

Boys Soccer

Stevenson Nets Sixth Title Banner

A sixth MHSAA championship banner will soon be hanging on the walls at Livonia Stevenson.

Stevenson beat Troy, 2-1, in overtime on Saturday in the Class A soccer final in front of 3,152 at Bloomfield Hills Andover.

Mark Dietrich got his second goal 10:36 into overtime, leading Stevenson (19-2-1) and their fans into a wild celebration. Troy (19-3-3) was making its first championship appearance.

The winning play developed innocently, but quickly. Jason Roy took a pass from the right side and flicked it to Dietrich, whose shot deflected off Troy keeper Mike Sawyer and then the right post before resting behind the goal line.

"There was a big hole in the middle," said Dietrich, who leads the team with 22 goals. "I usually play out on the far bar on the outside flank because that's where I score most of my goals. The ball scooted right through and I just one-timed it at the net."

Troy scored first, as it has throughout the tournament, when Justin Coffey set up Patrick Joja for a quick grounder inside the left post at 7:45. It was the first goal allowed by keeper Eric O'Neil in seven tournament games.

Troy seemed complacent with the goal, and Stevenson began to carry the play.

Its hard work paid off when Dietrich tied the game on a header with 13:01 left in the first half.

Scott Babinski started the play with a shot from 25 yards that deflected high in the air. Dietrich won the jump ball with a charging Sawyer and headed the ball in from 10 yards.

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LIVONIA STEVENSON 1996 CLASS A CHAMPIONS



FIRST ROW: L to R — Thomas Eller, Jeff Budd, Eric O'Neil, Joe Suchara, Sergio Mainella, Bobby Ostalecki. **SECOND ROW:** Paul Tokarsky, Brandon Good, Bart Mays, Jim Misajlovich, Ryan Broderick, Matt Freeborn. **THIRD ROW:** Head Coach Walt Barrett, Naum Popovksi, Jim Bullock, Scott Babinski, Jason Roy, Mark Dietrich, Steve Roy, Assistant Coach Lars Richters. **MISSING:** Assistant Coach Jim Kimble, Jon Mathis, Mike White, Tony Maldonado.

Class A Finals Held at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School November 9, 1996

Road To The Finals

Quarterfinals (November 5, 1996)

Saginaw Heritage 2, Lake Orion 0 (at Flint Carman-Ainsworth)
Troy 1, Detroit Catholic Central 0 (at Warren DeLaSalle)
Grand Haven 2, Portage Central 1 (shootout) (at Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central)
Livonia Stevenson 2, Livonia Churchill 0 (at Plymouth Community Schools)

Semifinals (November 7, 1996)

Troy 5, Saginaw Heritage 0 (at Grand Blanc)
Livonia Stevenson 1, Grand Blanc 0 (2-OT) (at Jackson)

Finals (November 9, 1996)

Livonia Stevenson 2, Troy 1 (OT) (at Bloomfield Hills Andover)

FINAL GAME SUMMARY

Troy	1	0	0	—	1
Livonia Stevenson	1	0	1	—	2

SCORING SUMMARY

First Half: 1. T—Patrick Joja, 7:35.
1. LS—Mark Dietrich, 26:59.
Overtime 2. LS—Mark Dietrich, 90:36

STATISTICS

Troy		Livonia Stevenson
9	Shots	15
8	Saves	8
15	Fouls	17
6	Corner Kicks	4

GOALIES: Mike Sawyer (T), Eric O'Neil (LS).

FINAL SEASON RECORDS: Livonia Stevenson 19-2-1; Troy 19-3-3.