

Boys Soccer: Tomahawks finally take off

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After almost three weeks, three-time Division 1 state finalist Algonquin finally started its season. And what a doozy for the Tomahawks, as they needed three second-half goals to rally for a 5-3 win at Mid-Wach A talent Leominster.

It was 2-2 at the break, but Leominster (2-1-1, 2-1 MWA) quickly took the lead. But Brendan McGill fired back five minutes later, in the 47th, then John Edman scored the game-winner with 15 minutes to play. Jake Wilson iced it with an insurance goal in the 75th minute. Pat Keller and Josh Whitney scored in the first half for the Tomahawks (1-0, 1-0 MWA).

FRAMINGHAM 5, WELLESLEY 0:

Erick Nader got things started with a goal and later added an assist, while Ronaldo Vieira set up two other goals as visiting Framingham continued its perfect start with a Bay State Conference win at Wellesley.

Coming off his two-goal game Monday, John Goncalves added another, while Aaron Kanarek, Gustavo Santos and Marlon Ramalho had the other tallies for the Flyers (3-0-0, 2-0-0 BSC). Luca Pignatiello and Matt Nollman combined for five saves, handing Wellesley (2-1-0, 2-1-0 BSC) its first loss.

NIPMUC 2, WHITINSVILLE CHRISTIAN 0: Goals in each half by senior Alex Morin and junior Jason Hopkins lifted unbeaten Nipmuc over visiting Dual Valley Conference foe Whitinsville Christian. Derek Marchand made four saves for the Warriors (4-1, 2-0 DVC), while Pat Rielly and Colin Neri were defensive standouts.

HOPEDALE 4, NORTH BROOKFIELD 3:

Hopedale earned its first win of the year as Corey Howard blasted a 70th minute shot from the top of the box into the corner of the net, lifting the Blue Raiders past host North Brookfield in a Dual Valley Conference match. Jon Christino, Jordy Schuller and John Wesley all scored in the first half for Hopedale (1-3, 1-1).

ASHLAND 1, HOPKINTON 1:

Ashland goalkeeper Kellen Rauch tipped away a breakaway opportunity in the closing minutes to allow the Clockers to come away with a tie at Hopkinton in a Tri-Valley League match.

Paul Kelley scored the lone goal for the Hillers (3-1-1, 3-1-1) in the 23rd minute off a deflection of a Matt Johnson cross. Ashland tied the game in the 58th as Mike DeWolfe banged in a rebound of a free kick.

HOLLISTON 6, BELLINGHAM 0:

Will Nesbitt and Matt Donovan had two goals each as visiting Holliston picked up a Tri-Valley League win against Bellingham. Austin Goldenberg and Ben Elliot also had goals for the Panthers (2-2-1). Chris Glynn played well in the midfield for Bellingham (0-5, 0-5).

MEDFIELD 6, MILLIS 1:

Host Medfield had six different goal scorers, while Robert Shuman picked up three assists in a Tri-Valley League win over winless Millis. Meelad Etezadi, Aidan Harrison and Matt DiPisa all had a goal and an assist for the Warriors (5-0, 5-0 TVL). Ivan Barrera had the lone goal for Millis (0-5, 0-5 TVL).

WEYMOUTH 5, NATICK 0:

Natick never got started at Bay State Conference power Weymouth, as the unbeaten Wildcats (4-0) scored four times in the first half to cruise to victory. Sophomore defender Nick Russo and junior midfielder Jamie McDonald played well for Natick (1-2, 1-1 BSC), according to coach Lou Papadellis.

NASHOBA 0, SHREWSBURY 0:

Facing heavy pressure all game long, Nashoba senior goalkeeper D.J. Siewierski made 16 saves to preserve a scoreless tie for the Chieftains (2-2-1) in a non-league match at Shrewsbury.

ACTON-BOXBORO 0, WAYLAND 0:

Dual County League foes Acton-Boxboro and Wayland battled to a scoreless tie in an intense defensive showdown. Host Acton-Boxboro (0-0-2, 0-0-2 DCL) was led by the strong play of senior defender Dave Cronin while goalkeeper DJ Brock added two key saves. Wayland (0-1-2, 0-1-2 DCL) also displayed its own defensive intensity in the stalemate.