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Girls soccer team completes mission, wins states

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Great things were expected of the Acton-Boxborough girls soccer team this fall and great things were accomplished.

Saturday afternoon, A-B won the first girls soccer state championship in the school's history, defeating Shrewsbury, 1-0 in the Division 1 final at Westboro High School.

"I'm so psyched," said A-B junior Ceci Jensen, who scored the game's only goal. "It still hasn't hit me yet."

With 5:50 left in the first half, Shrewsbury's Ashlyn Desrosier fouled A-B's Hayley Brock about 25 yards from the Shrewsbury goal. Lindsey Raymond took the free kick, sending the ball in front of the goalmouth. After the ball was knocked around from player to player, Jensen put it into the back of the net with 5:31 left before halftime.

"The ball kept bouncing around and I tried to get it into the net," said Jensen.

Said A-B coach Ruairi Sweeney, "Ceci has been very tenacious all year. I had a feeling it was either going to be Ceci or Cassie Wagner who scored the way they were marking Hayley [Brock]."

Said Jensen's sister and A-B captain Monica Jensen, "I'm really happy she did it. She's an amazing player."

Brock, a sophomore who scored both goals in A-B's 2-0 victory over Winchester in the Division 1 North final and the game-winner in the 2-1 overtime victory over Weymouth in the state semifinal, was closely marked by Shrewsbury's Derosier and Sara Shuster for much of the game. She was briefly shaken up after a collision with 3:06 left in the first half, but she returned to the game.

In the second half, Shuster fouled Brock about 20 yards in front of the net, setting up a free kick that went over the crossbar.

Shrewsbury (19-1-2) out-shot A-B, 6-4, but freshman goalie Jessie Wiggins stopped all six of Shrewsbury's shots to preserve the shutout. In the first half, three of Shrewsbury's better scoring opportunities sailed over the crossbar.

"She's a senior by now," said Sweeney of Wiggins, who split time with sophomore Carley Cesare this season.

Said Wiggins, "I didn't think I was going to play. I'm a freshman and Carley is a sophomore. She's a great goalie and we push each other."

A-B ended its season at 22-0-1, allowing just five goals this season.

"We really didn't know what to expect," said Monica Jensen. "It was good for the seniors that we were able to do it."

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