

Twins peak at Lowell High; Grey Ghosts, Millet blanket Tyngsboro

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Sophomore Kristina Braga netted 3 goals and twin sister Nicole Braga tallied 2 as the host Lowell High girls soccer team stayed undefeated in Merrimack Valley Conference play with a 7-0 Division 2 romp over Notre Dame Academy of Tyngsboro last night under the lights on the Cawley Memorial Stadium turf.

Girls soccer

In other local highlights, Westford nipped Tyngsboro, 2-0, Central Catholic stunned Billerica, 4-0, and powerhouse Acton-Boxboro routed Wayland, 6-0. Elsewhere, Chelmsford dropped a 3-0 decision at Andover.

Lowell 7, Notre Dame 0

The Red Raiders (4-2, 4-0 MVC 2) also got goals from Christine Luis (1 goal) and Katie Espinola (1 goal). Julia Funaro had 2 assists.

Also playing well were Haley King, Nicole Gray, Emily Nangle and Punam Patel.

Senior goalie Meghan Kennedy and sophomore Sabrina Vigeant combined to shut down the Lancers.

Greater Lowell 2, Northeast 2

Greater Lowell (1-0-2, 0-0-2 in CAC) came back from a 2-0 deficit at the half to tie Commonwealth Athletic Conference rival Northeast.

Sophomore Sara Sequeira's goal put Greater Lowell on the scoreboard, and classmate Cassandra da Silva scored with 7 minutes remaining to tie the game. Rachel Garabedian assisted on the game-tying goal.

Freshman goalkeeper Amanda Pang made 8 saves, and defensive standouts also included Brianna Milligan and Megan Loiselle.

Westford 2, Tyngsboro 0

Lia Dellano scored for Westford (2-1-0) in the first half and Jocelyn Veilleux added a second-half score.

Rory Tito and Alexa St. Martin, respectively, had assists.

Westford goalkeeper A.J. Millet made 5 saves for her first shutout of the season. Lauren Gallant and Jennifer Larrick also played well for the Grey Ghosts.

For Tyngsboro (1-3, 0-3 DCL), junior goalkeeper Frances Duncan kept it close with an estimated 27 saves and other defensive standouts were Leslie Gauntlett and Cheyenne Brown.

Timberlane 3, Bishop Guertin 1

Bishop Guertin's goal came from Annie O'Gorman in the 75th minute, the assist going to Whitney Rogers.

Melissa Pinsonneault collected 7 saves. BG played well offensively and got lots of good looks at goal. Kara Shogsholms and Anna Lepore played well in the midfield for BG.

Shawsheen 7

Minuteman 1

Jenn Carroll scored 3 goals and Janel Madore scored two as Shawsheen improved to 3-0-0.

The Rams broke loose for 6 second-half goals after the score was 1-1 at halftime. Heather Masse had 1 goal and 1 assist for the Rams. Jess LaBrecque also scored 1 goal.

Kayla Soule and Rachel Blanchard each had 1 assist. Shawsheen goalkeeper Kim Stockton had 8 saves. Stopper

Stephanie Warnick also played well for the Rams.

Acton-Boxboro 6

Wayland 0

Hayley Brock scored 2 goals and sophomore Alex DiOrio opened the scoring with her first varsity goal as Acton-Boxboro rolled to 3-0.

Defender Tricia Giglio played well in front of Carley Cesare and Jessi Wiggins, who split the goalkeeping duties for the Colonials.

Methuen 5

Dracut 1

Olivia MacDonald scored for Dracut (0-3-0), and Middies goalkeeper Elyse Bogacz made 15 saves.

Defender Katina Giannopoulos also played well for the Middies.

Central Catholic 4

Billerica 0

Dracut resident Gia O'Connor had 1 goal and 1 assist, while Mallory Forzese, Rachel Bourque and Jillian Lane added goals of their own at Alumni Field for visiting Central Catholic (1-2-1).

Junior goalie Nicole Rogers and sophomore Lauren Hoole of Dracut split time in goal for the shutout.

Kelly Mikus, O'Connor and Forzeze had strong all-around games.

Billerica (4-2, 3-1 MVC 1), playing its fifth game in seven days and less than 24 hours after its big 2-1 win over Andover, had solid efforts from fullback Mia Dangora, midfielder Alyssa D'Urso and forward Lauren Luttrell.

Nicole Curtis played 60 minutes and Katelyn Ladd 20 in net for BMHS, the pair combining for 13 saves.

Austin Prep 5

Matignon 0

Austin Prep freshman Alexandra Karamitsios netted 2 goals in the first half and the Cougars (2-2) got goals in the second half from freshman Jackie Mahar (1 goal, 1 assist), senior Corey Shaw (1 goal) and freshman Lindsey Zolot (1 goal).

Lauren Granara and Anya Sokolova passed out 2 assists apiece, and goalies Charlotte Irwin, Rachel Salomon, Lauren Dupuis combined for the shutout.

Milford 4

North Middlesex 1

Shelby Koutrouba scored for North Middlesex (1-3-1). Stopper back Stephanie Cercone, and midfielders Melissa D'Eon and Sarah Valacer, also played well.

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