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Shipley Repeats: Wins on Penalty Kicks, 4-3, after 0-0 Tie

In a superbly played and exceptionally exciting championship game played under the lights at Radnor High School on Tuesday, November 3rd, Shipley and Germantown Friends were scoreless through 110 minutes of regulation and overtime play, before the Gators took home the title by a 4-3 margin in penalty kicks. Both teams played extraordinary soccer, with Shipley knocking the ball around with finesse and accuracy and Germantown stepping up their defense and frustrating the Gators' attack. As play wore on through the early evening players on both sides fell victim to leg cramps. Both teams had solid chances through regulation play, with the two senior keepers (Nick Irvine for Shipley and Jay Query for Germantown) making a number of fine saves. The defenders on both teams also had a huge role in keeping the scoreboard at zeros. One Germantown shot, seemingly ticketed for a score, was headed away by a Gator defender on the goalline and another hard shot hit a defender in the chest. Shipley also had a number of solid chances through the 80 minutes of regulation play, but each was turned away by Query or the defense. Center backs Zac Arch for Shipley and Evan Miller for Germantown played errorless ball, clearing everything and directing their teammates confidently and accurately. In overtime the play went back and forth with both teams digging deep for a little extra energy to find a goal. In the second 10-minute period Shipley hit a shot across the goal mouth which skimmed the far post and bounced out of bounds. In the first of the "golden goal" 5-minute periods the Gators hit a dipping shot off the crossbar which bounced up in the air and into Query's grasp. With about 2 minutes remaining in the final OT session, the Tigers took a free kick from about 40 yards out and had a head ball hit the outside of the near post. In the PK shootout, both keepers saved one of the first four kicks taken and then on the final kicks of the first round, Shipley scored and Irvine was able to save the Tigers' final attempt. Both teams played wonderfully and gave everything they had. Shipley was the more skilled team overall, but Germantown

stayed even by playing a gritty, tenacious game. The game was an excellent showcase of the quality of play in the Friends Schools League.

To get to the championship game Shipley topped visiting Westtown 3-0 in one semifinal contest on Saturday, October 31st. The Gators opened the scoring in the 10th minute when freshman Sam Marks fed senior Kevin Cella. The second goal came on a header by junior Zac Arch off a corner kick by classmate Geoff Stewart. The third goal was scored by junior Mike Stewart with an assist from senior Derek Smith. Irvine tended goal for the shutout. The other semifinal saw Germantown blank visiting Moorestown 2-0 on two goals by senior Manolo Sanchez, each off a corner kick. In the 15th minute classmate Marcelo Osorio-Soto drove a corner kick that found Sanchez about 10 yards out. He turned and drove the ball to the far post. The Tigers had a number of other scoring chances, but the score remained 1-0 until the 73rd minute when freshman Sam Conant lofted a corner to Sanchez' head for a near corner insurance goal. Query made four saves to preserve the shutout.

Sanchez and GFS classmate Jason Symonette moved into second and third places on the all-time FSL goal scoring list. Sanchez had 31 goals and Symonette tallied 26 to place behind Mbizo Mzamane (GFS '06) who scored 34 league goals.

Sanchez and Arch Lead All-League Team

Senior Manolo Sanchez of Germantown and junior Zac Arch of Shipley were named by the coaches as FSL representatives on the all-state and all-area (SE PA) teams. The members of the all-league team will play in the annual Thanksgiving charity tournament to be held this year on Friday, November 27th at Eastern University. They will play against a combined team from the TriCounty and Del Val Leagues at 10:15 a.m. Following is the list of all-league and honorable mention players.

First Team

Manolo Sanchez	Germantown Friends	Senior
Zac Arch	Shipley	Junior
Ben Lasserre	Moorestown Friends	Senior
Sam Winward	Friends Select	Junior
Noah Schoenberg	Friends' Central	Sophomore
Jason Symonette	Germantown Friends	Senior

Evan Seltzer	Shipley	Senior
Nick Irvine	Shipley	Senior
John McCann	Shipley	Senior
Seumas Trull	George School	Senior
Jon Schauer	Westtown School	Senior
Vaclav Hasik	Westtown School	Senior
Nate Simon	Abington Friends	Senior
Blake McCurdy	Academy of the New Church	Senior
Justin Stark	Moorestown Friends	Senior
Sam Mercuris	Germantown Friends	Senior
Cameron Bentley	George School	Senior
Shawn Gupta	Moorestown Friends	Senior
Jon Riles	Academy of the New Church	Junior
Sam Marks	Shipley	Freshman

