



Is it (finally) Fremd's year?(Sports)

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Players such as Heidi Mueller, Tracey Bestmann, Jenny Morrissey, Amy Farmer, Darcy Ferro and the incomparable Andrea Zeeb, one of the best center midfielders the state has ever seen, made Fremd's girls soccer team a favorite to win state in the early 1990s.

Fremd has had strong teams almost every year since its inception, but it has regularly met with other state powers on the way to the Elite Eight.

First it was Palatine, which was on the verge of winning the state title (1995), then St. Charles, a long time state power and multiple state champion. As a result, Fremd may be the best team that has never gone to state.

This year's Fremd team is comparable to the one that patrolled the field in the early 1990s in that it has few, if any, weaknesses.

The Vikings, who take on Carmel on Monday afternoon at 5 p.m. at the Vernon Hills supersectional with a berth in the Elite Eight at stake at the state tournament at North Central College next weekend, have two high-scoring forwards in Caroline VanAcker and Janina Locascio, three strong midfielders in Alexandra Ehr, Brittany Geegan and Kaitlyn Kinsella, and a solid, almost impenetrable defense in sweeper Samantha Balek, Austin Henning, Allison Casey and goalkeeper Sarah Bollman.

Carmel, which has a record of 19-4-1, comes in on a roll after winning the Libertyville sectional.

Against Lake Forest in the semifinals, the Corsairs' Sara Petermann scored two quick goals and her team held on for a 2-1 victory.

In the finals on Thursday, Cassidy Brown tallied 2 goals in the first half, but Mundelein tied it up in the second half. Petermann and Brown each scored a goal as Carmel rallied and went

on to a 5-2 win.

Fremd, which enters Monday's contest with an 18-4 record, got a scare against St. Viator in the final of the Lions' regional last Saturday. The game was scoreless into double overtime until Casey scored off of a corner kick with 9 seconds remaining before the game would have gone into penalty kicks.

The Vikings are led this postseason by Janina Locascio, Caroline Vanacker and Brittany Geegan, who each have 2 goals and 1 assist.

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