

Island Sports

NK ends losing streak with first tie of the season

By Ryan Corbett

When the North Kingstown boys' soccer team stepped onto the field with their Chariho opponents on Monday night, they knew that this game was important.

First, Chariho had given North Kingstown its first loss earlier in the season. Before that, the team was on a 30-game winning streak that started back in 2006.

Second, the team had been on a losing streak the past few weeks—losing their last three games 1-0 against Central Falls, 2-1 against LaSalle, and 3-2 against South Kingstown—and knew that if any game could end that streak, it had to be this one.

Third, it was senior night for the NK boys. For captains Billy Zile and Russell Dauksis, locals Garik Smith and Andrew Bretti, and the rest of the seniors, it would be the last home game of their high school careers.

While NK was down and scoreless at the end of the first half, the

team's confidence came back in the second in what might have been the best 10-minutes of offensive soccer playing in the Rhode Island Interscholastic League this year. The Skippers scored three goals in the last 14 minutes of play, bringing the final score to a 3-3 tie.

Things didn't start off well for North Kingstown. Seven minutes in, Chariho forward Patrick McNamara slid a shot past NK goalie Spencer Hagist to give them the first goal of the game. Then the Chargers continued to live up to their name when forward Nick Dubee—the number one goal scorer in the southern division scored seven minutes later, giving them a 2-0 lead.

While NK was given many scoring opportunities throughout the first half, forwards Andy Hess and Nick Casillas, along with mid-fielders Zile and Bretti, were unable to get through Chariho's defense and put their shots by goalie Bradley Borsay, who currently has the second most saves in the southern division.

The Skippers also had two corner kicks in the first half but neither one connected with the net.

At the halftime whistle, the score remained 2-0.

After seniors were awarded with gifts and their photos were taken with their parents, the game was back on. Chariho's defense continued to pose a challenge to the NK forwards as they narrowly missed shot after shot. Chariho's Borsay racked up eight saves in the first 20 minutes of the second half.

But then NK came back when a foul was called against the Chargers and NK's Zile was given a penalty kick. Zile easily got the ball past Borsay, putting the Skippers on the board, 2-1, with 14 minutes left in the game. "The shift in momentum was awesome," said Zile. "The few fans we had were all standing up, it was great."

Zile's goal certainly helped NK's offensive momentum, for less

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