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## Boys soccer team tunes up for state tournament

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ACTON, MASS. -

The Concord-Carlisle and Acton-Boxborough boys soccer teams had each clinched their respective divisions in the Dual County League by the time they met on Monday at Leary Field.

Earlier in the season, the two teams played to a scoreless tie. This time, Small School champion Concord-Carlisle handed Large School titleholder A-B its first loss, 2-0.

“Both teams played pretty well,” said C-C coach Ray Pavlik, whose team is also the defending Division 2 state champion. “This was good preparation for the tournament. It was the same kind of intensity and the same kind of atmosphere.”

Said A-B coach David Baumritter, “I look at it as playoff preparation. Overall, it was an even game.”

The Patriots scored the only goals of the game in the first half, with Michael Burke scoring in the 14<sup>th</sup> minute and Theo Terris scoring in the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

In the second half, each team kept the pressure on the other, but C-C goalie James Smith came up with saves on shots from Jake Hart and Jay Hayward

The Colonials clinched their third straight DCL title and their fourth in five years on Saturday with a 1-1 tie against Lincoln-Sudbury.

Hart gave A-B the lead in the 70<sup>th</sup>

minute when he received a corner kick from the right side and one-timed it into the top left corner.

L-S tied the game in the final minute of play.

Last Wednesday, Hayward scored the hat trick in a 3-1 victory over Newton South. Hayward scored all three goals in the first half.

Will Edmonds set up the third goal with a pass from the left side of the box.

The Colonials finish their DCL season at Bedford on Friday and close out the regular season Sunday against St. John’s Prep.

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