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helped topseeded Mount Carmel FC win the championship title once again with a crisp 2-0 win over secondseeded Rumbleseat before a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow on Friday, July 31.

“We’ve won the last two men’s championship titles with Villa, and this is our first one with Mount Carmel,” Bourget said. “Winning the championship game is something that we expect to do every year. It was a hard fought battle tonight. Rumbleseat played very well against us.”

Mount Carmel FC, who finished the PVSSL regular season with a 10-1-0 record, defeated fourth-seeded CF Ardor, 2-0, in the semifinals.

Rumbleseat, who also lost to Mount Carmel during the regular season, entered the playoffs with a 9-1-1 record. They advanced into the men’s finals for the first time in more than ten years

after knocking off the third-seeded KO Elites FC, 2-1, in the semifinals.

“This is the first time that we’ve made the finals in many years, and it was a fun game tonight,” said Kyle Giroud, who was an outstanding three-sport athlete at Chicopee Comp. “It’s always a great time playing in this league and I’m looking forward to playing again next year.”

Giroud is also a member of the Skidmore College men’s soccer team.

The men’s finals was scoreless at halftime.

Mount Carmel broke the ice four minutes into the second half.

The scoring play began with a crossing pass from Joao Miranda to Deandrae Brown, who fired a shot from the top of the box past Rumbleseat goalie Luke Theroux.

Miranda was selected as the M.V.P. following the match.

About ten minutes later, Perham scored a goal,

which was assisted by Brown.

“It just felt awesome to score a goal in the championship game,” Perham said. “We took control of the game at the start of the second half. We had another great season.”

Perham has been a member of Villa/Mount Carmel for the past four years.

“I’m very happy for Mason,” Bourget said. “He began playing with us the year after he graduated from Minnechaug. We also have a couple of other Minnechaug players on our team. We have a bunch of talented players on this team.”

The other former Minnechaug soccer players listed on the Mount Carmel roster are Kyle Atkin, Nick Cianflone, Chase Henderson, and Cam Rigney.

The members of the Mount Carmel FC are hoping to make it a four-peat in the summer of 2027.

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phy was in 2024. They beat top seeded Here for Beer in the finals a year ago.

“We’ve set a high strand-ed here,” Andre added. “A number of these players have been playing for me since our first year in this league. We also add a couple of new players each year. The players get along with each other very well and we always have a lot of fun.”

West Side Sports Shop, who finished the 2026 regular season with a 7-4-0 record, defeated the fifth-seeded Lusitano Women, 5-1, in the quarterfinals. Just like they did a year ago, they beat top seeded Here for Beer, 3-2, in the semifinals. West Side Sports also won the regular season match-up Here for Beer.

“Here For Beer is a very talented soccer team,” Andre said. “We played very well against them the other night.”

The West Side Sports Shop captain is Rhiann Ryan, who graduated from Minnechaug a couple of years ago.

“I love being a member of this soccer team,” Ryan said.

“It feels nice to finally beat Xtremes, especially after losing to them twice during the regular season.”

Six other players listed on the Westside Sports Shop roster played soccer for legendary head coach Nundi Goncalves at Minnechaug. They are Emily Howard, Gabby Rita, Lylah Jeannotte, Chapin Jeannotte, Gaby Williams, and Claire Poindexter.

One of the West Side Sports Shop starters in the championship match was Mallory Pereira, who graduated from Ludlow High School.

Julianne Beaulieu, who graduated from Chicopee Comp, was selected as the M.V.P. of the women’s championship game.

“I never expected to be the M.V.P. of this game, but I knew we could win another championship title,” Beaulieu said. “I’ve now won three championships with this team, which is very special. It’s been a lot of fun playing soccer for this team.”

Beaulieu, who played both basketball and soccer at Utica University, scored a pair of goals in the finals.

She got things rolling during the 16th minute of the opening half by putting a shot into the back of the net past goalie Madison Harmon.

“Once the ball left my foot, I knew it was going into the net,” Beaulieu said. “It set the tone for the rest of the game.”

The Xtremes, who went 10-1-0 during the regular season, had an opportunity to tie the score during the 27th minute. Gianna Sakowski, who also graduated from Minnechaug, fired a shot on goal, which sailed high over the crossbar.

Beaulieu scored her second goal early in the second half.

Sara Avery, who was the West Side Sports Shop starting goalie, didn’t have to make very many saves in recording the shutout. Avery lives in Belchertown and she graduated from the MacDuffie School. She’ll be a senior on the AIC women’s soccer team this fall.

The members of the West Side Sports Shop will be looking to win another PVSSL championship title next summer.

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- public safety -

New Braintree Police Log

During the weeks of July 27-Aug. 10, the Hardwick New Braintree Police Department responded to 29 building/property checks, 47 directed/area patrols, 11 radar assignments, three traffic controls, 10 emergency 911 calls, four safety hazards, three citizen assists, two complaints, one structure fire, one scam, one property damage, two investigations, two motor vehicle accidents, five animal calls and one motor vehicle stop in the town of New Braintree.

