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Class 4A Boys Soccer | Bellarmine Prep finally gets to celebrate

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LAKEWOOD — When a trip to the state finals is on the line, it's OK to celebrate twice.

With one minute left in overtime, Bellarmine Prep thought it had won the game. The crowd went into a frenzy, players rushed the field and coaches hugged. But the Lions' goal — after a pileup in front of the net — was called off due to a foul.

When the game went to a shootout, Bellarmine got to celebrate again.

The Lions from Tacoma netted three penalty kicks to Eastlake's one and advanced to tonight's Class 4A state championship game with a 3-2 victory at Harry Lang Stadium.

Bellarmine Prep will play Puyallup in tonight's 7 p.m. title game. Eastlake will face Beamer of Federal Way for third place at 3 p.m.

Lions senior keeper Chris Carlin was the hero, making two saves and getting help from the crossbar on another.



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Bellarmine Prep's Elliot Morton heads ball away from the Lions' goal, despite the efforts of Eastlake's **Easton Fix** * (16) and **Gordon Savage** (13). Bellarmine's Scott Hanson also tries for the ball. Bellarmine Prep of Tacoma beat Eastlake, 3-2, in the semifinals.

* (Originally misreported by Times as Kyle Whittier)

"Chris Carlin came up huge for us," said Bellarmine coach Joe Waters. "Chris is an outstanding goalkeeper and doesn't always get the credit he deserves."

Eastlake (13-8) missed its first two penalty kicks before Wolves captain **Tyler Klein**, a Washington signee, connected on the third shot. With Bellarmine leading the shootout 2-1, Eastlake missed its fourth shot, and Lions midfielder Scott Hanson hit the clincher.

"It's exciting," Carlin said. "It feels good to make those saves."

While a shootout makes for an exciting finish, many think it doesn't give proper resolution to a great game.

"Games shouldn't come down to that [penalty kicks]," Eastlake coach Adam Gervis said. "We haven't found a way to resolve it."

"You're not getting anything for dominating the game. We just pounded on them and couldn't get it through."