

Boys Soccer | Eastlake takes down defending champs

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PASCO — The Pasco boys soccer team that won the 2007 Class 4A boys soccer title thrived on adversity, winning game after game despite heavy odds.

But there is such a thing as too much adversity, something the Bulldogs discovered after a 2-1 shootout loss to Eastlake in the first round of the state playoffs Tuesday night at Edgar Brown Stadium.

The defending champions played without three starters — forward Marco Acevedo, midfielder Miguel Acevedo and sweeper Brady Espinoza — for the second straight game. The trio was suspended from the team for an athletic code violation before Saturday's 2-1 loss to Central Valley of Spokane.

And although Pasco managed a 1-0 second-half lead against the KingCo Lake Division champion Wolves, the loss of perhaps its two best players — Acevedo and Espinoza were both first team all-Columbia Basin League selections — proved too much for the Bulldogs to overcome.

"I think the main thing was [Acevedo and Espinoza] were captains, and this is a young team," said Pasco coach Mike Pardini. "I can't pin it on them for us not winning this game, though."

Penalty kicks settled it.

Nick Rudella fired a low shot past Bulldogs goalkeeper Emmanuel Martinez in the sixth round, setting up a must-score situation for Pasco's Ricardo Chicas. But Chicas' shot went high as the Wolves players celebrated behind him.

"[Pasco] is a phenomenal team. Once you win a state title, you know something," said Eastlake coach Adam Gervis. "But I've never seen a team with more heart and determination than this group. We came here yesterday, and we just knew we were going to win. There was just this quiet air about them."

The Wolves (12-7) advance to the quarterfinals for the second time in three years, and on Saturday will visit Mead of Spokane, a 2-0 winner over Central Valley.

Eastlake featured a strong back line anchored by seniors Tyler Klein and Easton Fix, who towered over Pasco players and were able to outmuscle them in the Wolves' box.

"[Fix] towered over me since I'm only 5-foot-4," said Paul Herrera, who scored the Bulldogs' only goal in the 45th minute, volleying a bouncer down the right flank over Eastlake keeper Zack Wile for a 1-0 lead.

"We felt we could [beat them], but obviously we were down. We knew we'd be hurting [with the suspensions]. It just breaks your spirit."

But Klein and Fix then connected at the offensive end — a long throw-in from Klein that Fix headed past Martinez inside the left post — that evened the match up at 1-1 in the 59th minute.

"In our last six games, they've scored all our goals," Gervis said.

Beamer blanks Bothell

SUMNER — Daniel Nam wanted to deliver the knockout blow.

And that's what the senior forward did Tuesday night in leading Beamer High School of Federal Way to a 3-0 victory over stubborn Bothell at Sunset Chev Stadium in a first-round game of the Class 4A state boys soccer tournament.

Beamer (12-5-2) led 1-0 with just over 10 minutes to play when Nam took a pass inside the box from freshman Ugo Okoli. With his back to the goal, Nam turned and fired a rocket into the upper left corner for a 2-0 lead. Less than 90 seconds later, he took a corner kick and fed Troy Peterson for the final goal.

Nam has 15 goals and 19 assists this season.

"That [goal] is what changed the game," Nam said of his score. "Usually, when you get a 2-0 lead the other team gives up. That's how we got the last goal."

Ben Draeger recorded his eighth shutout for Beamer, which has won six of its past seven matches.

Bothell, which had won three in a row after barely qualifying for the KingCo playoffs, finished 10-10.

Other 4A

Bellarmino Prep 2, Snohomish 1, OT

At Mount Tahoma, the Lions (19-1) got the deciding goal eight minutes into overtime. Thomas Sheets' goal in the 47th minute of regulation tied it for Snohomish (13-4-1) after Bellarmino had gone ahead early.

Mountain View 3, Kentwood 2, shootout

At Battle Ground, the Thunder from Vancouver outscored the Conquerors 5-3 in the shootout to advance. Spencer Ward had a goal and assist for Kentwood (12-5-2), which led 2-1 before Mountain View tied it with 13 minutes left in regulation.

Puyallup 2, Marysville-Pilchuck 1, shootout

At Sparks Stadium, the Vikings (16-1-2) won the school's first state-playoff match by outscoring the Tomahawks (15-4) in the shootout, 4-2. M-P's goalkeeper made two saves on point-blank shots in regulation and overtime to keep the Tomahawks in it.

Shorewood 2, Jefferson 1, shootout

At Shoreline Stadium, Sam Olson scored in regulation and had the go-ahead score in the shootout as the Thunderbirds (16-1-1) knocked out the Raiders (10-5-4). Junior goalkeeper Dorian Lair made three saves for Shorewood in the shootout.

Class 3A

Lakeside 1, Mount Rainier 0, OT

At Interbay Stadium, Louis Scott scored only one minute into overtime after 80 scoreless minutes as the Lions (10-2-4) ousted the Rams (13-3-3) and advanced to the quarterfinals.

At Camas 9, Nathan Hale 0

The Raiders were overwhelmed by the Papermakers, last year's state runners-up.

Kennedy 1, at Eastmont 0, shootout

In Wenatchee, Rudishi Muschett scored the deciding goal in a 7-6 shootout as the Lancers (14-4) outlasted Eastmont. Sean Miller was in goal for Kennedy.

Capital 2, Bainbridge 0

At Ingersoll Stadium in Olympia, Capital (12-6-0) reached the quarterfinals for the first time in 16 years and ruined the Spartans' (11-3-5) first state trip since 2001.

At Mercer Island 3, Hudson's Bay 0

Chris Morris broke a scoreless game with four minutes left in the first half and assisted on a second-half goal for the KingCo champion Islanders (12-3-2). Forrest Marowitz was in goal for M.I.

Class 2A

At Cedarcrest 5, Centralia 2

Evan Fassler had two goals and two assists and R.J. Sorenson had a goal and two assists as the Red Wolves (19-1) bounced back from their first loss, to Lakewood in the district-championship match.

Mark Morris 2, Lakewood 1

Evander Ochoa's goal in the 10th minute gave the Cougars an early lead, but Mark Morris of Longview rallied to advance.

Class 1A

Seattle Academy 4, at Lakeside (Nine Mile Falls) 1

D.J. Drevitch had a hat trick to power the Cardinals into the quarterfinals.

At King's 10, Forks 0

Senior forward Michael Kenyon had a hat trick and an assist and sophomore midfielder Nick Swanson added a goal and two assists as the Knights (14-6) rolled into the quarterfinals.

White Salmon 2, University Prep 1, OT

At Kalama, the Pumas led 1-0 on Nic Suh's goal five minutes before halftime, but White Salmon tied it and then won in OT.

Overlake 1, Vashon Island 0

At Sammamish High School, John Piela scored after a pass from Sky Tweedie-Yates two minutes into the second half for the only goal for the Owls (11-6-3).

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