

# 2011 Centennial HS Boys Soccer

## Game Summaries

### IHSA Game 1

Chargers Take Advantage of Extra Time-- The Centennial Chargers defeated their cross town rival Central Maroons 3-2 in the first round of IHSA Regional play Tuesday at Central. The Chargers opened scoring when Senior Ryan Gregg threaded a pass to Jia-yu Yao who scored four minutes into the game. Eight minutes later Freshman Diamond Williams netted a pass from Senior Lonnie Barnes to put Centennial up 2-0.

Central struck back on two scores by Mukendi and the half ended 2-2.

Both teams played aggressive defense in the second half resulting in the teams remaining tied at the end of regulation. The Chargers broke the deadlock in the second overtime period when Freshman Dennis Freeman passed to Senior Ryan Gregg who flicked the ball to Brent Loth for the winning goal from 8 meters out. Final score 3-2. Centennial will face Urbana in the Regional Championship on Saturday.

Central had 9 shots on goal and three corner kicks compared to Centennial's 16 shots on goal and five corner kicks for the match. Centennial keeper Andy Drackley recorded 8 saves while the Central goalie posted 14.

Scoring first half:

Centennial: Yao (Gregg)

Centennial: Williams (Barnes)

Central: Mukendi

Central: Mukendi

Second half: no score

First OT: no score

Second OT: Loth (Gregg)

Centennial record:

11-6-5

### GAME 21

Chargers Stopped by Normal West-- The Centennial boys soccer dropped their final regular season game to Normal West 3-2 on Saturday. Normal scored three goals all on stopped balls to take a three - zero lead in the first half. Senior Ryan Gregg netted the Chargers first score, assisted by Lonnie Barnes early in the second half. Charger senior Brent Loth raced up the middle for the Chargers second goal.

Scoring first half:

Normal West- Duran (Poston)

Normal West -Spencer (DeGrote)

Normal West -Spencer (DeGrote)

Second half:

Chargers-Gregg (Barnes)

Chargers-Loth (ua)

Centennial record: 10-6-5- Big 12: 5-3-1

The Centennial JV boys won the Championship Division of the Peoria Notre Dame JV tournament held

in Morton. The team beat Bloomington in the final 1-0. Dennis Freeman scored the winning goal on an assist by Bravo. The team won all three of their matches on Saturday.

### **GAME 20**

Chargers Pay Tribute to Their Seniors-- The Centennial Boys Soccer team hosted the Bloomington Purple Raiders at Centennial Field this evening. Prior to the game, the Chargers played tribute to the nine seniors on the roster. The Chargers played solid soccer firing 20 shots on goal and won the game 2-0. Centennial moved their Big 12 record to 5-2-1 and their overall record to 10-5-5 with the win.

The two teams played the first half to a scoreless tie. Early in the second half, Senior Peter Mehnert made a perfect pass to Diamond Williams who scored the Chargers first goal from the right side of the box. The Chargers second goal came when Senior Lonnie Barnes netted a Penalty Kick. Charger Goalie Ian Ritchey recorded his first shutout of the year.

Scoring Second Half:

Centennial Williams (Mehnert)

Centennial Barnes (PK)

Centennial record: 10-5-5- Big 12 5-2-1

Centennial shots on goal- 20

Bloomington shot on goal 4

JV game:

Centennial 2 / Bloomington 2

Scoring for Centennial: Ritchey & Bravo

### **GAME 19**

Chargers Tame Green Wave-- The Centennial Chargers tamed the Mattoon Green Wave Saturday in Mattoon, defeating them by a score of 4-1. The Chargers controlled the ball and dominated possession firing 21 shots on goal compared to 5 by host Mattoon.

The Chargers opened the scoring when Jiayu Yao sent a ball to Jameel Abdul-Rahman who netted the ball from 8 meters out. Mattoon countered when Keith Royse headed in Mattoon's lone goal.

