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The breaks went Winneconne's way and they led to a 2-1 Wolves win over Kiel ending the Raiders 2010 boys soccer season last Thursday in the WIAA Division 2 regional championship at Al Doebert Field.

"We were totally unlucky," said Kiel coach John Adema.

"We can't seem to get a break on these penalty kicks. The one Winneconne had looked like the foul was well outside the 18-yard box, but the officials saw it different."

Peter Knitt converted on the kick at the 26-minute mark of the game to tie the match at 1-1.

It looked like it would be Kiel's day. Brandon Riesterer took a well-placed crossing pass from Bret Maurer and nailed it past the Winneconne goalie just three minutes into the game.

"We had more opportunities to build on that lead but we misfired on some shots," added Adema.

More tough luck for the Raiders in the second half.

Josh Lemarche passed to Nathanel Miller. Miller put a shot on the goal that Kiel goalie Tyler Konz appeared to have the angle on. However, the shot deflected off the foot of a Raider defender and caromed away from Konz and into the net with just three minutes left for what proved to be the game winning goal.

Konz had ten saves and Wolve goalie Joe Ulbrich had eight. Winneconne, 16-4-2, moves into Thursday's sectional semifinal at second seeded Green Bay Notre Dame. Kiel ended its season at 16-7-0.