Honorable Mention

Andy Zega	Abington Friends	Senior
Caleb Sansom	Academy of the New Church	Senior
Marcelo Osorio-Soto	Germantown Friends	Senior
Mike Stewart	Shipley	Junior
Ethan Ostroff	Abington Friends	Junior
Sean Novak	Westtown School	Junior
Jas Chojnowski	George School	Senior
Ian McCoyd	Westtown School	Senior
Evan Miller	Germantown Friends	Junior
Manish Kurien	Abington Friends	Senior

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Playoff Positions Set: Shipley, Germantown to Host

Shipley secured first place and Germantown claimed second place through results over the final 10 days of the regular season. The Gators will host Westtown who clinched the final playoff position, while the Tigers will host Moorestown in the 2-3 game. The Foxes will be in the playoffs for the first time since 1999.

In games played on October 20th there were three shutouts, with the home team winning in each case. Westtown blanked Friends' Central 6-0, while Moorestown topped Friends Select 5-0 and Shipley beat ANC 4-0. The fourth game on the 20th saw visiting George School top Abington 3-1. Westtown saw six different players dent the net with Josh Biedeman and Henry McCauley each tallying a goal and an assist and Nick Carnes notching the shutout. Moorestown jumped out to a 4-0 first half lead and coasted behind the shutout keeping of Justin Stark and Matt Tamburri. Five different Foxes found the back of the net, with junior Bryce Langlotz and freshman Ethan Carilli each adding an assist to their goals. Senior Kevin Seltzer led Shipley with a goal and 3 assists in their win over ANC. Other Gator goals came from Keith Bradley, Sam Marks and Kevin Cella. Nick Irvine notched the shutout in goal. George used a hat trick by senior Seumas Trull between the 12th and 20th minutes to gain an insurmountable lead over the 'roos who scored on a deflected goal in the 45th minute.

All four games on the 23rd ended in shutouts. GFS beat visiting George 1-0. Westtown topped host Friends Select 4-0. Shipley blanked host Friends' Central 6-0 and ANC defeated Abington at home 2-0. Germantown controlled the play for most of the game against the Cougars, but could only manage one goal, scored by junior Marcelo Osorio-Soto in the 12th minute off an assist from classmate Evan Miller. Senior Jay Query tended goal for the shutout. ANC senior Blake McCurdy tallied twice in the second half (with assists each time from junior Jon Riles) to push the Lions past the 'roos. Junior Kellan Ayers had 11 saves for the shutout. No scoring details were made available on the Shipley and Westtown wins.

The final games of the season, played on 10/27 and 10/29, were all makeups of postponed contests. GFS locked up second place with a 5-1 win over host Friends' Central, while Westtown nudged their way into 4th place with a 3-2 home win over ANC. The final game saw Abington lose to Shipley 3-0 in a game postponed a total of three times, and finally played at ANC due to wet field conditions at Abington. The loss knocked the 'roos out of the postseason picture. Germantown and FCS were tied at 1-1 after the first half before the Tigers tallied four times in the second frame. Five different players scored for the winners. Westtown, looking to lock up a playoff spot, scored in the 2nd and 21st minutes against the Lions, before yielding a goal in the 28th minute, but tallied again in the 39th minute. ANC came close with a 53rd minute goal, but could not net the equalizer.

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Shipley Remains Unbeaten in League Play

On Friday, October 9th George hosted Westtown and played to a scoreless draw in their annual Moose Cup battle. Shipley traveled to Moorestown and needed an 80th minute goal from freshman Sam Marks to top the hosts 2-1. The Gators opened the scoring in the 20th minute when senior John McCann tallied off a corner kick from junior Mike Stewart. Moorestown evened the score in the 47th minute when junior Peter Barna headed in a free kick from Kyle Koste. A foul on Moorestown resulted in a quickly taken free kick played to senior Zac Arch who fed the ball to Marks for the game-winner with 30 seconds remaining. The final contest on the 9th saw visiting Abington upend Germantown 2-1 in overtime. This was the Kangaroos' first win over the Tigers since 2002. The hosts opened the scoring in the 8th minute when senior Manolo Sanchez sent classmate Jason Symonette in solo on the keeper and he didn't miss. Abington evened the score on a penalty kick midway through the half by senior Manish Kurian. From here on the difference was Abington keeper junior Ethan Ostroff. He made a number of excellent saves and a few spectacular, game-saving ones. The winning goal came with two minutes left in the second overtime. A free kick from outside the side of the penalty area was chipped by senior Ray Longstreth to classmate Nate Simon who headed it back into the near corner of the goal. The win kept the 'roos undefeated in league play.