In the second half, the Chargers go ahead goal was scored by Yao when he fired from 25 meters out. Senior Captain Peter Mehnert set up the third score when he lined a perfect direct kick to Lonnie Barnes who headed their third goal. Diamond Williams rounded out the scoring when his shot rebounded off of the top bar for a 4-1 Charger lead. The Charger's defense led by Peter Mehnert, Michael Kim, Vanji Moise and Ryan Gregg to and only five shots on goal.

Scoring first half:

Centennial- Abdul-Rahman (J), (Yao)

Mattoon -Royse (McEachern)

Second half:

Centennial- Yao (ua)

Centennial- Barnes (Mehnert)

Centennial- Williams (ua)

JV

Chargers 1- Mattoon 1

Jamie Bravo ( Hinds)

### **GAME 18**

Chargers Defeat Trojans--The Champaign Centennial boys soccer team defeated the Charleston Trojans 3-0 in Charleston on Wednesday. The Chargers struck early when Junior Jiayu Yao slid a nifty shot past the Charleston goalie putting the Chargers up 1-0 early. Freshman Diamond Williams followed with rocket from the right side of the box pushing the Chargers' lead to 2-0. Midway through the first half Senior and Charger leading scorer, Lonnie Barnes, netted a goal from 18 meters out putting Centennial up 3-0. The Chargers fired 14 shots on goal compared to Charleston's five, four of which came late in the game after Centennial cleared its bench.

Centennial upped their record to 8-5-5 with the win, 3-2-1 in the Big 12. Charleston's record stands at 8-5-1 after the loss. Ryan Winters recorded the shutout.

Scoring First half:

Centennial:

Yao (ua)

Williams (ua)

Barnes (ua)

Second Half --no scoring

### **GAME 17**

Cross Town Deadlock-- Champaign Central hosted Champaign Centennial's boys in soccer team Monday night and when the final whistle blew the cross town rivals were deadlock 2-2. Central open the scoring when Senior Midfielder Julio Zarco connected on a 50 yard shot for a 1-0 lead. Both teams played aggressive first half defense resulting in two shots on goal by Central and four shots on goal for Centennial. The Chargers knotted up the score in the second half when Junior Travis Burch flipped a side throw-in ball to Lonnie Barnes at the mouth of the goal. Lonnie headed the ball to Senior Peter Mehnert whose shot found the back Central's net. Moments later Centennial took the lead when Mehnert's corner kick landed perfectly on the right foot of Senior Brent Loth how stroked the ball past the Central's goalie putting the Chargers up 2-1. Central fought back with 15 minutes remaining when Sophomore Tim Ham slid a goal past the Centennial goalie resulting in a 2-2- tie. The Chargers had 10 shots on goal for the match and Central fired 8 on goal.

Scoring :

First half

Central : Zarco (ua)

Second half:

Centennial : Mehnert (Barnes)

Centennial : Loth (Mehnert)

Central : Ham (ua)

JV game Central 4- Centennial -0

Centennial record: 7-5-5      Big 12 : 3-2-1

Central Record 8-3-2      Big 12: 4-1-2

### **GAME 16**

URBANA 4 CHARGERS 0

### **GAME 15**

Seeing Red-- Centennial Chargers and the Alton Redbirds played to a 1-1 tie on at Centennial field on Saturday. The teams played a scoreless first half with Centennial shooting 7 shots on goal compared to Alton's 5. At the 46 minute mark Diamond Williams, Centennial's Freshman forward was fouled at the top of the box resulting in a direct kick taken by Senior Lonnie Barnes. Barnes struck a perfect ball around the Redbirds wall to put Centennial up 1-0. The Chargers held the lead until the 76th minute when Alton midfielder Leonard ripped a shot from 25 yards out knotting the score at 1-1.

