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# Pats repeat as North champs

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LOWELL - The Concord-Carlisle boys soccer team didn't need any late-game heroics in Monday's MIAA Division 2 North title game.

The Patriots captured their second straight sectional title and moved within two games of repeating as state champions with a 3-1 victory over Dracut at Cawley Stadium.

Concord-Carlisle (20-0-2) will play the South champion, either Canton or Sharon, Wednesday in the state semifinals at Cawley Stadium (7 p.m.). Dracut, the Merrimack Valley Conference Large School champion and the sixth seed in the North, finished its season at 16-3-2.

"We came out hard," said C-C senior co-captain Ryan Miller. "Starting slow has been a problem for us all year and it was a problem on Saturday."

On Saturday, the Patriots overcame an early 3-0 deficit to defeat Masconomet Regional, 4-3.

Monday, C-C led, 2-0 at halftime with Mike Burke and Theo Terris combining on both scoring plays. With 26:55, Terris set up Burke, who scored three goals on Saturday, and Burke scored from in front of the net.

With less than two minutes left before halftime, Burke set up Terris for the game's second goal.

"We came out prepared and I was happy with the result," said C-C coach Ray Pavlik. "Dracut was fired up and ready to play. What happened on Saturday was not the way we want to come out."

Just before the midway point of the second half, Tony Lania gave C-C a three-goal lead, scoring on a breakaway with Terris assisting.

C-C goalies James Smith and Matt Gray combined for nine saves. Kyle Addie ended the shutout bid, scoring the Middies' only goal with 4:27 left in the game off a corner kick.

With less than two minutes remaining, Dracut's Ryan Miamis had a shot on an open net, but defender JB Henderson blocked the ball.

Sam Williams also made a defensive stop on James Tully early in the first half.

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