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Local roundup: Sharon boys get their (penalty) kicks



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SHARON — A quartet of penalty kick goals was just the spark the Sharon Academy boys soccer team needed to rise up in the second half for a 5-3 win over visiting Arlington on Friday.

Down 3-2 at halftime, the Phoenix scored three unanswered goals after the break to get the win. Four of the five Sharon goals came on spot kicks, including two by Daniel Henderson, who got taken down twice in the box and converted both of his penalties for goals.

Riley Eastman duplicated the feat for a pair of PK strikes of his own after he, too, was taken down twice in the box. Luke Miller set up the fifth goal with a cross to Henderson, who beat a defender and found Eastman for a tap-in goal.

“Arlington’s plan to be physical with our forwards backfired, as it resulted in the spot kicks. Our defense was porous in the first half, but we restructured our formation and Jaxon Nichols took charge from his center-back position,” Sharon coach Blake Fabrikant said. “We have to be better next week against both Proctor and MSJ, but we can definitely build on the momentum of the second half.”

First up for Sharon is a visit to Proctor on Tuesday in a rematch of last year’s VPA Division IV semifinals won by the Phantoms, 1-0.

Lebanon 7, Pelham 1

PELHAM, N.H. — Ryan Oliveira’s hat trick helped the Raiders (11-1-0) to a dominant win over the Pythons.

Oliveira’s first two goals came in the first eight minutes of the game to stake Lebanon to the early lead. Kristis Putans and Daniel Mladek added goals in the next seven minutes to put the visitors in front, 4-0. Nick Brill, Oliveira and Putans all added goals in the second half.

Angus Hall had a team-best two assists for Lebanon. Will McGee, Brill, Bennett Hewett, Oliveira and Mladek each had a single assist. Starting keeper Easton Wykes made two saves, and Zach Aldrich made one in relief.

The Raiders will visit Milford on Wednesday.

Mascoma 3, Belmont 0

WEST CANAAN — The Royals won their fourth game in a row to improve to 8-4-0.

Mascoma got things going in the 24th minute when Cole Moulton found Zach Thompson, who redirected a pass in perfect position for Grant Suttie to finish. Moulton followed three minutes later, scoring with an assist to Suttie. Suttie added the final goal with a second assist to Thompson.

“The midfield and defensive effort gave Mascoma the edge,” Royals coach Keli Green said. “The team is really gelling on the field, playing hard and making smart decisions.”

Green highlighted the play of Logan Isham, Aidan Smith and Garrett Giovagnoli. Keeper Isaiah Hogan made two saves for the Royals.

Mascoma hosts Hopkinton on Friday.

White River Valley 2, Twin Valley 2 (OT)

WHITINGHAM, Vt. — Dominic Craven had both goals for the Wildcats, but Twin Valley scored in the 78th minute to tie it up and force a draw.

Both of Craven’s goals came in the second half after the teams played a scoreless first half. WRV held a 2-1 lead until the hosts tied it up late in regulation. The Wildcats held the line in overtime to earn the deadlock.

“It’s easy to lose focus after giving up the tying goal so late while playing on the road, but the boys kept their cool. I’m very proud of them,” WRV coach Alex Montano said.