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Boys soccer team shuts out North Andover

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CONCORD - After weathering an early attack, the Concord-Carlisle boys soccer team defeated North Andover, 2-0 in an MIAA Division 2 North quarterfinal game Wednesday afternoon.

Concord-Carlisle (18-0-2) will play Masconomet in the sectional semifinals at a time and place to be announced.

North Andover (12-7-1) spent a good portion of the first 20 minutes in the Patriots' end, placing five shots on net and hitting the posts on two occasions.

Concord-Carlisle scored on its first shot on net when Theo Theris scored off a corner kick in the 23rd minute.

"The crossbar has been our friend," said C-C coach Ray Pavlik. "They had those two shots, then we controlled the game."

Twelve minutes later, Tony Meyer gave C-C a two-goal lead, heading the ball into the Scarlet Knights' net.

"We talked about being scrappy in front of the net," said Pavlik. "We needed to battle for every rebound. To get through the first two rounds of the tournament without our leading scorer (Michael Burke, who was sidelined with an injury) we needed to do that."

Pavlik said he hopes Burke will be back for the semifinals.

James Smith made 10 saves for C-C to earn his second shutout of the postseason.

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