

## North Middlesex gets early jump

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Early first-half goals by Alicia Alex and Samantha Hardy, 5 minutes apart in the opening 15 minutes of play, lifted the North Middlesex Regional girls soccer team past host St. Bernard's High in their non-league game yesterday in Fitchburg.

Girls soccer

For NMRHS (2-3-1), assists went to freshman midfielder Lauren Ferro and Kalena Jones.

Keeper Jess Laurin made 12 saves, while center-midfielder Melissa D'Eon and Lauren Ferro also played well.

Lowell Catholic 5

No. Camb. Cath. 0

Lowell Catholic evened its record to 3-3 with an impressive victory. Sophomore goalkeeper Chelsea Rafferty posted her first shutout of season.

Junior Alyssa Otero scored 2 goals. Senior Nichole Mercier had a goal and an assist in the first game of her career. Gennessa Hansen and Avlynn Simao each had an assist, and Megan Faffie scored an unassisted goal.

The Crusaders fifth goal came as a North Cambridge Catholic player knocked the ball into her own goal.

Acton-Boxboro 6

Tyngsboro 0

Hayley Brock and Jen Brogie each scored two goals to lead A-B, which is ranked second nationally.

Linsey Raymond and Amy Margoulis added goals for A-B, which led just 2-0 at halftime.

For Tyngsboro, Meaghan Buckley and Ashley Sanz played well on defense and Frances Duncan made 17 saves in net.

Wilmington 1

Ipswich 1

Wildcats junior Charlotte Jensen scored Wilmington's lone goal on a penalty kick in the first half. Cape Anne League rival Ipswich tied the score with 15 minutes left in game.

The Wildcats (1-2-2) got a strong performance from the goalkeeper combination of Leah Potcner (10 saves) and Jackie Zaremba (3 saves).

Junior midfielder Lisa Rooker and sophomore midfielder Julie Braid also played well for Wilmington.

Bishop Guertin 4

Dover 3

Molly McGaffigan scored a pair of second-half goals as Bishop Guertin fended off host Dover to run its record to 5-3.

Annie O'Gorman and Whitney Rogers also scored for BG, while Kat Folger assisted on 3 of the goals and Rogers 1.

Melissa Pinsonneault made 9 saves in the BG net. Guertin is at Salem Tuesday.

Billerica 4

Medford 0

Kirsten Chirichetti helped pace the Indians offense in this non-league game with a goal and assist.

Leana Suarez, Janelle Foley and Heather Timmons potted the other Billerica goals.

Jessica Chirichetti, Derith Fernandez and Kirsten Arsenault had 1 assist each for the Indians (6-2).

Nicole Curtis made 8 save in goal while recording her second straight shutout.

Alvirne 2

Manchester Memorial 0

Alvirne (5-3) played a flawless game to hand Manchester Memorial its second loss of the season.

Broncos junior Shayla Bergeron (1 goal, 1 assist) scored Alvirne's first goal and assisted on the second.

Freshman Amanda Roberts (1 goal) also scored, while Kaelyn Babin registered an assist.

Broncos goalie Julia Ryan (16 saves) was outstanding in the shutout. Jessica Heroux and Kayla St. Louis also had great games.

Greater Lowell 3

Minuteman 1

Sophomore Cassandra da Silva tallied 2 goals for Greater Lowell (2-0-3, 1-0-3 CAC), and her classmate Casey Ramalho added another goal to guide the Gryphons to victory.

Rachel Garabedian, Tatiana Faust, and Amanda Sullivan each notched assists.

Greater Lowell scored twice in the second half to pull out in front after a 1-1 tie at the break.

Freshman Amanda Pang made 7 saves in goal, and midfielder Chantel Garcia and defender Megan Loiselle also played tremendous games for the Gryphons.

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