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Girls soccer team reaches new heights

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ACTON, MASS. -

Just when it looked like things couldn't get any better for the Acton-Boxborough girls soccer team, things got better.

The Colonials now find themselves ranked first in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's national poll after defeating Wayland and Westford Academy last week.

Friday, the Colonials defeated Wayland, 2-0. Ceci Jensen scored in the first half from just outside the 18, putting the ball into the left side of the net.

After Jensen's goal, A-B had difficulty getting through the Warriors' defense for most of the second half. In the 75th minute, however, the Jensen's older sister, Monica Jensen, added another goal.

"It took us 75 minutes to hit our stride," said A-B coach Ru Sweeney. "Wayland had a good game plan and they executed it well."

Last Wednesday, Martha Dane's goal in the 42nd minute gave A-B a 2-1 victory over Westford Academy in a battle for first place in the Dual County League large school division.

Dane scored during a scramble in front of the net, with an assist from Cassie Wagner.

The game was tied at 1 at halftime, with Wagner scoring and Jensen assisting in the 27th minute. Three minutes later, Jocelyn Velieux scored for the Ghosts off a restart. It was just the second goal the Colonials have surrendered all season.

Field hockey

The Acton-Boxborough field hockey team remained in first place in the Dual County League with a 5-0 victory over Bedford on Tuesday.

The Colonials (12-1-2) scored all five goals in the first 17 minutes. Alexa Sikalis scored two and Giselle Schlegel added two. Sweeper Rachael Schwartz also scored for A-B, which faces Concord-Carlisle on Thursday.

Last Thursday, the Colonials captured a rain-shortened 3-0 victory at Newton South. Sikalis scored twice and added an assist in the game, which was called with early in the second half when conditions at the field became unsafe. Devon Agule also scored for A-B and Schlegel added an assist.

Boys soccer

Dan Sincavage's goal in the 48th minute gave the Acton-Boxborough boys soccer team a 1-0 victory over Wayland on Friday.

Sincavage broke the scoreless tie after he took a free kick from Jason Murphy and put it past the Warriors' keeper.

Sincavage later had a goal called back and goalie DJ Brock preserved the shutout for the Colonials when he stopped a low shot late in the game.

Last Wednesday, A-B scored three first-half goals to defeat Westford Academy, 3-2 in a battle of the top two teams in the Dual County League Large School Division.

Sincavage scored with an assist from Hart five minutes into the game. Jay Hayward added another goal on a penalty kick in the 20th minute.

With about nine minutes left in the first half, Chris Gayowski scored during a scramble in front of the net.

The Colonials face Lincoln-Sudbury in a crucial DCL Large match on Friday, then play DCL Small leader Concord-Carlisle on Monday.

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