Scoring first half: none

Second half:

Centennial Barnes (ua)

Alton Leonard (ua)

Centennial record

7-4-4. Big 12: 3-1

Alton 4-7-1

JV game

Centennial 2 Alton 1

Scoring

Centennial Hazelwood (Hinds)

Bravo (ua)

Alton: Hensen (Lenis)

Centennial record: 5-4-1

### **GAME 14**

Centennial 2 Mahomet 0

Lonnie Barnes scored a pair of second half goals to lead the Chargers to a road victory. The Chargers dominated play and outshot the Bulldogs 10-2. Oscar Almarez returned to keeper duties, making a diving save late in the second half to preserve the shutout.

JV: Mahomet 1 Centennial 0

### **GAME 13**

Danville 3 Centennial 1

Game at Centennial.

Scoring first half:

Danville: DePratt (ua)

Danville: Tapia (DePratt)

Second half:

Centennial: Loth (Barnes)

Danville: DePratt (Downing)

Centennial overall: 6-4-3 Conference :3-1

Danville: 5-7-1 Conference :3-2

Centennial JV versus Danville

Centennial-2 Danville-1

Centennial scores:

Moise

Bravo ( Hinds)

Danville:

Rubbio

Centennial record : 4-3-1

### **GAME 12**

United Township East Moline struck early in the match when their striker, Coffee, pushed his way through the defense for the first goal. The Chargers countered 10 minutes later when Senior Jameel Abdul-Rahmann netted a ball served to him from Diamond Williams.

Deep into the first half, East Moline scored off of corner kick on a header by Merridith.

The Chargers stepped up their attack and bottomed most of the second half. With less than 30 seconds remaining in the match, Diamond Williams fired a blistering ball to the right post for the tying goal.

East Moline settled the match 4 minutes into the first overtime when their right midfielder lofted a direct kick over Charger goalie Oscar Almaraz for the 3-2 win.

Scoring first half:

East Moline: Coffee (ua)

Centennial: Williams (J. Abdul-Rahman)

East Moline: Merridith (Domboski)

Second Half:

Centennial: Williams

Overtime:

East Moline: Barts

Centennial Record: 6-4-2

Big 12 conference: 3-0

### **GAME 11**

Centennial played to a scoreless tie against Rockford Christian early Saturday morning. The Game was settled on penalty kicks 3-2 in favor of Rockford.

Penalty Kick scoring:

Centennial: Kim & J. Abdul-Rahman

Rockford Christian: Wright, Stern & Williams

### **GAME 10**

ROCKTON HONONEGAH Indian State Cup Game 1.

Friday Fun-- The Centennial Chargers boys soccer team topped the Noble Street Prep school (a Chicago charter school) soccer team 3-1 in the opening round of the Hononegah Indian State Cup in Rockford. Charger scoring came from Freshman Diamond Williams, 2 goals and Freshman Dennis Freeman assisted by Jameel Abdul-Rahman.

Scoring:

First Half

Centennial:

Williams (ua)

Freeman (J. Abdul-Rahman)

Second half:

Centennial: Williams (ua)

Noble: unknown

### **GAME 9**

Centennial Outscores Normal U-High-- The Centennial boys soccer team beat Normal University High School boys soccer team 2-1 at Normal. Normal U-High opened the scoring on a direct kick at the 8:00 mark in the game. The Charges fought back and knotted the score at the 16:00 mark when Freshman Diamond Williams fired a ball to the right upper corner of the Pioneer's net. With time running out in the first half Senior Lonnie Barnes added to his team leading goal total (9) when he connected on a PK. The Chargers held the Pioneer's scoreless in the second half for the 2-1 win. Centennial fired 11 shots on goal and Normal had 9 in a well played game. Charger keeper Winters recorded 6 saves.

