

# Franklin wins soccer crown

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The beat goes on.

Franklin took care of some unfinished business yesterday by beating Chattanooga Girls Preparatory School 3-0 in the girls Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association title game.

The Lady Rebels, ranked 14th in the nation by *USA Today*, completed their season with a perfect 18-0 mark.

Most importantly for head coach Gary Shrader, it gave him his third TSSAA title in four years and made him right on his pre-game prediction that his team would win.

"It feels great," said Shrader, who was drenched with water by his players after the game. "It was a total team effort. We had a strong defense and an attacking offense."

The Lady Rebels moved into the title game with a 3-0 win over Knoxville Farragut in the semifinals Friday. Franklin's strong play in that game, coupled with the Lady Rebels' performance in the title game, left Shrader

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believing that perhaps his team had come together at the right time.

"We've played in streaks this season," Shrader said. "These may have been the two best games we've played this year."

The Lady Bruisers, who advanced with a 1-0 overtime win over Germantown Friday night, played a finesse style in the early going. They forced the Lady Rebels to play more defense than usual at the beginning of the first half, but were left vulnerable during some key stretches.

During one of those lapses, Franklin forward Jenger Burchett banged in a six-foot shot to open the scoring at the 21:18 mark. Burchett would later be named the Most Valuable Player during the two-day tournament.

After that score, GPS head coach Steve George played a little tighter defense, but not because he was afraid of the vaunted Franklin offense.

"I don't think our girls quite had their legs under them," said George, whose team stayed on the field Friday night until nearly midnight. "Give all the credit to Franklin, though. They are a talented team and they've been here before. They've got a lot of experience."

The defensive posture helped the Lady Bruisers, who entered halftime trailing just 1-0.

"We didn't go to the ball that well in the first half," said Shrader. "But other than that we played fine."

Indeed they did.

—Just four minutes into the second



Peyton Hoge

Members of Franklin High's soccer team loft the championship trophy.

half, Burchett banged in another goal to make the score 2-0 and add a lot of pressure to GPS.

"We're the only team that came to this tournament that had never been to the Final Four," said George. "Franklin's been here before and we learned some lessons."

Another lesson was administered 14 minutes later when Dria Arenth knocked in a shot off of a corner kick to put the title-bound Lady Rebels on top 3-0.

The win gives Franklin a 111-1-3 record since they began playing soccer at the school. The Lady Rebels' lone loss occurred last season when they fell in the finals of the TSSAA tournament to Chattanooga Notre Dame. Although the loss broke his team's unbeaten streak, it didn't make Shrader or his team vindictive.

"No I don't feel vindicated to win this game," he said. "But what it did was to give us the desire to be the best."

Although Shrader predicted his team would win this season's title, he wasn't sure what the 1990 season has in store for his team.

When asked if they'd repeat next season, Shrader replied: "I'm not going to say. We've got a young team. But we'll be back strong." ■

## TSSAA state soccer all-tournament

Jenny Bocko . . . . .	Farragut
Samantha Marcum . . . . .	Farragut
Ashley Accadri . . . . .	Germantown
Nancy Fallin . . . . .	Germantown
Dion Roland . . . . .	GPS
Susan Taylor . . . . .	GPS
Janet Ensign . . . . .	GPS
Jennifer Burchett . . . . .	Franklin
Dria Arenth . . . . .	Franklin
Michelle Heinz . . . . .	Franklin
Jenny Griffin . . . . .	Franklin

## MVP

Jenger Burchett . . . . .	Franklin
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