



Meyerkord comes off bench to give CBC close 3-2 win over Vianney

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TOWN AND COUNTRY • CBC soccer coach Terry Michler had a hunch, and it paid off big on Saturday night.

Sophomore reserve Jake Meyerkord knocked in a pass from L.J. Adewumni with 4 minutes 33 seconds to play as CBC posted a wild 3-2 victory over visiting Vianney in Class 3 quarterfinal action.

"We needed someone to pressure (Vianney's Blake Smugala) in the back, and Jake's our fastest forward," Michler explained. "And Jake scored against Vianney earlier this season, so there's some history there."

It was the fourth goal of the season for Meyerkord.

"L.J. had the ball on the left side, cut it back and played to the open space in front of me," said Meyerkord, who entered the match with about 25 minutes to play. "I got to it and was able to flip it over the keeper and into the goal."

The game-winning goal capped a back-and-forth contest that sends the Cadets, ranked second among STLhighschoolsports.com large schools, into the 4 p.m. semifinal Friday against Rockhurst (19-9-1) at Blue Springs South High in suburban Kansas City. Rockhurst beat visiting Park Hill South 2-0 in a Saturday afternoon quarterfinal.

Seventh-ranked Vianney finished 17-11-1, with four of those losses coming to CBC.

"I don't know that we can find any more ways to lose to CBC," Vianney coach Dave Gauvain said.

Michler added: "Vianney definitely brought it tonight. They brought it in the first half, coming right back after we scored. They took the lead, but our guys showed a lot of character, just as they've done all season. They found a way.

"All I can say is, wow."

CBC (23-5-1) went up with about nine minutes to play before halftime when Craig McLaurine headed in a far-post cross from freshman A.J. Palazzolo. Vianney answered a minute or so later with a similar goal from Adam Michel, off a corner from Hayden Sparrow.

Michel, a junior midfielder, put the visitors on top when his free kick from just outside the CBC penalty area deflected in with 7:38 to play.

But this time, CBC responded as Dave Geerling scored with 6:47 left to set up Meyerkord's game-winner.

"They say you're most susceptible right after you score, and I guess we saw that both ways tonight," Michler said.