

8/27

STM (2-0) vs Decatur St. Teresa (0-1)

Statistical Summary

Final Score: St. Teresa: 3 STM: 1

Scoring:

1st Half:

(STS) Allison (u/a); 21st Minute

(STS) Allison (u/a); 39th Minute

2nd Half:

(STM): K. Jones (W. Jones); 51st Minute

(STS): Osborne (u/a); 78th Minute

The Sabers dropped their first contest of the season Saturday morning in a hard-fought match against a talented St. Teresa (Decatur) team. Returning All-Area player Blake Allison got the best of the STM defense twice in the first half to put the Bulldogs up 2-0 at halftime. Despite giving up two goals in the first half, the Sabers came out fired up in the 2nd half and pulled within 1 goal on Kyler Jones' spectacular header (off a Wiley Jones free kick) that beat the STS keeper. Despite playing much of the game without two injured key players, the Sabers pressured the St. Teresa goal often and the tying goal looked like it was imminent. However, the Bulldog defense held strong and managed to keep the STM attack silent for the rest of the match. The Bulldogs finished the scoring with 1 minute left in the game, as STM desperately sent defensive players forward in hopes of finding an equalizer.

Despite the loss, STM played some of its best soccer today. St. Teresa is a senior laden team that is expected to advance far into the IHSA 1A playoffs this year. The Sabers return to play with the busiest and possibly most crucial week of the season this Monday. The Sabers play conference tournament games Monday through Thursday and have only 1 day off before traveling to Peoria Notre Dame on Saturday, September 3. Come support the boys as they attempt to repeat as undefeated Conference Champions. First tournament game is Monday (8/29) @ St. Joseph-Ogden @ 4:30 PM with the Sabers returning home on Tuesday (8/30) to face Clifton @ 4:30 PM.