

Soccer: Historic win for Hopedale girls

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In its short varsity history, the Hopedale girls soccer team has won a state title, but had never beaten mighty Sutton.

Until yesterday, that is.

Rachel Miranda ripped a 20-yard free kick home in the 57th minute, and keeper Shanna Lathrop and the Blue Raiders defense made that stand up for a 1-0 Dual Valley Conference victory at Sutton. On Miranda's ninth goal of the year, Hopedale (9-1, 6-0 DVC) moves into sole possession of first place, and earns a state tournament berth.

Freshman Brina Johnson marked Sutton's Heather Gosnell, the reigning DVC MVP, out of the contest, while Lathrop made eight saves to pots the shutout. Senior captain Jessica Peacock was her usual standout self in central defense.

"We're on cloud nine right now," said Hopedale coach Patty Armour.

ASSABET 2, VALLEY TECH 1:

Mara Smith scored the game-winning goal in the second half as Assabet Valley tipped visiting Valley Tech in Colonial Athletic League action.

Lauren Ente tallied in the ninth minute of the first half to put Assabet (3-1-1) in front. Tessa Stanasek tied it with an unassisted goal on a corner kick seven minutes later for Valley Tech (6-2). Smith scored the winner in the 34th minute on an assist from Jessica Schairer.

Fullbacks Brittany Hisman, Elyse Ocnos and Bobbi Jo Riaino, and midfielder Lindsay Vogel were defensive stalwarts for Assabet.

MILFORD 2, LEOMINSTER 0:

Jenn Stand scored the game-winner 11 minutes into this Mid-Wach A matchup with league foe Leominster. Nicole Fournier tallied another goal with 10 minutes left for the Scarlet Hawks (5-3-1, 4-2-1 MWA), while Kara Farese and Same Titlebaum recorded three saves each to earn the shutout.

WAYLAND 2, TYNGSBORO 0:

Host Wayland dominated Tyngsboro but had nothing to show for it, until goals in the final five minutes earned the Warriors this Dual County League Small victory. Freshman Claire Nishioka broke the deadlock in the 75th minute, then senior Caroline Stack doubled the lead two minutes later. Liz Doyon made three saves for the Warriors (1-5-1, 1-5-1).

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LINCOLN-SUDBURY 3, WESTON 0:

Senior co-captain Nick Addeo scored two goals, including the game-winner in the eighth minute, as Lincoln-Sudbury shut out Weston. Addeo added an assist on a goal by senior co-captain Jeff Walch in the 43rd minute. Keeper David Banerjea recorded five saves and his second shutout of the year for the Warriors (3-3-2).

WAYLAND 2, TYNGSBORO 2:

Senior captain Dan Harper gave visiting Wayland an early lead, but then needed fellow captain Sam Bekenstein's breakaway tally to tie it with 11 minutes left as the Warriors earned a Dual County League Small draw at Tyngsboro. Pat Tardiff picked up an assist on Harper's goal and was strong defensively, as well as keeper Graham Clarke, for Wayland (2-2-3, 0-1-2 DCLS).

ALGONQUIN 3, NORTH MIDDLESEX 0:

Host North Middlesex held the fort for 54 minutes, but Brendan McGill scored, then the flood gates opened for Algonquin in this Mid-Wach A road victory. Josh Whitney had a goal and an assist, and Jake Wilson the final goal for the Tomahawks (5-1, 5-0). Baran Cansever made two saves for the shutout.

LEOMINSTER 4, MILFORD 1:

Jonathan Diaz scored one minute into the second half for the eventual game-winner, and Ignacio Cespedes had two goals as Leominster beat Milford in a Mid-Wach A game. Mario Sabaein scored in the fifth minute off a pass from Chris Swindell for Milford, but Cespedes tied it in the 30th minute.

KEEFE TECH 2, MONTY TECH 1:

Keefe Tech got on the board one minute into the game off an own goal in this Colonial Athletic League matchup with foe Monty Tech. Ismael DeOliveria scored the game-winner in the 67th minute for the Unicorns (3-6, 3-3 CAL) while keeper Greg Bruno recorded eight saves.

VALLEY TECH 4, BAY PATH 0:

Ricardo Harris scored the game-winner in the first half, while Brent Ramsey had five saves to record his fourth shutout of the year as Valley Tech beat Colonial Athletic League foe Bay Path. The Beavers (8-1-1, 6-0 CAL) also received goals from Chris Blessing, Joe Colho and Brian Swindell, who also recorded an assist on the day.

HUDSON CATHOLIC 7, NASHOBA TECH 0: Justice Severin netted four goals as Hudson Catholic routed visiting Nashoba Tech in a Colonial Athletic League match. Cam Connelly, John So and Andrew Thraen had a goal apiece, and Matt Zachilli had two assists for Hudson Catholic (4-6). Keeper Robbie Cato had the shutout for the Green Wave.

ASSABET 5, CLINTON 2:

Hoiry Arroyo started off the scoring for Assabet nine minutes into the first half and did not stop there - recording a hat trick on the day. Arroyo also assisted the other two goals for the Aztecs (5-1-1, 4-1-1 CAL) while Christian Guzman made eight saves in net.

MAYNARD 6, LUNENBURG 2:

Sophomore Mike Fowler and Junior Dennis Kapsimalis each tallied one goal in the first half for Maynard to send this Mid-Wach D matchup tied up at halftime. Fowler then scored two goals in the second half to record the hat trick on the day while Kapsimalis added another for the Tigers (7-0-2, 4-0-1 MWD), who qualified for the state tournament with the victory.

XAVERIAN 2, FRANKLIN 1:

Adam Tusia scored Franklin's lone goal with two minutes left, but that was mere consolation for the Panthers in a non-league loss at Xaverian Brothers. Andrew Finemore made five saves for Franklin (1-6-2).

HOLBROOK 5, TRI-COUNTY 1:

Spencer Burns and Andrew Grant each scored two goals to lead Holbrook past visiting Tri-County in a Mayflower Small matchup. Tyler Strom scored the lone goal for Tri-County (1-7-1, 1-4-1), assisted by Jake Crowley at the 39th minute of the second half.

ACTON-BOXBORO 4, BOSTON LATIN 2: Senior forward Jake Hart notched a hat trick to lead Acton-Boxboro past Boston Latin in a Dual County League contest. Senior midfielder Mike Gruet, as well as

keepers D.J. Brock and Alex Li (combined 5 saves) played well for A-B (4-0-3, 3-0-1 DCL Large).

DOUGLAS 4, WHITINSVILLE CHRISTIAN 0:

Brian Allen and Sean Conway played well defensively, but host Whitinsville Christian (4-4, 1-3) fell back to .500 with a Dual Valley Conference loss to Douglas (6-2-1).

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