

## A-B nets first title

### Jensen's goal boosts Colonials

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WESTBORO - In the battle of the Colonials for the Division 1 girls soccer state championship, Acton-Boxboro overcame Shrewsbury, 1-0, yesterday at Westboro High School.

Ceci Jensen led undefeated A-B (23-0-1) to victory when she found the back of the net in the final five minutes of the first half.

Yesterday's win marked the first girls soccer championship for Acton-Boxboro and coach Ruairi Sweeney. A-B had only made it to the final once before in team history, in 1988 when Sweeney was a student at the school.

Throughout the game the Shrewsbury defenders were able to neutralize A-B scoring threats Hayley Brock and Cassie Wagner, but keeping them off of the scoresheet was only half the battle.

"Cassie does so many things that people don't notice, but I certainly notice and the rest of her teammates notice," Sweeney said.

The continuous effort by the A-B players at both ends of the field allowed freshman goalkeeper Jessie Wiggins to maintain the shutout and only have to stop six shots on goal. Many of Shrewsbury's prime scoring chances were deflected wide or high by hustling A-B defenders.

"When we didn't score in the first 10 minutes (of the second half), we moved into a more defensive formation to close up shop," said Sweeney.

"The girls have been doing it all year on defense, five goals against (all season) is pretty impressive."

Senior Gianna D'Errico turned in a solid performance for Shrewsbury. Her continuous effort yielded a few scoring chances, including one that was just barely stopped by the fingertips of Wagner.

Late in the second half it appeared Brock was going to notch an insurance goal and put the game away for Acton-Boxboro, as she broke in past the defense. Shrewsbury goalie Kim Nickle stopped a point-blank shot and kept her team in it to the very end.

Acton-Boxboro's victory was part of a big day for the school, as the Colonials also beat Shrewsbury for the Div. 1 field hockey title yesterday.

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