were going 100 percent to our 90 percent in that first half. We told our guys they had to apply more pressure, they had to step it up physically and they had to come up with a couple of goals.

"I'm just so proud of these guys."

With the victory, the Junior Billikens (21-6-1) advance to play CBC (25-4-3) in the title game tonight at 6.

"SLUH versus CBC for the state title. I don't think it gets any better than that," said Martel, whose team beat CBC 4-0 and 2-1 in earlier meetings this fall. "No matter what, it's going to be a great night of soccer."

In Friday's match with Park Hill, SLUH grabbed the lead 15 ½ minutes in when defender A.J. Johnson headed in a corner kick from Dominic Hewitt. A couple of minutes later, the Trojans nearly answered as Quenton Noble came up with steal in the Junior Billikens' zone and unleashed a 20-yarder targeted for the upper-left corner. But SLUH keeper David Kirner managed to get a hand on the shot.

SLUH's Pat Macauley put the game away with a pair of goals during a four-minute stretch early in

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FENTON — The Park Hill soccer team gave St. Louis University High all it could handle in the first half of Friday night's Class 3 semifinal at Anheuser-Busch Center.

But the Trojans were no match for the Junior Billikens after the break.

"That's as good a half of soccer as I've seen since I got into coaching in terms of doing what was

the second half. A cross from the Junior Bills' Sam Steurer was knocked down by Greg Mathews to Macauley, who finished the play to make it 2-0.

Minutes later, after settling a ball into the box from Joe Bettger, McCauley scored again for a 3-0 lead.

"I just focused on keeping my composure," said Macauley, who leads the Junior Bills with 15 goals. "We had some trouble with the (offside) trap in the first half, but we really came out and played a great second half."

Brian Bement had the fourth SLUH goal, converting a pass from Zach Oppland with 3:40 to play.

CBC 6, Hickman 2 — The Cadets struck early and often, getting a hat trick from senior Matt Hutchison. Senior Sean Kuster chipped in with a goal and two assists while sophomore Justin Bilyeu and senior Ryan Droege had the other CBC goals.

The Cadets led 4-0 when Hickman's George Plakorus scored on a free-kick blast late in the first half and 6-1 when Taylor Cox notched the Kewpies' second-half tally.

"We had a great start and scored some great goals," CBC coach Terry Michler said. "But when they scored to make it 4-1, it really changed the rhythm of the game. As a coach, it's a little disappointing that we weren't able to maintain that rhythm with our subs, but that's the way it goes.

"At times tonight, we were good, bad and ugly."

