



A-B girls a win from state title Concord-Carlisle boys fall in 2 OTs

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WEYMOUTH -- Acton-Boxboro High girls soccer sharpshooter Hayley Brock continued her tournament heroics last night, scoring the game-winning goal during the 7th minute of the first 10-minute sudden-death overtime to lift the Colonials to a pulsating 2-1 victory over host Weymouth in their State Division 1 Tournament semifinal at Weymouth High.

Soccer

With the win the A-B girls soccer team joins the school's field hockey squad in a State Division 1 championship game. The victory also kept the nationally-ranked Colonials, who last reached the state title game in 1988 (loss to Marlboro), undefeated at 22-0-1.

Acton-Boxboro grabbed a 1-0 advantage during the 42nd minute on a goal by freshman Kristen Gargiulo.

Weymouth tied it just 6 minutes later when Jess Stewart punched home a rebound -- only the 5th goal allowed by the Colonials all season in 23 games.

Freshman keeper Jessie Wiggins played another strong game. The Colonials will now face Central/Western Mass. champ Shrewsbury on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. at the neutral Westboro High field. Shrewsbury blanked

Springfield Cathedral, 2-0, in the other semi.

BOYS

Division 2 state semifinal

Sharon 2

Concord-Carlisle 1

LOWELL -- Concord-Carlisle did everything but win the game.

The reigning State Division 2 champion Patriots reached the end of the tournament trail last night, dropping a tough 2-1 double-overtime decision to first-time opponent Sharon High at Cawley Memorial Stadium.

The loss halted Concord-Carlisle's two-year, carryover undefeated streak at 32 games (29-0-3), as previously-undefeated North champ and top seed C-C finishes the season at 20-1-2.

Head coach Ray Pavlik said, "It was just one of those things. We had more chances to win than I care to talk about. It was nothing we did wrong. We could have scored 5 goals tonight and in most other games probably would have.

"Their defense cleared a couple of shots off the goal line, and we had a couple of point-blank chances their goalie made incredible saves on," said Pavlik.

Concord-Carlisle, which outscored its 5 tourney foes 12-6, took a 1-0 lead midway through the first half on a goal by Rob Schmidt-Chang.

Rob Kolowich earned the assist, firing a crossing volley to the far post where Schmidt-Chang was positioned.

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South 2 champ Sharon, only seeded 10th entering the tourney and now 14-4-5 overall including five straight tourney wins, tied it late in the half and scored the game-winner 5:30 into the second 10-minute sudden-death OT.

C-C finished with a wide 16-7 shooting edge, with keeper James Smith making 6 saves, including a couple of key stops in the overtimes.

Pavlik also lauded the defensive play of sweeper Pete Robitaille, stopper Ryan Miller and midfielder Theo Terris.

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