

Boys Soccer

Liggett Holds Off Elk Rapids For Class C Crown

Senior C.T. Brown scored his sixth goal of the season Saturday to help Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett beat Elk Rapids, 2-1, in the Class C MHSAA championship match at Bloomfield Hills Andover.

Brown's turnaround shot inside the box crashed into the upper left-hand corner of the net and helped Coach Dave Backhurst earn his third title in five trips to the finals.

Liggett (19-3-1) won the Class D title in 1982 and 1983 and finished Class C runner-up in 1987 and 1994.

"I saw the ball on the right-hand side and it came across, I think from Berc Backhurst," Brown said. "After one or two people missed the ball, it bounced over to me and I shot it. It's the most remarkable goal I've ever scored."

Peter Birgbauer assisted Jason Campbell's goal to give Liggett a 1-0 lead with 7:27 left in the first half. Campbell outraced a defender and sent a grounder inside the left post, past sprawling goalkeeper Bruce Veliquette.

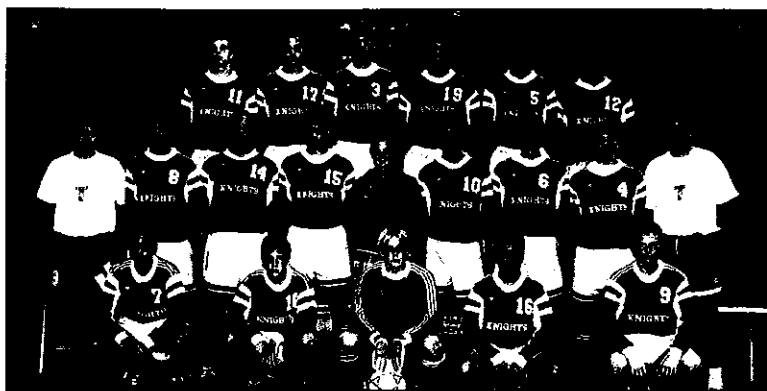
Liggett was effective early and had several quality scoring chances in the first half. Ralph Harik hit a slow roller off the left goalpost 58 seconds into the match, and Birgbauer hit the same post with 20:12 left.

Elk Rapids (17-5-1) tied the score when Rick Swift drilled a shot off the left post 11 seconds into the second half. Unfortunately for the Elks, that was their last good scoring chance.

Freshman keeper Dan Ferrin made three saves for Liggett; Veliquette made seven saves for Elk Rapids. Liggett out-shot Elk Rapids, 16-11.

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS UNIVERSITY LIGGETT 1996 CLASS C CHAMPIONS



FIRST ROW: L to R — Ralph Harik, Michael DiLoreto, Dan Ferrin, Sergei Lie, Berc Backhurst. **SECOND ROW:** Head Coach David Backhurst, Stephen Gotfredson, Jason Campbell, Maseeha McDonald, Manager Kristin Byron, Brad Cenko, Matthew Nowak, Thomas Pozios, Assistant Coach Walter Butzu. **THIRD ROW:** Ian Fines, Jonathan Kish, C.T. Brown, Peter Birgbauer, Anthony Peters, Michael Gressman.

Class C Finals Held at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School November 9, 1996

Road To The Finals

Quarterfinals (November 5, 1996)

Elk Rapids 2, Parchment 1 (at Ludington)
Kalamazoo Christian 1, Buchanan 0 (at Buchanan)
Lake Fenton 2, Saginaw Valley Lutheran 1 (shootout) (at Goodrich)
Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett 4, Riverview Gabriel Richard 3 (shootout) (at Pontiac Notre Dame)

Semifinals (November 7, 1996)

Elk Rapids 1, Kalamazoo Christian 0 (at Grandville)
Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett 3, Lake Fenton 2 (shootout) (at Pontiac Notre Dame)

Finals (November 9, 1996)

Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett 2, Elk Rapids 1 (at Bloomfield Hills Andover)

FINAL GAME SUMMARY

Elk Rapids	0	1	—	1
Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett	1	1	—	2

SCORING SUMMARY

First Half: 1. UL—Jason Campbell, 32:33
Second Half: 1. ER—Rick Swift, 40:11
2. UL—C.T. Brown, 64:42

STATISTICS

Elk Rapids		University Liggett
13	Shots	13
9	Saves	8
31	Fouls	22
4	Corner Kicks	2

GOALIES: Bruce Veliquette (ER); Dan Ferrin (ULS).

FINAL SEASON RECORDS: University Liggett 19-3-1; Elk Rapids 17-5-1.