

Colonials open with tie



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Two games into the season, the Acton-Boxborough boys soccer team is still undefeated, but the Colonials have yet to win.

Tuesday, the Colonials played Wayland to a scoreless tie. D.J. Brock claimed the shutout and Jake Hart was able to get past the Warriors defense and get off some shots, but could not put any into the net.

After three weeks of practice and one canceled game, the Acton-Boxborough boys soccer team opened its season on Friday, playing Westford Academy to a 2-2 tie.

The Colonials led twice, with Jake Hart scoring both goals.

Three minutes into the game, Hart put the ball just inside the right post after taking a pass from Dan Sincavage.

A-B held on to the lead until midway through the first half, when Westford's Robert McCall scored into the left side of the goal.

The Colonials, who have either won or shared the Dual County League title in each of the last three seasons, regained the lead in the 50th minute on another goal by Hart that was put into the right side of the net.

A-B held on to the lead until the 77th minute when Westford's Tarun Subramanian was tripped inside the penalty area. The Ghosts were awarded a penalty kick and Lee Russo converted it to tie the game.

"That's the measure of a team," said Westford coach Tony DiLeo. "It showed we were mentally strong enough to battle through things."

Each team had opportunities in the final three minutes, with Subramanian almost scoring on a high header to the middle of the goal that A-B keeper D.J. Brock saved.

"D.J. played a little last year," said A-B coach David Baumritter. "He has a ton of potential and he's brought plenty of confidence and a great attitude."

After that scoring opportunity for Westford, the Colonials moved the ball downfield and Jay Hayward sent a cross from the left side of the field toward Hart, who could not reach it in time to get off a shot.