

"Super Tuesday" awaits local girls soccer teams



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State semifinal berths on line



Severna Park, hoisting the District V championship trophy, hopes to be lifting up the Class 4A state title trophy next week. The No. 4 and unbeaten Falcons play Leonardtown for the Class 4A East Region title Tuesday evening.

Eleven area girls' soccer teams remained in the state tournament. By late Tuesday evening, however, at least five will have its state title hopes intact as state Final Four berths will be decided in region finals action.

Loch Raven, the lone defending champ from the metro area, needed penalty kicks to advance with a 1-0 decision over Sparrows Point in a Class 1A South Region quarterfinals Friday. In avenging a 3-2 regular season loss to the Pointers, Loch Raven will host Towson neighbor Carver A & T for the region title.

Carver A & T eliminated Pikesville, 2-1, in the other region semifinal. The Wildcats flipped the script from the regular season meeting with Pikesville, which routed Carver, 7-0.

Carver A & T hopes it has some more postseason magic for the Raiders. During the regular season, Loch Raven won 9-0.

After eliminating state champ Fallston, Bel Air stands a victory away from the Class 2A semifinals. The Bobcats will travel to the eastern Shore for a match with Queen's Anne Tuesday evening for the East Region crown. Bel Air seeks its first state Final Four appearance since 2002.

Despite a young roster, Eastern Tech is on the verge of another state semifinal trip after eliminating City College, 3-1, in the 2A North semifinals. The Mavericks will travel to Chesapeake-Baltimore Tuesday afternoon at 3.

The Bayhawks, seeded second, ended Dundalk's season with a 3-2 decision in Friday's other semifinal. Eastern Tech defeated Chesapeake, 7-0, during the regular season.

The Chesapeake-Eastern Tech survivor gets a Final Four date with Southern-Anne Arundel or Glenelg. Southern-Anne Arundel got a goal from Lila Mastroberti late in the second half to knock off Hammond, 2-1, in the 2A South Region semifinals.

Marriotts Ridge won the Howard County championship, but Glenelg had its proverbial number. The 17th ranked Gladiators ended the No. 7 Mustangs' campaign with a 2-0 decision Friday evening in the other South semifinal.

Emily Budman and Rachel McCarriher scored first half goals for Glenelg, and goalie Brooke Carey with backers Liz Ebeling, Megan Pawtowski and Casey Vantucci clamped up the Mustangs' attack. The Gladiators held Marriotts Ridge scoreless this season.

A pair of Class 3A region finals will feature in-county foes fighting for a state Final Four spot. In the East Region, River Hill faces Reservoir while Harford County rivals C.Milton Wright and North Harford collides for the North crown.

River Hill tops Centennial, 1-0, in a semifinal match while Reservoir got goals from Katherine Tuttle, Amanda Jackson and Michelle Viegas in a 3-0 win over James M. Bennett. It sets up round two between the Howard County rivals Tuesday evening.

River Hill topped the Gators, 2-1, in the regular season. Last season, Reservoir upended the Hawks in the region title game.

North Harford ends Patapsco's season with a 4-0 drubbing while No. 5 C. Milton Wright overwhelmed Hereford, 6-1. The Mustangs

look for the season sweep over North Harford after 1-0 decision during the regular season.

Severna Park is the lone area remaining in the 4A tournament. The No. 4 Falcons defeated Broadneck, 2-0, in the East Region semifinals with Maria Kresge and Ryan Bathras finding the back of the net. Severna Park travels to Leonardtown for the region crown.

Leonardtown ended South River's season with a 1-0 overtime decision on Erin Kelly's goal. Perry Hall and Kenwood's season concluded against Urbana and Thomas Johnson, respectively, in the 4A North semifinals.

Kerry Knauss scored three goals and assisted on the other two in a 5-1 Thomas Johnson decision in Frederick. Megan Schoen had the only goal for Kenwood.

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Katlyn Axenfeld (left), battling Marriotts Ridge's Nicole Grote for a header during a regular season match, has Reservoir a win away from another state semifinals trip. The Gators play at River Hill Tuesday evening for the 3A East Region crown.