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BOYS' CLASS 2A SOCCER STATE TOURNAMENT QUARTERFINALS



Washburn's Sam Abrams celebrated his winning goal in overtime against Minnetonka in a Class 2A quarterfinal Tuesday.

Washburn pulls OT stunner

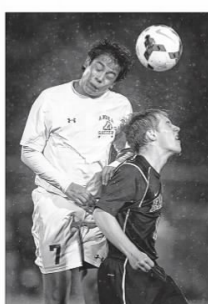
Sam Abrams' goal carries Millers past Minnetonka. BY TYLER MASON, Special to the Star Tribune

It took a few extra minutes, but unseeded Minneapolis Washburn pulled off the upset. Senior Sam Abrams' overtime goal lifted Washburn to a 4-3 victory over top-seeded Minnetonka on Tuesday at ResLife-St. Margaret's in the boys' soccer Class 2A state tournament. The Millers are making their first appearance at state since 2008.

"Our coach has been telling us the whole year we can play with anyone," said Abrams, who found the ball with plenty of room to shoot with 300 left in overtime to knock off the Skippers. "Tonight just shows that."

Luke Peterson scored two goals and Mitchell Taylor added a goal for Washburn (2-4-5), which led 2-0 and 3-1 before two Skippers goals 3 seconds apart in the second half forced overtime. A goal by Minnetonka junior Avery Weaver with 10:14 to play in regulation evened the score at 3-3. From there, the Millers had to regroup once the momentum shifted.

"We played a two-minute stretch where we kind of lost our focus a little bit," Washburn coach Aaron Brey said.



Anoka's Miguel Martinez-Ururita headed the ball away from Eagan's Ryan Conroy during the Tuesday 2A Class 2A victory Tuesday. Anoka will play Minneapolis Washburn next.

"We've been preaching hard about just being focused and continue playing, so we just grabbed everybody together and said, 'Hey, be done with that and just keep playing.'"

Minnetonka's Finn Hinton scored late in the first half to cut Washburn's lead to 2-1. But in the second half, Peterson's second goal gave the Millers another two-goal lead before Minnetonka rallied.

It was just the fourth loss of the season for the Skippers (0-4-6), who scored 14 goals

in three section games. Minnetonka boasted the two-time Star Tribune Metro Player of the Year in Saad Sulji, a senior from Bosnia. He had 23 goals in 17 games but was held in check by Washburn.

Anoka 2, Eagan 1: Two goals 44 seconds apart were all the scoring Anoka needed against Eagan. The Hornets does hold off the Wildcats to advance to the state semifinal.

The fourth-seeded Hornets (2-5-2) handed off several chances by No. 3 Eagan (13-4-3) in the final minutes to survive.

Anoka last year's Class 2A champion, will play Minneapolis Washburn on Monday in St. Cloud.

Junior midfielder Dominic Guimont scored the game's first goal for Anoka with 29:36 left in the first half. Fellow junior Miguel Martinez-Ururita added another goal with 28:54 to play on an assist from Guimont.

"We were just glad to get ahead, hopefully they're right away," Guimont said. "But they ended up coming back pretty strong."

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GIRLS' CLASS 1A SOCCER STATE TOURNAMENT QUARTERFINALS

Mahtomedi wins overtime thriller

Orono advances with a big win over Dover-Eyota. BY HEATHER HULE, Special to the Star Tribune

For Mahtomedi, one shot meant everything. Senior forward Michelle Austin's kick trickled into the St. Peter goal with 3:11 left in sudden-death overtime Tuesday, lifting the Zephyrs to a thrilling 1-0 victory in a girls' soccer Class 1A state quarter-final game at Farmington.

"This one was definitely probably the most exciting goal," Austin said. "And it had a lot of value to it. This one means that our whole team is going to another state game."

The quarterfinal was scoreless throughout as the Zephyrs (15-4-0) found themselves with several scoring chances, but St. Peter (0-3-2) kept coming up with some solid defense to keep Mahtomedi off the board.

Mahtomedi, the Zephyrs' defense didn't let St. Peter get close to the goal for most of the match.

With 11:4 seconds left in the first 10 minutes, sudden-death overtime half, St. Peter senior goalkeeper Devi Krueger made perhaps the save of the match in that penalty, stopping Mahtomedi senior Mackenzie Mason's penalty kick shot.

"St. Peter deserved better," said Mahtomedi coach Dave Wald. "They played a heck of a game."

Orono and Mahtomedi will meet in the semifinals at 11 a.m. Nov. 4 at St. Cloud State.

Dover-Eyota Sports: The focus going into the game for Orono was simple: win in the first 10 minutes.

The second-seeded Spartans (8-2-0) took a 1-0 lead

early and didn't look back, coasting to a convincing win. "When we score right away, it gets us more pumped," senior forward Lily McKown said.