Three games were played on October 13th. Host Westtown earned their first league win as they blanked Germantown 3-0. The hosts tallied once in the first half and twice in the second frame. Goals came from Vaclav Hasik, Josh Biedeman and Phillip Rahling. Ian McCoyd contributed an assist and Nick Carnes made two saves for the shutout as they topped the Tigers for the first time since 2000. Host Shipley remained undefeated in FSL play with a 4-0 win over George School. The Gators tallied three times in the first half and closed out the scoring in the 76th minute. Goals came from E.J. Whyte, McCann,

Arch and Derrick Smith. Evan Seltzer, Pete Miller and Smith had assists. Nick Irvine recorded the shutout in goal. The final contest on the 13th saw ANC break open a close game with 4 goals in the final 10 minutes on the way to a 7-1 win over visiting Friends' Central. Junior Greg Synnestvedt tallied a hat trick and added an assist. Senior Blake McCurdy added two goals and an assist. Junior Jon Riles had a goal and two assists.

On Wednesday the 14th Moorestown traveled to Abington and brought home a 1-0 win. Senior Ben Lasserre scored from 30 yards out in the 8th minute on an assist from Barna. Senior Jason Stark kept the hosts off the board making 12 saves, including 5 excellent ones in the second half when the 'roos pushed hard for the equalizer.

The rain and winds on Friday, October 16th washed out 2 of the 3 scheduled contests, with only Moorestown and Friends' Central braving the elements. The host Foxes scored twice in the opening two minutes and five times in the first 16 minutes and then coasted to a 7-0 win over the Phoenix. Stark (2 saves) and Matt Tamburri (4 saves) shared goaltending duties. Tamburri also scored the first two goals of the game before donning the gloves in the second half. Bryan Gfeller had 2 goals and an assist and Curran Console and Keith Console each had two assists. ANC at Westtown is postponed until 10/26 and Shipley will play at Abington on 10/27.

FSL SCORING LEADERS THROUGH 10/16

NAME	Year	School	Goals	Assists	Points
Jon Riles	11	ANC	5	3	13
Manolo Sanchez	12	Germantown	4	5	13
Jason Symonette	12	Germantown	5	2	12
Blake McCurdy	12	ANC	5	1	11
Seumas Trull	12	George	4	3	11
Zac Arch	11	Shipley	4	1	9
Evan Seltzer	12	Shipley	3	2	8

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Germantown and Shipley play to a 2-2 Tie

On Tuesday, September 29th ANC traveled to Fairmount Park to take on Friends Select and came home with a 7-1 win. The Lions scored twice in the first 8 minutes and never looked back. They led 5-1 at the intermission. Junior Jon Riles and senior Blake McCurdy each had two goals, while junior Ethan Baker had a goal and two assists. Seniors Steven Maurer and Jack Clauser each netted second half goals while sophomores Travis McCurdy and Brett Doering and junior Tyler Boyce chipped in with assists. Select's goal came from junior Sam Winward off a corner taken by sophomore Danny Mauri.

Three games were played on Friday, October 2nd. Moorestown hosted ANC and scored twice in the final 3 minutes of the match to garner a 3-2 victory. ANC opened the scoring in the 15th minute when Blake McCurdy headed in a cross from classmate Caleb Sansom. The Foxes equalized in the 25th minute when senior Ben Lasserre drove the baseline and hit a shot off the near post which rebounded right back to him and he finished to the far post. The score remained at 1-1 until the 60th minute when Riles hit a low shot past a screened keeper to put the Lions up 2-1. The visitors kept up the pressure, but in the 77th minute Moorestown was awarded a free kick at midfield and junior Kyle Koste drove the ball into a scrum in front of the net where an ANC defender inadvertently headed the ball in for an own-goal. Just a minute later, after a Moorestown corner kick, the ball eventually rolled out to Koste who hit a rocket from 25 yards out for the game winner, a stunning turn of events for both teams.

