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Strong first-half play helps Ozaukee soccer team drop New Holstein in regional final

A fast start helped put a WIAA regional title within the grasp of the Ozaukee girls' soccer team last Saturday.

And a late goal sealed a 3-1 win over New Holstein in a championship game that also propelled the Warriors into the sectional round of the Division 3 tournament.



Top-seeded Ozaukee made the most of its home field by grabbing the lead for good in the second minute.

Junior forward Natalie Clark found the net with an assist from Lizzie Janke to make it 1-0.

The Warriors maintained the edge until the 35th minute, when Abby Brouillette's unassisted goal allowed them to take a 2-0 lead into halftime.

Eighth-seeded New Holstein fought back with a goal by Nikki Reese at 59 minutes.

However, Clark provided some insurance with unassisted goal in the 66th minute.

The win improved the Warriors' season record to 18-1-1 and advanced them into a sectional semifinal at home against Sturgeon Bay at 5 p.m. Thursday, June 6.

Sturgeon Bay (No. 4) edged Howards Grove, 2-1, in double overtime in a regional final last

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Saturday.

The winner of the June 6 match will meet the winner of a game between Cedar Grove-Belgium and Oostburg for the sectional title at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 8, in New Holstein.

Ozaukee 4, Random Lake 0

Clark scored a pair of goals to help spark the host Warriors in a regional semifinal win May 30.

Ozaukee dominated play against the 16th-seeded Rams and built a 2-0 lead in the first nine minutes.

Ashley Preisler assisted on Clark's first score in the fourth minute. Lizzie Janke added an unassisted goal five minutes later.

In the second period, Katie Bares and Clark scored at 63 and 65 minutes, respectively. Emily Janke assisted on the final goal.

Win gives Warriors share of CLC crown

A 3-1 home victory over Cedar Grove-Belgium on May 28 gave Ozaukee a share of the Central Lakeshore Conference championship.

The game was scoreless until the 39th minute, when a goal by Emily Janke put the Warriors up. Bares assisted on the play.

At 52 minutes, Emma Yanke made it 2-0 with goal, assisted by Bares.

Cedar Grove-Belgium answered with a goal by Brooke Keller in the 66th minute. However, the Warriors got an insurance score from Clark at 72 minutes, assisted by Bares.

The win gave the Warriors a 12-1-1 league record and left them tied with Oostburg atop the CLC standings.

Cedar Grove-Belgium was third at 8-3-2.

"I'm really proud of the girls in accomplishing one of our bigger goals for the year," Ozaukee coach Eric Liebergen said.

"To finish on top of the CLC is no easy feat, and Cedar Grove was a formidable opponent standing in the way."

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Image Information: OZAUKEE'S NATALIE CLARK shielded a Random Lake player from the ball during a regional semifinal game last week. Clark had two goals in a 4-0 win.

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