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A great start but a tough finish made for a quick end to the boys soccer season Tuesday for New Holstein.

After blitzing Kewaunee for an early 2-0 lead, the Husky offense went south and the third-seeded Storm rallied for a 3-2 victory over #6 New Holstein in a WIAA Division 3 regional semifinal game. Kewaunee now advances to play Thursday at #2 Green Bay NEW Lutheran for the regional championship. NEW Lutheran beat Southern Door 8-2 on Tuesday.

Jason Brandt scored both of the Huskies goals, the first unassisted at the ten-minute mark, and then Ambrose Lisowe set up Brandt's second goal ten minutes later.

NH coach Nate Laabs describes the scores: "(Jason) stole a pass from the defender, beat another defender and shot the ball past the goalie. Ten minutes later he struck again when he beat the keeper to a pass from Ambrose Lisowe and chipped it into the goal. Unfortunately, that was all the scoring the Huskies could muster."

Dylan Schneider scored for Kewaunee with one minute left before halftime to bring the Storm to within one at the break.

Tough call for NH

A controversial call eight minutes into the second half provided the Storm with a penalty kick opportunity and Aaron Lacey successfully knocked in the kick to knot the match at 2-all.

"The foul was right at the edge of the penalty box and the officials decided to give them the penalty kick," said coach Laabs.

Schneider then assisted Alex Prucha on his go-ahead goal at 62 minutes and Kewaunee held on from that point.

Dillon Halbach made ten saves for the Huskies, who finished the season at 8-11-4. New Holstein outshot Kewaunee 17-12.

"This was a very disappointing loss," adds Laabs.

"We completely dominated the first 30 minutes of the game, and should have ended it there.

Unfortunately, the problem was instead of getting a third goal and putting the game out of reach early, we let them get back into the game seconds before halftime. We came out strong in the second half, but again were our own worst enemy, giving up a questionable penalty kick. We fought hard to the end, but did not have any magic left in the season as we had several shots just miss the goal. This team fought very hard all year, we just could not overcome our own mental mistakes."