Also on the 2nd George hosted Select and built a 3-0 halftime lead into a 4-0 win. Junior Walter Lomax tallied in the 10th (unassisted) and 34th minutes (assist to senior Seumas Trull). Junior Devon Pinkus scored in the 27th minute and Trull closed out the scoring with a 47th minute goal assisted by freshman Zach Kimmelheim. Senior Jas Chojnowski made 3 saves for the shutout.

The final game on the 2nd saw host Shipley blank Westtown 3-0. The Gators got two goals from Senior Evan Seltzer and one from

freshman Sam Marks with assists from junior Mike Stewart, and seniors Kevin Cella and Keith Bradley. Senior Nick Irvine turned away 7 shots for the shutout.

Four games were played on Tuesday, October 6th. Host Moorestown held onto a 2-1 halftime lead until the final minute of play when they were able to put in an insurance goal for a 3-1 win over George School. The Foxes were awarded a penalty kick in the 7th minute. Chojnowski made a great save on Lasserre's shot, parrying it to the post, but Lasserre was able to gather up the rebound and pass it to junior Keith Console who knocked it in to open the scoring. George evened the score in the 13th minute on a goal from Trull with an assist from senior Cameron Bentley. Lasserre then fed junior Matt Tamburri for the go-ahead goal in the 19th minute. Due to a red-card, George was forced to play the final 47 minutes of the game shorthanded, but seemed to be fired up by their burden and had a number of threats through the second half before yielding a final goal in the 80th minute to sophomore Bryan Gfeller with an assist from Koste.

Also on the 6th Germantown hosted Shipley in a rematch of the past three years' championship games. The game did not disappoint as both teams played with great energy and talent from the opening tap to the final whistle of a 2-2 overtime tie. The Tigers opened the scoring in the 8th minute when sophomore Henry Bushnell headed in a hard low direct kick from senior Manolo Sanchez. Shipley evened the score just two minutes later on a solo effort by senior center back Zac Arch who dribbled through and past a number of GFS defenders before unleashing a strong shot to the left side. In the 15th minute senior Tiger keeper Jay Query punted the ball past midfield where onrushing classmate Jason Symonette won control of the ball and beat the remaining defender and then the keeper with a hard shot to the far corner of the goal. Shipley evened the score once again in the 53rd minute on a goal by junior E.J. Whyte with an assist from Seltzer. After that both teams had some very good chances, but a combination of excellent saves (including a Shipley goal line clearance after the keeper had been beaten) and near misses kept the final score at 2-2.

The other games on the 6th saw host Abington blank Westtown 1-0 and Friends' Central shut out visiting Friends Select 4-0 (no details available yet). Abington and Westtown played 74 scoreless minutes before the 'roos earned a penalty kick. Senior co-captain Manish Kurian scored on the PK and the home team held on for the 1-0 final

outcome. Junior Ethan Ostroff had 5 saves to preserve the shutout.

FSL SCORING LEADERS THROUGH 10/6

NAME	Year	School	Goals	Assists	Points
Manolo Sanchez	12	Germantown	4	4	12
Seumas Trull	12	George	4	3	11
Jason Symonette	12	Germantown	4	2	10
Jon Riles	11	ANC	4	1	9
Blake McCurdy	12	ANC	3	1	7
Evan Seltzer	12	ShIPLEY	3	1	7
Danny Cipriano	12	Abington	3	0	6
Zac Arch	11	ShIPLEY	3	0	6
Cameron Bentley	12	George	2	2	6

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Tigers Open With Three Shutouts

League play opened on Tuesday, September 22nd with 4 games contested. Germantown blanked visiting Moorestown 1-0. The Tigers had many more scoring opportunities than the Foxes, but could only tally once in the 5th minute when senior Jason Symonette kicked in an over-the-shoulder shot after a head ball from classmate Manolo Sanchez went across the goalmouth. The play started with a corner kick. Moorestown's defense bent but did not break through the final 75 minutes. Senior Jay Query made 2 saves for the shutout.