Tuesday, July 28
4:03 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Moore Road, Patient Refusal

Wednesday, July 29
1:48 p.m. Assist Citizen, Moore Road, No Action Required
1:52 p.m. Complaint, Barre Road, Spoken To
4:47 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Road, Transported to Hospital
5:19 p.m. 911 Fire/

Structure, Pierce Road, Investigated

Thursday, July 30
4:32 a.m. Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Patient Refusal
6:08 a.m. Safety Hazard, Mara Road, Removed Hazard
7:22 p.m. Investigation, Gilbertville Road, Investigated

Saturday, Aug. 1
6:17 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

Sunday, Aug. 2
6:44 p.m. Complaint, West Road, Officer Handled

Monday, Aug. 3
9:13 a.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
11:01 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Moore Road, Transported to Hospital
2:25 p.m. Property Damage, Old Turnpike Road, Call Canceled

8:41 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, West Road, Referred to Other Agency

Tuesday, Aug. 4
2:11 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Aug. 5
3:50 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Moore Road, Officer Handled
11:11 p.m. Investigation, Worcester Road, Services Rendered

Thursday, Aug. 6
1:55 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
4:49 p.m. Scam, Memorial Drive, Referred to Other Agency

Saturday, Aug. 8
4:22 a.m. Medical Alarm, Barre Road, Services Rendered

Monday, Aug. 10
7:29 a.m. Safety Hazard, Worcester Road, Services Rendered

Otis Avenue fire displaces 18 residents

WARE – On May 22 at 10:47 p.m. the West-Comm Regional Dispatch received a call reporting a fire at 22-28 Otis Avenue.

A full fist alarm assignment was dispatched and on arrival the first crew found a working fire with heavy smoke and flames pushing form unit 26. A second and third alarm assignment was called for by incident command.

There was initially a report of possible entrapment, it was determined that all the residents had evacuated prior to the first crew’s arrival.

The main body of the fire was quickly knocked down and contained to the unit of origin. The size and construction of the apartment complex required

extensive time to ensure there was no extension beyond the unit of origin.

National Grid was called to the scene, and power was shut off to the structure. Red Cross was also requested to assist the 18 displaced occupants. Many of the residents have been relocated to a temporary shelter at the Town Hall with the assistance of the Red Cross and Town/Emergency Manager Stuart Beckley.

There were no injuries reported.

Building Commissioner Anna Marques has ordered the building to be secured, as it is currently uninhabitable due to extensive smoke and water damage. The State Fire Marshal’s office in con-

junction with Ware Police and Fire departments are conducting an investigation into the cause and it appears currently to be accidental.

Mutual aid was received from Warren, Monson, Palmer, Belchertown, West Brookfield, Three Rivers, Hardwick, Wilbraham, Brookfield, Granby Longmeadow and East Longmeadow and the Massachusetts State Police.

“I would like to thank the Department of Fire Services Support and Rehab unit Red Cross, and the Rehab 78 unit and its canteen for their assistance in not only supporting our efforts but the aid rendered to the building’s residents,” Fire Chief James Martinez stated in a press release.

- public notices -

TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the North Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, August 24, 2026, at 6:15 p.m.** at the North Brookfield Senior Center, 29 Forest Street, North Brookfield, Massachusetts.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the application of New England Power Company for a Special Permit and a Variance from the front yard setback for the expansion of an existing electrical substation at 39 East Brookfield Road, North Brookfield, MA.

The application is filed pursuant to the Town of North Brookfield Zoning Bylaws. Section IV, C.1 (Business General District) allows any use permitted under Section IV, A.2, except subsections (f) and (h). Section IV, A.2(e) provides that a power substation is permitted by Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this matter is invited to attend the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the North Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A and the Town of North Brookfield Zoning Bylaw North Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals 08/14, 08/21/26

TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the North Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, August 24, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.** at the North Brookfield Senior Center, 29 Forest Street, North Brookfield, Massachusetts.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the application of John Nurik, 28 Lakeview Road, North Brookfield, MA, regarding property located at 18 Park Street, North Brookfield, MA.

The applicant proposes to demolish the existing camp and construct a garage with a dwelling unit on the second floor. The Building Inspector has determined that the existing structure constitutes an existing dwelling and that reconstruction of the dwelling requires a Special Permit pursuant to the Town of North Brookfield Zoning Bylaws, Section VI, B.4.

Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this matter is invited to attend the public hearing.

North Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals 08/07, 08/14/2026

TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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Hearing on **Monday, August 24, 2026, at 6:45 p.m.** at the North Brookfield Senior Center, 29 Forest Street, North Brookfield, Massachusetts.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the application of Kenneth Epstein, 90 Bell Street, North Brookfield, MA, regarding property located at 90 Bell Street, North Brookfield, MA.

The applicant proposes to relocate the construction of a garage within the required front and side yard setbacks due to the topography of the property. The property is located in the R-30 Zoning District, where the minimum front yard setback is 50 feet and the minimum side yard setback is 15 feet. The proposed garage would be located 40 feet from the front lot line and 7 feet from the side lot line.

The application requests variances from the required front and side yard setbacks pursuant to Section VII, B.3 of the Town of North Brookfield Zoning Bylaws.

Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this matter is invited to attend the public hearing.

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