Scoring: first half

Normal: Dulee (ua)

Centennial:

Williams (ua)

Barnes, Pk (ua)

Centennial record:

Overall 5-3-1. Big 12. 3-0

JV game

Centennial-1

Normal U-High -1

Centennial scoring: Hinds

### **GAME 8**

**Chargers Break Ironmen** The Centennial boys soccer team defeated Normal Community Ironmen Saturday at Normal 2-1. Normal struck first when their midfielder scored running up the middle. The Chargers countered five minutes later with a flurry of action in the Ironman box when Senior Brent Loth scored off of a William's touch pass. The first half ended 1-1. Normal tallied 7 shots on goal and the Chargers had 5.

The two teams played quality scoreless soccer in the second half until the 78th min. of the match when Michael Kim slid a pass to Freshman Diamond Williams who rocketed a shot off of the Ironman goalie's outstretched glove and the ball rolled to the corner of the net for a 2-1 Charger lead.

Both teams had three shots on goal in the second half. Charger sophomore goalie Ryan Withers recorded 8 saves. The win by the Chargers over the Ironmen was the first for the seniors on the team.

Scoring first half:

Normal- Bleshia (ua)

Centennial- Loth (Williams)

Second half:

Centennial - Williams (Kim)

Centennial record: Overall : 4-3-1. Big 12. 3-0

JV lost 1-2 against a strong Ironman JV unit.

### **GAME 7**

Chargers improve Big 12 record to 2-0. The Centennial boys defeated Big 12 rival Decatur Eisenhower 8-0 at wet Centennial Field.

Centennial scoring:

First half:

Own goal

Williams (Yao)

Barnes (ua)

Abdul-Rahman(J) (ua)

Barnes(ua)

Second half:

Hernandez (Loth)

Hinds (Yao)

Abdul-Rahman(M) (ua)

Goalie Oscar Almarez recorded his third shut-out for the season.

Centennial' s record: Overall : 3-3-1. Big 12: 2-0

JV played the Urbana Uni JV (Eisenhower does not have a JV team.)

Centennial 3-0 with goals by  
Hinds  
Bravo  
Thurman

JV Record: 3-1

### **GAMES 5 & 6**

Heat Warning-- The Centennial boys soccer team dropped two heated matches Saturday at the Springfield Sacred Heart soccer invitational. The games were played in 100 degree heat and the Chargers played both matches with heated passion.

Game one: Hononegah High School, Rockton, Il versus Champaign Centennial.

The Centennial Chargers boy soccer team fired three shots on goal in the first half but trailed 1-0 as the result of a well played shot after a throw-in by Hononegah mid fielder Torricelli. As the temperature rose, the Charger attack heated up and they pressed hard throughout the second half. Despite 5 shots on goal, the Chargers failed to score. Hononegah scored on two late counterattacks up the middle.

Final score: Hononegah 3 Centennial 0.

Scoring first half

Hononegah: Mueller (ua)

Second Half:

Hononegah: Rappa (ua), Mueller (ua)

Game two: Champaign Centennial versus Springfield Sacred Heart Griffen

As temps. topped 100 degrees, Centennial boys second match was played against host Springfield Sacred Heart. The host team scorched the nets early, scoring two goals in the first 10 minutes of the game. Centennial's defense lead by Senior Peter Mehnert stiffened however, and the Hearts only had two additional shots on goal the remainder of the half while the Chargers countered with four shots on goal-- two by Mehnert on direct kicks and one each by senior Lonnie Barnes and Brent Loth.

Barnes attacked the left side of the defense midway through the second half with a sizzling shot to the right side of the net for the Charges first score. Centennial kept the heat on when Freshman Dennis Freeman crossed a ball from the deep side line to the mouth of the goal, Barnes laid-off the ball to Loth who shot back to his right tying the game.

Late in the game Springfield scored on direct kick to capture the win. The Charger outshot Springfield 9-6.

