

# Mikey O'Brien, C-C repeat in Div. 2 North

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LYNN - When Concord-Carlisle forward Mikey O'Brien's open-net shot clanged the crossbar late in the second half last night, he felt physically ill. Two minutes into overtime, he found the elixir for what ailed him.

Racing downfield on a 2-on-1 break, O'Brien took a pass from fellow forward Griffen Creighton and found the top left corner two minutes into overtime to lift Concord-Carlisle (19-1-1) to a dramatic 2-1 comeback win over previously undefeated Winchester in the Division 2 North sectional final at Manning Field.

After the game, an elated O'Brien talked about the sweet taste of redemption in a championship setting.

"It means the world," said O'Brien, who had a goal and an assist on the night. "I was feeling really, really bad after that earlier miss, so to be able to make it up to my teammates at the end was really nice."

Winchester (19-1-2) struck first in the eighth minute. After a free kick bounded off Sachem forward Conor Calnan into the goal crease, midfielder Ryan Connolly beat **Patriots** [[team stats](#)] keeper Cam McGrory to the loose ball to stake a 1-0 lead.

Unfortunately for the Sachems, their offensive intensity was matched by defending state champ Concord-Carlisle throughout the second half. In the 50th minute, Patriots pressure paid off - with O'Brien serving a perfect cross to midfielder Alex Puchrik, who poked it past Winchester keeper Andrew Shediak to knot the game.

"We were down one goal at that point," said O'Brien. "If we gave up then, our season was over. So when the season's on the line, you have a ton of extra energy and just go for it."

In the end, such gritty passion proved to be the difference for O'Brien and his Patriot teammates.

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