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The Husky boys soccer team made the most out of a long road trip coming back home Saturday with the championship of the Waupaca Invitational.

An Ambrose Lisowe goal just over two minutes into the game, assisted by Kain Roepke, stood up for a 1-0 opening round win over Marshfield Columbus.

"We controlled most of the possession and most of the play, but could only net one goal," said coach Nate Laabs.

"That goal came from an indirect free kick which Kain Roepke touched and Ambrose Lisowe put past the wall and into the goal. "

In the next round, New Holstein fought to a scoreless tie with host Waupaca.

"Dillon Halbach had a solid game in goal to keep the game scoreless," added Laabs.

That put the Huskies into the championship against a strong New London squad and the Bulldogs blew out to a 2-0 lead before New Holstein rallied for a 3-2 win.

The Roepke to Lisowe combo hooked up on all three goals with Lisowe's game winner coming with under two minutes left.

"These guys deserve a lot of credit for their hard work and play today. We were beat up, battered, and tired, but refused to give up on the game," said Laabs.

"Kain and Ambrose played a lot of minutes today, but still found the energy in the last 10 minutes. Both of them could hardly walk off the field when the game was over. Dillon Halbach and the rest of the defense also did a great job while somewhat short-handed allowing only two goals on the day. After playing such a tough schedule for most of the season, playing four games against teams ranked 3rd in state or higher, it was nice to enjoy some success today. Hopefully the momentum will carry into next week for us."

Playing their second overtime game in just over 24 hours, the NH boys soccer team, following a 2-1 OT loss at Waupun, made good this time around coming from behind to beat Two Rivers by the same score last Tuesday night at NHHS on Ambrose Lisowe's goal just 43 seconds into the extra period. It came off a double assist from Kain Roepke and Dylan Schneider.

After TR's Tou Thor broke a scoreless halftime tie with a goal at 54 minutes, Lisowe knotted it back up taking a feed from Jason Brandt and tying the match at 1-1 four minutes later.

Coach Nate Laabs describes the winning score: "The play started when Mike Pasineau sent a through pass to Kain Roepke who chipped it across the goal box. Dylan Schneider one touched it to Lisowe who ended the game."

Goalie Dillon Halbach had seven saves for New Holstein, now in fourth place in the EWC.

Waupun game

The Huskies resumed a game last Monday in Waupun that was stopped due to inclement weather earlier this month and Waupun's Ian Steen headed in Jason Roecker's corner kick with 2 minutes, 2 seconds left in the second overtime for Waupun's 2-1 Eastern Wisconsin boys soccer win over visiting New Holstein.

Waupun grabbed the lead in the fifth minute when Ryan Gerritson headed in Nick Levin's cross. New Holstein tied it on Ambrose Lisowe's goal early in the second half.

Dillon Halbach had five saves for the Huskies.

"We really dug ourselves a hole on September 2nd with an awful start to the game," said coach Nate Laabs. "Today we came out and played excellent. We controlled almost all of the possession, and peppered the goalie with shots. Unfortunately, we could not find the back of the net with our shots."