AIRLINE BOYS WIN DISTRICT SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

The Airline Vikings won the District 1, Division I boys soccer championship last Thursday thanks to Captain Shreve's victory over Caddo Magnet.

The Vikings defeated Caddo Magnet 3-1 Tuesday night to clinch a share of the title. Then Magnet fell to Shreve 5-3 Thursday night, giving Airline the outright title.

Airline (24-2, 10-1) has a one-and-a-half game lead over Shreve (11-6-2, 9-3) and a two-game lead over Magnet (15-8-2, 8-3) with only tonight's 6 o'clock district game against Parkway (13-8-2, 7-4) at Tinsley Park left.

Airline defeated Parkway 1-0 in the team's first district meeting on Dec. 15. Parkway should make the playoffs as a wild-card team and could enhance its seeding with a victory tonight.

The Benton and Bossier boys also face off tonight at 6 at Tinsley. Both teams finished second in their respective districts and will be in the playoffs.

BOSSIER FRESHMEN WIN CONSOLATION IN TOURNAMENT

The Bossier Bearkats defeated North DeSoto 49-21 Saturday in the consolation finals of the Southwood freshmen boys basketball tournament.

Dontavious Washington and Travis Manning scored 12 points each to lead Bossier. Keldrick Owens and Renard Robinson combined for 13.

Bossier defeated Parkway 50-41 in the consolation semifinals. Owens led the way with 17, Washington had 12, and Manning added 11.

EX-BOSSIER STAR WEST PLAYS KEY ROLE IN BIG NSU VICTORY

NATCHITOCHES — Former Bossier High star Jalan West played a key role as the Northwestern State Demons handed Stephen F. Austin its first SLC loss 61-57 Saturday in Prather Coliseum.

NSU trailed by seven with 3:02 left. The Demons battled back and West hit a layup to get the Demons within one with 30 seconds left. It was part of an 11-0 NSU run to end the game.

West didn't shoot particularly well, making only 2 of 10 shots from the field. But he made 6-of-6 free throws and finished with 10 points. He also had four steals and three assists.

NSU, coached by former Airline star and BPCC coach Mike McConathy, improved to 12-6 overall and 6-2 in the SLC. Stephen F. Austin dropped to 16-2 and 7-1.

“I think it’s adding on to our confidence that we already had after beating Southeastern and after we dropped one to Nicholls that we probably shouldn’t have dropped,” West said.

PARISH PREP ATHLETES FARE WELL IN LSU INDOOR MEET

BATON ROUGE — Parkway’s Alison Ringle finished second in the girls 1,600-meter run in the LSU High School Qualifier indoor meet held Saturday in the Carl Maddox Field House.

Ringle ran a 5:21.28. First Baptist’s Gabrielle Jennings won with a 5:19.31.

Benton’s Katie McKay finished fourth in the girls 3,200 with a 13:00.58. Bobbi Amar of St. Thomas Aquinas won with a 12:14.64. Benton’s Haley Dishman was ninth.

Parkway’s Taylor Bazo finished eighth in the boys 1,600 with a 4:45.93. Teammate Lucas Moncola was 11th in the 3,200 with a 10:57.79.

Haughton’s Micah Larkins ran the seventh-fastest time of 91 competitors in the 55-meter dash prelims. He finished eighth in the finals in 6.62 seconds. Haughton’s Ty Shilling was 16th in the prelims with a 6.74.