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## Eastlake knocks off Pasco

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It may be the tough road, but the Eastlake soccer team has stepped up to the challenge.

After losing two winner-to-state games, the Wolves have caught fire. Facing elimination on Saturday, the Wolves traveled to Vancouver and knocked off Evergreen 2-1 in a winner-to-state contest. Earning the third seed from District 2/4, Eastlake had to travel to Pasco Tuesday to face the defending 4A state champions in the opening round of the state competition. The Wolves again rose to the challenge, knocking the Bulldogs off 2-1 in a shootout.

Pasco took the initial lead, scoring in the 45th minute. Eastlake fought back, scoring in the 59th minute when **Tyler Klein** connected with **Easton Fix** on a long throw-in. **Fix** headed the ball in to knot the score 1-1.

The game remained tied through the remainder of regulation and two five-minute overtimes, resulting in a shootout. Eastlake outscored Pasco 4-3 on penalty kicks, earning goals from **Brandon Haberly**, **Klein**, **Justin Lewis** and **Nick Rudella**. The Bulldogs had a chance to tie, but missed wide on their final attempt. Eastlake earned a trip to the quarterfinals for the second time in the last three years.

The Wolves will face Mead at 1 p.m. tomorrow at Spokane's Joe Albi Stadium for the right to play in the state semifinals May 23 in Lakewood.