Also on the 22nd host George topped ANC 3-2 in overtime. This was the 4th overtime game between these two schools in the last 6 years. One game remained a tie. ANC won one and George has prevailed for the past two years. ANC controlled play well, but George countered consistently and capitalized on opportunities. The visitors opened the scoring in the 7th minute on a goal by junior Jon Riles with an assist from senior Blake McCurdy. The Cougars evened the match on an 11th minute goal from senior Seumas Trull who intercepted a pass just outside the box, took one touch and knocked it home. They then took the lead in the 54th minute when freshman Will Yarnall headed in a corner kick by sophomore Tommy Lodge. The Lions balanced the scoresheet in the 63rd minute on a goal by sophomore Travis McCurdy which deflected in off a George defender. Senior Caleb Sansom earned the assist. The gamewinner was notched in the first minute of the two overtime periods by senior Aidan Schmidtberger who forged his way through the Lions' defense and touched the ball across the goal line. ANC threatened through the rest of the overtime, but could not equalize, although they did hit a shot off the crossbar.

Again on the 22nd visiting Abington blanked Friends' Central 3-0. The 'roos relied on senior Danny Cipriano for all three goals. Cipriano scored twice unassisted on long-range shots, once in the first half and again in the second period and then closed the scoring with a head ball goal off an assist from classmate Manish Kurian. Junior Ethan Ostroff

recorded five saves for the shutout.

The final contest on the 22nd saw host Shipley blank Friends Select 6-0. The Gators jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first 10 minutes and never looked back. Zac Arch scored twice and Evan Seltzer, Keith Bradley, Miles Doolittle and Mac Gallagher each added one goal. Mike Stewart had two assists and Kevin Cella added one. Nick Irvine needed just two saves for the shutout.

On Thursday the 24th Germantown traveled to Bryn Athyn to face ANC and came home with a 3-0 victory on 3 breakaway goals in an 8 minute span midway through the first half. Symonette scored in the 24th minute with an assist from Sanchez and two minutes later the two switched roles for another tally. Sanchez closed out the scoring in the 32nd minute with an assist from senior Marcelo Osorio-Soto. The Lions adjusted at halftime and held the visitors scoreless after the break. Query made 6 saves for the shutout.

Also on the 24th Abington took home a 3-1 win at Friends Select. Junior Kenny Johnson had a big day for the 'roos and opened the scoring with an assist from senior Mac Todman. Freshman Ben Holl (assisted by junior Sam Winward) evened the match for the Falcons, but just before the half Johnson netted his second goal on a header off an assist from senior Ray Longstreth. Senior Nate Simon put in a second half insurance goal with an assist from Johnson to ice the win for the visitors.

On Friday, September 25th Westtown hosted Moorestown under the lights on the turf at Ciccarone Field in Westchester. The two teams played to a scoreless tie through two overtime periods. Moorestown had the better of the play early in the game, but the hosts came on strong midway through the first half and continued to press the play through the second half. Westtown outshot the visitors 24-16 and Moorestown keeper Justin Stark was credited with 17 saves while his Westtown counterpart Nick Carnes tallied 14 saves.

The other game on the 25th saw host George School jump out to a 4-0 halftime lead on the way to a 5-0 blanking of Friends' Central. Cameron Bentley and George Haug each tallied twice for the Cougars. Trull assisted on each of Bentley's goals and added a solo effort as well. Bentley assisted on Haug's first goal and Walter Lomax set up Haug's second tally. Senior Jas Chojnowski made three saves for the shutout.

On Saturday, September 26th Germantown Friends, Friends Select and Moorestown Friends celebrated the centennial of their first soccer games, played in November of 1909. In that inaugural year

Moorestown topped Germantown 5-0 and Select 3-1, while the Falcons (I doubt they were called the Falcons in 1909) beat Germantown 4-0. On Saturday GFS hosted a centennial celebration and then the GFS girls played Moorestown while the boys hosted Select. The Tigers, seeking revenge for that century-old defeat, blanked the guests 9-0. Seven different players scored for the hosts, with Sanchez and classmate Nick Fromell, each netting two goals. Querry and Gilman Myran shared the shutout for the Tigers, who led 5-0 at the half.

ESL SCORING LEADERS THROUGH 9/26

NAME	Year	School	Goals	Assists	Points
Manolo Sanchez	12	Germantown	4	3	11
Jason Symonette	12	Germantown	3	2	8
Danny Cipriano	12	Abington	3	0	6
Seumas Trull	12	George	2	2	6
Kenny Johnson	11	Abington	2	1	5
Cameron Bentley	12	George	2	1	5
Gabe Haug	10	George	2	0	4
Nick Fromell	12	Germantown	2	0	4
Zac Arch	11	Shipley	2	0	4
Marcelo Osorio-Soto	12	Germantown	1	1	3