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## Amherst Improves to 7-0 with Convincing Win Over Bowdoin

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AMHERST, MA –The Amherst College men's soccer team squared off against the Bowdoin College Polar Bears this afternoon in the third and final game of Gooding Field Dedication Day. Amherst remained undefeated on the season with a 3-0 win to improve to 7-0 (4-0 NESCAC), while Bowdoin drops to 5-2 (2-2 NESCAC).

The Lord Jeffs immediately put pressure on the Bowdoin defense, and caused a turnover which set junior Nick Lynch (Kingston, Jamaica) free down the left flank. Twice in the first three minutes the winger sent whipping crosses into the box.

In the ninth minute, Amherst senior tri-captain John Kneeland (Holden, MA) sent a chipped pass over the Polar Bear defense to a streaking Taylor Downs (Hastings-on-Hudson, NY). Downs took the ball down with his head, and tapped a shot wide past Nathan Lovitz's cage.

In the 12th minute, Amherst broke through when senior tri-captain Ryan O'Donnell (Belchertown, MA) broke to the end line and cut a ball back to Downs. Junior Jake Duker (Newton, MA) took the ball off Downs' foot, and blasted home the game's first goal.

Just one minute and six seconds later, Amherst struck again when Lynch hit a hard low cross in after a two-man corner kick. The ball bounced high off a Bowdoin player's foot and to William Warren (Houston, TX) at the back post, where the senior defender scored his first goal of the season on a header.

Bowdoin seemed to compose itself after the quick Amherst scores, and



*Junior goalkeeper Jeff Grover earned a shutout to help keep Amherst's perfect season alive.*

held the Jeffs off the board for the remainder of the first half.

There was very little action in the beginning of the second frame until the 57th minute, when Amherst keeper Jeff Grover (Framingham, MA) was called to work. Grover made a pair of beautiful saves on Bowdoin leading scorer Nick Figueiredo and first-year Ben Denton-Schneider.

The mood of the game certainly darkened after a scary moment for Lord Jeff fans with 33 minutes remaining. Junior forward Joe Addison (Midlothian, VA) went to the ground after a midair collision, and was very slow to get up. He eventually was helped off the field on his own control with the help of some teammates.

At the 13 minute mark, Bowdoin pushed seven men into the Amherst penalty box and pressured the Jeff defense. Amherst received a big play from first-year Chris Skayne (Boxborough, MA), who cleared a shot off the line, rattling the ball off the post in the effort before Downs could pump the ball to midfield.

With one last effort on a free kick from 25 yards with less than three minutes remaining, Figueirido brought his shot total to six on the day. Amherst sophomore Reid Wilson (Portland, OR) added the icing on the cake with a goal in the final two minutes of the game to give Amherst a 3-0 advantage.

The Lord Jeffs return to action Wednesday, Oct. 3 for a 4 p.m. NESCAC match-up with Connecticut College.

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