Tuesday's game was a rematch of last year's state quarterfinal pining, which Orono won 3-1.

Senior midfielder Claire Bush scored the first goal on a header off a corner kick. She provided the hookback for Orono's effort, scoring on another header in the final minutes of the game.

McKown registered a hat trick, scoring two goals before halftime.

Her first goal came in the 10th minute, when she moved through the Dover-Eyota defense and caught the goalkeeper out of position.

The Spartans put the game out of reach early in the second half with goals about a minute apart. Senior forward Carly Goshier put a shot over the

match of the Eagles goalkeeper for a 4-0 lead.

McKown then scored her third goal following a sequence of passes that pushed the lead to 5-0.

Any team going to play well in the state tournament," Orono coach Emily Gray said.

"When you have 10 strikers that are seniors, it just kind of goes without saying. They want to keep playing."

The Spartans pushed their winning streak to 15 games.

On their current streak, they have recorded 13 shutouts, including all three section games.

Orono has not surrendered since Oct. 3.

"We know if we play our game, one can stop us," Bush said.



Kaitlyn Yepelin (21) hits to teammate Michelle Austin (22) after Austin's overtime goal lifted the Zephyrs to a 1-0 win Tuesday.

GIRLS' TENNIS STATE TOURNAMENT QUARTERFINALS

Eagan advances after win in marathon singles match

Edina's state tournament match win streak hits 55. BY TIM HULLIN, jason.quinn@startribune.com

In the grand scheme of things, what Eagan sophomore Samantha Nichols' 5-2, 6-3, 7-5 victory in 3 hours, 12 minutes over Rochester Mayo freshman Jessica Marmorstein meant was simply a chance to play one more day.

Nichols' victory Tuesday broke a 3-3 deadlock in the quarterfinals of the Class 2A team championship, lifting the No. 4 seeded Wildcats into the team semifinals on Wednesday morning. They will play in the semifinals at 8 a.m. against top-seeded Prior Lake, which had little trouble in dispatching Princeton, 7-0.

"I told her after the match not to smile. We haven't done anything yet," Eagan coach Scott Nichols said. "Our goal is to match the best team and get a banner up in our gym. We have to play well against Prior Lake tomorrow to do that."

Nichols was clearly in coach-speak mode. The father in him admitted that watching his daughter battle through the



Eagan's Samantha Nichols dug out a ball during her marathon three-set victory over Rochester Mayo's Jessica Marmorstein during play in the Class 2A state quarterfinal Tuesday.

ebb and flows of such an epic match was difficult to bear. "Dortmar," Nichols said. "With her, less is more. The team voted her as our team MVP for a reason. It's always best if I keep my mouth shut."

Eagan and Mayo were tied 2-2 with every other match completed, yet Nichols and Marmorstein were still in the

second set. As the match wore on, the next match of the day — Edina vs. St. Cloud Tech — couldn't wait any longer to begin and started play.

By the time Nichols and Marmorstein reached the third set, stands at Baseline Tennis Center were filled, the match resembling a singles championship. With her

opponent playing aggressively, the defensive-minded Nichols failed to close out four match points before emerging with the victory when Marmorstein, who had been tremendous with her shot placement, missed down the alley.

"At the beginning, what hurt her was not playing well defensively," Scott Nichols said. "I



Prior Lake's Giayou Peterson mired down a ball for a return during her victory over Princeton's Anna Dahlers. Prior Lake is the top seed in Class 2A.

wasn't Wildcat tennis. We stress getting one more ball back. She was better when the second set started."

Despite the tightness of the match and what was riding on it, Samantha Nichols said there was only one time when she felt nervous. "I could feel the pressure after a couple of match points, but I knew I had

to keep pushing for my team," she said.

With the team result frozen in her mind, Nichols at first played the victory away from the top two in her career. After a few moments, she devoted it to No. 1. "Probably the biggest because of everything that was riding on it," she said.

In the other half of the Class 2A bracket, 18-time defending champion Edina, the No. 2 seed, won its 50th consecutive state tournament match, defeating St. Cloud Tech 6-1. The Hornets will face No. 3 seeded Mahtomedi, which beat first-time entrant Delano 5-2 in Wednesday's semifinals at 11 a.m. The two teams played each other in late September, with Edina winning 6-5.

There were no surprises in the Class 1A quarterfinals in the upper bracket, Rochester Lourdes defeated Virginia 6-1 and will play Hyde, which defeated defending champion Holy Family 6-1, in an 8 a.m. semifinal match Wednesday.

The lower-bracket semifinal, at 10 a.m., will pit St. James, a 7-0 victor over Priey, against Crookston, which defeated Minnetonka/Brandons-Evanville 5-2.