

H.S. soccer: Six area players receive all-state nods

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It's no secret that the Valley has some extremely talented soccer teams and players consistently, so it should come as no surprise that the Valley saw six area players get named to the Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches Association's 2013 all-state team.

On the boys side, *The Daily Item's* Player of the Year—Warrior Run's Elias George—was named all-state at forward and was joined by Lewisburg senior midfielder Bronson Ferster and TVL all-star defender Bailey Coder, of East Juniata.

Other District 4 representatives on the boys' side included South Williamsport senior defender Dakota Rosenberg and Wellsboro senior forward Eric Stemcosky.

The Defenders' George set a school record with 102 goals, becoming the first Warrior Run player to eclipse the century mark, as he scored 35 on the year.

Ferster helped lead Lewisburg's defense in addition to finding the back of the net nine times and dishing out three assists.

Coder played solid in the back line for East Juniata this season as the Tigers posted five shutouts on the year and gave up under 15 goals on the season.

On the girls' side, *The Daily Item's* Player of the Year also received all-state recognition as Southern Columbia senior Bailey Bzdak was named as a forward.

Halifax senior Kayla Kelley (midfield) and Selinsgrove senior goalie Jess Lawton also received nods.

Others in District 4 include Millville's Madison (senior) and Maci (junior) Bower and Troy senior defender Kayla Stephani.

Bzdak helped Southern Columbia reach the PIAA Class A state championship game this year. The senior forward recorded 24 goals (65 for her career) in addition to shelling out an area-best 13 assists.

Lawton led the area with 10 shutouts on the season en route to a 12-4-3 record for the Seals in goal. The senior also had 127 saves on the year and ended her career with 356.

Lawton was also named to the 2013 National Soccer Coaches Association of America's All-Region Female Team for the East.

The Seals were one of the stingiest defenses in the Valley, letting up just 10 goals through 19 games.

Kelley was a solid player for the Wildcats this year, who made it to the PIAA Class A quarterfinals, losing to eventual finalist Southern Columbia.