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Booters clinch DCL Large

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ACTON, MASS. -

No matter how good a girls soccer team is, getting through the Dual County League unscathed is almost impossible. Acton-Boxborough wrapped up its third straight DCL title, clinching the large school division title last week. After clinching the title with a 1-0 victory over Lincoln-Sudbury on Friday, the Colonials played without the services of injured leading scorers Hayley Brock and Cassie Wagner and defeated Concord-Carlisle, 1-0 on Monday.

“The league is too good,” said A-B coach Ru Sweeney, whose team is 15-0-1. “We’re going to get everybody’s best games.” Monday afternoon, Ceci Jensen’s header in the third minute of the game was enough for the Colonials to defeat C-C. Kristen Gargiulo set up the goal with a pass from the right side of the field.

Concord-Carlisle (4-5-6) threatened twice during the game. In the 22nd minute, Ali Koning had a shot that went just wide of the right post with A-B keeper Carley Cesare drawn out of net. With four minutes left in the game, C-C had another scoring opportunity, but a direct kick went just wide.

“Obviously, A-B had a few player sout, but CeCi Jensen is every bit as good as anybody up top,” said Patriots coach Nancy Slocum. “We played with Maddy Tillotson and Lydia Slocum guarding her. They did a good job.”

Jamie Potter also cleared away a Colonial shot in the 27th minute.

C-C goalie Lauren Fischellis made 10 saves for the Patriots. The senior had spent most of the season as a backup for DCL all-star Emily Beinecke, but was pressed into service 20 minutes into Friday’s 0-0 tie with Newton South when Beinecke left the game with a shin injury.

“We were playing really well and it made my job easier,” said Fischellis. “I was pretty nervous, but after the Newton South game, I gained a lot of confidence.”

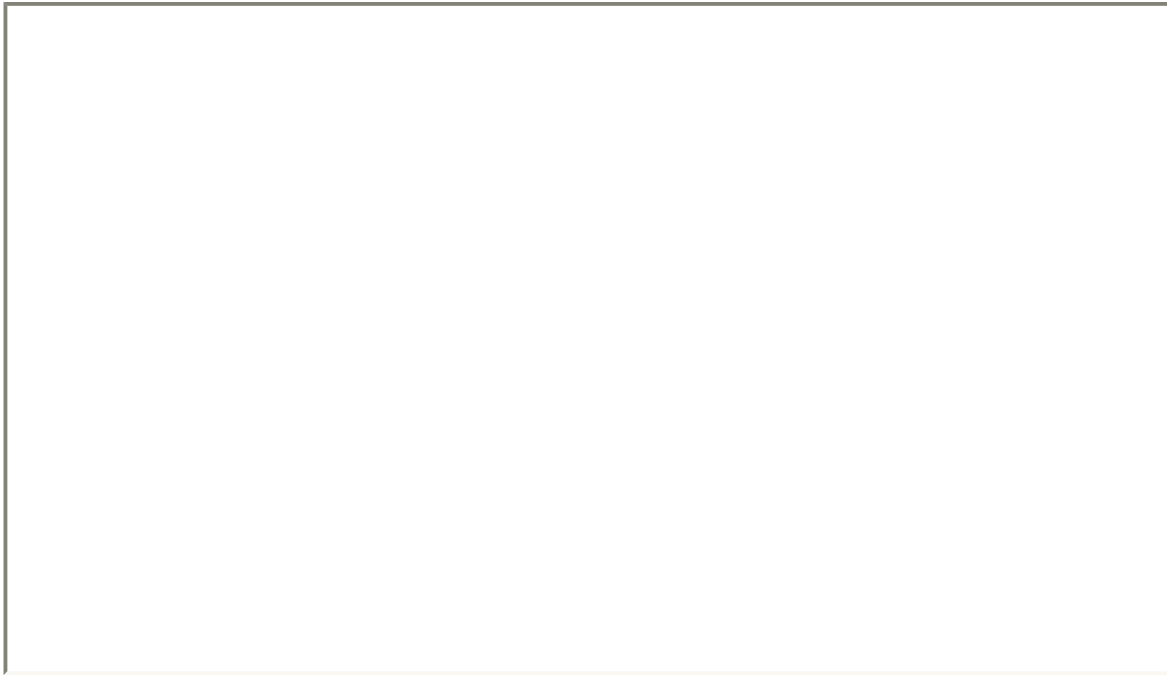
In last Friday’s 1-0 victory over Lincoln-Sudbury, Lindsay Raymond scored the game-winning goal with an assist from Courtney Findlen.

Last Wednesday, A-B found itself trailing for the first time this season, but shortly after Newton South got on the scoreboard, Martha Dane tied the game and the Colonials left Weeks Field with a 1-1 draw.

“Newton South played a great game,” Sweeney said. “I was proud that we were able to respond and that we were able to respond within two minutes. It helped us refocus.”

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