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Sunny outlook for the Hillies

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Despite the rain yesterday, No. 19 Haverhill's defense had coach John Coppolla and his visiting Hillies feeling like sunshine after a 2-0 win over No. 8 Acton-Boxboro in a Division 1 North boys' soccer semifinal.

"They're feeling good," Coppolla said of his players. "They played extremely well as a team today; we didn't have many holes in our sets and our shape was good the whole game."

Through most of the game, it was "a chess match," said Coppolla.

But with 22 minutes remaining, Haverhill's Freddico Alves fed the ball to Peter Maranto, who was in the box just 15 yards in front of the goal. He pushed a shot past Acton-Boxboro's D.J. Brock for the go-ahead goal.

The Hillies added to that seven minutes later. Ryan McLeod blasted a rocket from the left side that was stopped by Brock, but the rebound was crossed over to Stallone Mujuru, who blasted one over Brock's head for the 2-0 lead.

"There wasn't one side that dominated the whole game," Coppolla said. "But we had a 10-minute spread of a lot of pressure where we got the two goals on them."

Division 1 South: Brockton blanked New Bedford, 3-0, behind two goals from Moses Alves and another from Joseph Wegener . . . Robbie Canning, Brian McCauley, Andrew Berardi, and Anthony Zarella scored in Marshfield's 4-1 win over Mansfield . . . Weymouth and New Bedford went scoreless during the first 90 minutes, but Weymouth prevailed on penalty kicks, 7-6, with Greg Kennerly delivering the winner.

Division 2 South: Chris Sullo scored three minutes into the game and again halfway into the second half to lead Canton over Bishop Stang, 2-1.

Division 3 South: Brian Empoliati, Matt Ford, and Justin Pugliese scored in Pembroke's 3-1 win over Hanover.

Girls' soccer

Division 1 North: Lindsey Raymond scored in the 11th minute on an assist from Hayley Brock in Acton-Boxboro's 1-0 win over Andover.

Volleyball

Division 1 North: Jadith Lorenzo had 31 assists and 13 kills for Lawrence and Stephany Colon added 11 kills in a 3-1 win over Chelmsford . . . Andover overtook Medford, 3-0, behind 10 kills by Annie Tibbits and 9 from Katie Fionte.

Division 1 Central/East: Kathleen Lynch had 12 assists in North Quincy's 3-0 win over Brookline . . . Amelia George notched 28 kills in Boston Latin's 3-0 win over Latin Academy.

Division 1 Central/West: Ashley Norley collected 18 kills as Lincoln-Sudbury avenged a five-game loss earlier in the season with a 3-0 triumph over Acton-Boxboro . . . Westford Academy took care of Leominster, 3-0, behind Shelagh Dolan's 26 kills and Paige Sullivan's 35 assists.

Division 2 South: Bishop Feehan topped Notre Dame of Hingham, 3-0, behind 11 kills by Amy Lepley and 9 kills by Jackie Atkinson . . . Heidi Schwighauser had 8 kills and 15 digs, and Meg Mardelle had 23 digs in Hanover's 3-0 win over Somerset . . . Courtney Saria has 31 digs and 12 assists in Bourne's 3-0 win over Case . . . Katheryne Olsen had 32 assists and Kaleigh Charette had 16 kills in Cardinal Spellman's 3-0 over Fairhaven.

Information from athletic directors, coaches and their assistants was used. ■