

Thursday night proved to be a cause for celebration for the entire Soccer program at Simon Kenton, as both the Men's and Women's teams took down district rival Grant County in the 2025 32nd district championships. The Men's soccer team, despite a tough season with a young team, was able to successfully sweep the district in the regular season, taking down Grant County 3-0 after a mercy rule victory over Williamstown on Wednesday. The Lady Pioneers, on the other hand, continued their historic season with their second mercy rule victory over Grant County this season, with 7 different players scoring.

As for the road ahead, and regional tournament matchups set, the men will take on Gallatin County at home before heading to Carroll County for the semi-final. Led by Senior Goalkeeper Miles Mullen and Juniors Marco Barrios and Nasser Hussein, the Pioneers hope to cruise past the 8-9 Gallatin Wildcats in their final game at Chlorine Menefee Stadium this season. Despite a 7-13-5 overall record, the Pioneers are surely not lacking in talent, a group that could be dangerous in the years to come.

The Lady Pioneers (18-1-2) will come into Monday with their lone loss suffered at the hands of Assumption in early September amidst the Lexington Catholic Lady Knights Challenge. Taking on North Oldham, whom the Lady Pioneers defeated 5-0 early in the season, they will certainly hope not to overlook the Lady Mustangs. With injuries potentially restricting Simon Kenton, they could be without Senior and captain Megan Gadzala, who had started in every game this season before an injury against Campbell County. However, depth is also a strength of the Lady Pioneers, and potentially their biggest. With three members of the all-district tournament team, most notably district tournament MVP Senior Alexis Howard, the pace of play could easily wear out inferior opponents in the regional tournament.

The Pioneers will take on Gallatin County at 6:00 PM at home, followed by the Lady Pioneers and North Oldham at 8:00. With the semi-finals and championships for both tournaments being held at Carroll County, the entire soccer program has its sights set on hoisting trophies next Saturday.