First half scores:

Springfield

Torricelli ( ua), Swift ( ua)

Second half Centennial

Barnes (ua)

Loth (Barnes)

Springfield

Swift (ua)

Centennial's record 2-3-1

### **GAME 4**

In high school boys soccer as combatants in the Springfield Sacred Heart Griffen Labor Day Soccer Tournament, Urbana avenged last year's playoff loss to Centennial in typical Tigers – Chargers fashion by pulling out a gutsy victory in overtime penalty kicks at Dodds Fields. Urbana opened the scoring on a goal by Jonathan Lukusa on a corner kick by Saul Downie. Two minutes later the Chargers answered on a penalty kick by senior Lonnie Barnes. In the second half, Centennial struck first with a goal by Brent Loth off a direct kick by Peter Mehnert. Urbana answered on a stunning direct kick goal by senior Will Gibbens. Tied 2-2 after regulation, tournament rules called for penalty kicks, in which the teams finished the first five tied 4-4. Urbana then won in the second round of penalty kicks 2-1, giving the Tigers the win.

### GAME 3

Senior Power-- Senior Lonnie Barnes led the Centennial boys soccer team to a 7-2 win against Big 12 rival Decatur MacArthur Tuesday evening . Barnes scored 4 goals twp coming on headers on perfectly placed corner kicks by Senior Peter Mehnert. The Chargers recorded a total 17 corner kicks as they upped their overall record to 2-1-0 and Big 12 record to 1-0-0.

The Chargers lead at half 2-1 on the two Barnes headers. They put the game away early in the second half with goals by Senior Ryan Gregg assisted by Senior Brent Loth, a score by Senior Michael Kim unassisted, Barnes' third goal assisted by Loth and Barnes' fourth goal unassisted. Chargers closed out their scoring when Brent Loth assisted Senior Adair Teacalco. Final score 7-2 Chargers.

First half scores:

Centennial

Barnes assist Mehnert

Barnes assist Mehnert

Decatur MacArthur

Wegman ( ua)

Second Half:

Centennial

Gregg assist Loth

Kim (ua)

Barnes assist Loth

Barnes (ua)

Teacalco assist Loth

Decatur MacArthur:

Wegman (ua)

Centennial goalie saves- 3

Centennial's overall record 2-1-0 Big 12 record 1-0-0

Next match Friday, September 2 Springfield Sacred Heart Griffen Tournament

Central JV posted a 3-0 win against Decatur MacArthur

Scoring for Centennial:

Hernandez ( ua)

Perales (ua)

Hernandez (ua)

## **GAME 2**

The Centennial boys soccer team hosted the Edwardsville Tigers Saturday at Centennial Field. The two teams played solid team ball through a scores first half. Centennial fired two shots on goal in the half and the Tiger's fired three.

At the 70 minute mark in the match, Edwardsville broke the scoreless tie when Verdu scored on a corner kick assisted by Pearson. They followed with a solo goal by Postol. Centennial fought back with a nifty goal by Freshman Diamond Williams on a well placed assist by Senior Lonnie Barnes. The Chargers mounted a furious counter attack near the end of the match however, the Edwardsville defense held on despite the surged by the Chargers. Final score Edwardsville 2 Centennial 1.

First half scoreless.

Second Half:

Edwardsville goal Verdu assist by Pearson

Edwardsville goal Postol ( ua)

Centennial goal:

Williams assist by Barnes

Centennial goalie saves

Centennial record 1-1-0

## **GAME 1**

Centennial boys opened the 2011 soccer season with a home win against the visiting Hoopeston Cornjerker's 9-1.

First half:

Centennial

0:59 Loth assist Barnes

11:00 Abdul-Rahman(Jameel) assist Gregg

26:25 Barnes (ua)

27:11 Loth assist Barnes

30:00 Freeman (ua)

32:15 Freeman (ua)

Half time: 6-0 Centennial

Second half goals:

Centennial

Mehnert (ua)

Hernandez(ua)

Teascalco (ua)

Hoopeston:

Talbot (ua)

Final 9-1

Centennial saves -3

Centennial record :1-0-0