

STM vs Iroquois West (9/2)

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*33rd Minute → D. Shin (K. Kostell)

STM was expecting a difficult match coming into the game with 5 regular starters out of the lineup with various injuries. Still, the Sangamon Valley Conference tournament title was on the line and the boys knew they needed a win to have a chance at the title. Several players stepped up defensively for the Sabers helping keeper Danny Vetter collect his 3rd shutout of the year. The defense of Bryton Bui, Alex Sabol, Noah Johnson, and JB played excellent defense throughout the match and kept the Raiders from getting many quality opportunities.

On the offensive end, Dan Shin came to the rescue again; scoring his 10th goal of the season shortly before halftime on a Kyle Kostell assist. Kyler Jones was named "Man of the Match" for his effort in winning 50/50 balls and possessing the ball throughout the midfield. The Sabers gritted out a hard-fought victory in possibly their most well played match of the young season. It now becomes a waiting game as the Sabers will have to wait for several results from conference tournament games on Saturday to see if their accumulation of 17 points this week will hold up.

STM travels to Peoria this Saturday (9/3) for a day of fun highlighted by a match by versus IHSA 2004,2009, and 2011 State Champion Program, Peoria Notre Dame. The Sabers will challenge the nationally ranked program's JV squad/varsity non-starters at 5 PM, after watching the Irish Varsity take on St. Louis Chaminade Preparatory School at 2 PM. The match serves as a homecoming for STM soccer coaches James Johnson and Jeff Cassidy.