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Miyamura boys lose 3-0 against Kirtland Central

Within the first minute of a boys' district soccer game that pit Miyamura High School against Kirtland Central High School, Kirtland Broncos sophomore and captain Jaxon Manning put it in the goal with an assist by junior Colten Warner to put Kirtland on the board 1-0.

The Broncos didn't stop there. They continued to pressure and pass the ball to Manning, who once more found his way in the 18-yard box, firing a shot to put Kirtland up 2-0 with 19:30 remaining in the first half.

The Miyamura Patriots' defense attempted to put more pressure on Manning and on the ball to score before halftime, but Manning escaped the Patriots' defense and scored his third goal at 5:30 on the clock.

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Miyamura came out in the second half more aggressive and quicker, and they met the ball first to send it down the field in an attempt to put one on the board.

Patriots senior and team captain Jacob Mortensen took shots outside and inside the 18-yard box, seemingly hopeful to at least brush the back of the net, but Miyamura's shots were either too high or too far from the goal post.

A few attempts almost made it in from free and corner kicks by the Patriots, but the ball wasn't having it for their offense.

Still, neither team stopped chasing or meeting the ball.

Their shoulders were fuller; their heads met the ball to assist with passes and scores; and their cleats were in the air or making contact with the ball.

Despite the score, both teams battled each other, but Miyamura fell short, leaving the second half scoreless on both ends.

The Patriots, (4-8) 0-1 in the district, played against the Bloomfield Bobcats Sept. 27 at Bloomfield High School.

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