



Soccer is in play for the Buse family this week. Sarah plays for top-ranked Sacred Heart, Bobby for No. 5 St. X and Dinho Zwane for No. 2 Trinity. COURTESY BUSE FAMILY

Family ties will play out when St. X, Trinity meet

It's not uncommon for good friends to go against each other when St. Xavier and Trinity meet in boys' soccer.

But when the Tigers host the Shamrocks at 6 p.m. today in the Seventh Region championship game, two members of the same household will be on opposite sides.

Bobby Buse is a senior center midfielder for the fifth-ranked Tigers (15-5-5). Dinho Zwane, a senior wing and center midfielder for the No. 2 Shamrocks (17-2-1), moved in with the Buse family two years ago.

A native of Johannesburg, South Africa, Zwane came to the United States three years ago through a program that allows foreign children a chance to relocate for educational and academic purposes.

After his freshman year at Trinity, Zwane faced a return to South Africa because his host family no longer was able to care for him. Buse and Zwane had become friends through the Javanon soccer club, and the Buse family offered to have Zwane join them.

Buse is one of seven siblings in the family, which includes Sarah, a freshman soccer player at Sacred Heart, which is ranked No. 1 in the state.

Bob Buse, the father, is now Zwane's legal guardian.

"Bobby and Dinho are best friends; they do everything together," Bob Buse said. "We didn't know Dinho very well before he came over, and he worried about it. What if Bobby and Dinho didn't get along?"

Bob Buse said Zwane stayed at Trinity rather than join Bobby at St. X because of a language program Zwane had become comfortable with.

As for today's game, Bob Buse admitted he's nervous. The family has made T-shirts with the phrases "Battle of the Brothers" and "One family. One game."

"Somebody's going to come home disappointed," Bob Buse said. "I feel conflicted, but either way the winner of that is probably going to go on to the state championship game. That's my hunch."

— Jason Frakes