

Sep. 22 Girls Soccer



Michael Dill Photography

Trapped within a nest of both Pirates and Spartans, Steinert's Natalie DeAngelo boots the ball into the clear during today's game (Photo by Mike Dill/purchase photos at www.michaeldillphotography.com).

Busy Boucher helps Steinert get past rival WWP South

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Sep. 22: The West Windsor-Plainsboro South girls' soccer team is struggling in the early going this year and Steinert isn't quite where it would like to be just yet.

But the two teams seem to bring out the best in each other whenever they meet, and the Spartans were a little better today with a 2-1 victory in West Windsor.

It was the first win decided in regulation between the two teams since 2009. Last year they tied 2-2 in the regular season and had to settle their Central Jersey Group IV game by shootout (won by Steinert).

"It is definitely always nice to beat South, as good as a team they've been," said Adrianna Boucher, who assisted on Steinert's first goal and scored on the second. "They have certain players that move the ball well and see the field tremendously which is beneficial to them, but my teammates

and I fight through and work 20 times harder.

“We’ve always had a rivalry since last year’s states when the win came down to penalty kicks and we won it. The feeling to beat them without penalty kicks is even better because it is fair for both teams, it’s just a matter of who wants it more.”

Steinert certainly wanted it more in the first half as it struck for a quick 2-0 lead. Boucher got things rolling when she dropped a pass to an unmarked Darah Wagner at center-midfield.

“I just passed it back and she shot the ball,” Boucher said. “The goalie actually fumbled the ball so it got behind her.”

Late in the half, Katelyn Becker and a Pirate defender were battling for a ball in the air when the deflection went to Boucher.

“I just stepped in and struck the ball in the back of the net as it was coming to the ground,” the junior forward said.

West Windsor came back for a goal in the second half, by the Spartans hung on as goalie Briyanna Femia had seven saves.

The loss dropped WWPS to 1-4 while Steinert improved to 3-2 with its second straight victory.

“Our momentum is definitely starting to improve but there will always be things a team needs to work on,” Boucher said. “We’ve got a lot of things to work on as a team, but we are starting to play better and get more comfortable with each game which results in wins.

“We have a good team chemistry which helps us play better out there and work together to our potential.”

Hamilton has tough night against Robbinsville

Hamilton finally got on the scoreboard, but it wasn’t quite enough as Robbinsville took a 4-1 victory over the Hornets today.

The Ravens (5-0) tallied three goals in the first half while Hamilton’s Taylor Nelson scored the Hornets first goal since opening day. West (1-5) had been shut out in four straight games.

Nottingham comes close before losing another tight one

Sooner or later, Nottingham is going to win one of these close ones.

Madi Nicolao scored a second-half goal to give Hopewell Valley a 1-0 win over the Northstars. Chelsea Toscano kept Nottingham in the game with 12 saves.

Nottingham has lost all five games this year but in the last four, two losses were by two goals and two have been by one.