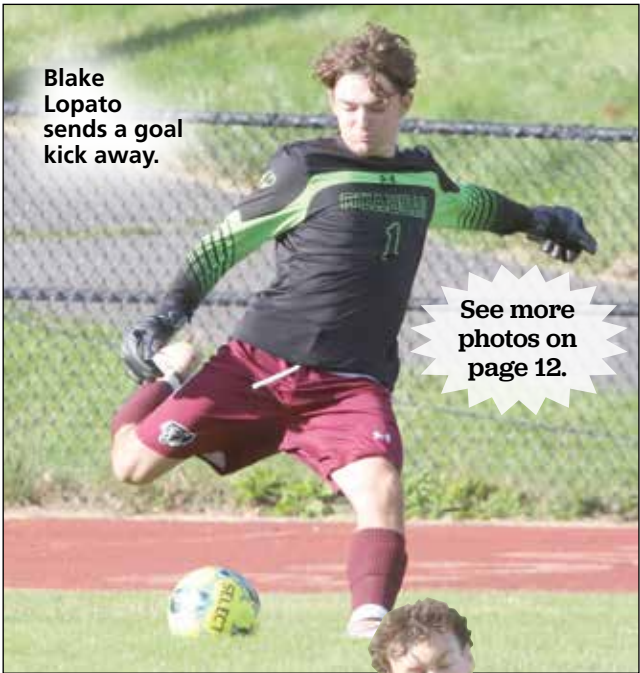


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Blake Lopato sends a goal kick away.

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Cougars fall at home

WARREN – Last Friday afternoon, Quaboag boys soccer was defeated by Burncoat 2-0. The Cougars had won their first game of the regular season over Abby Kelley early last week, and are now just 1-7-1 on the regular season. Quaboag is back in action on Friday, Oct. 16 against Monty Tech at 4 p.m. on the road.



Christian Marshall clears the ball out of the defensive end.

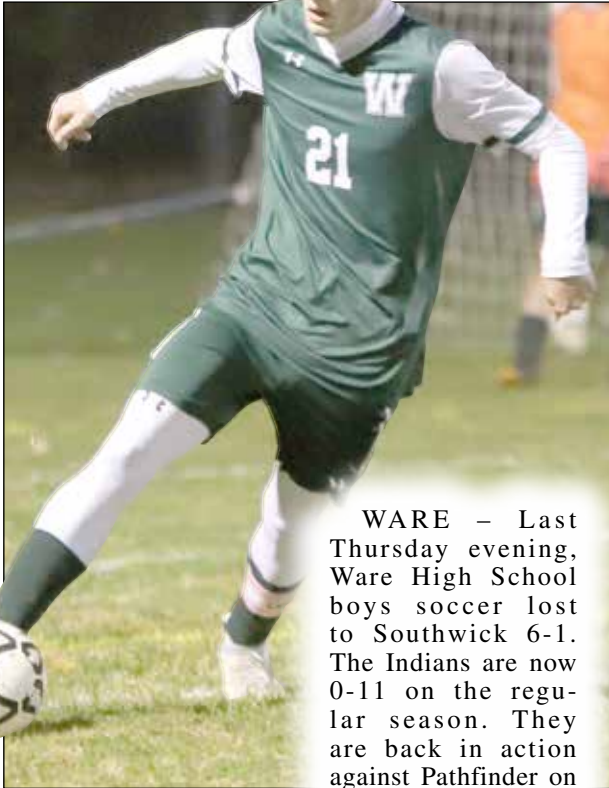


Liam Sloan tries to pass through a block.

Indians fall at home



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Finnegan DeMarco fights for possession.



Aaron Bateman hustles up the field after making a play on defense.

WARE – Last Thursday evening, Ware High School boys soccer lost to Southwick 6-1. The Indians are now 0-11 on the regular season. They are back in action against Pathfinder on Thursday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. at Legion Field in Palmer.



Mason Gagne punts the ball away.



Jaedon Warren turns play around after taking possession.



Aaron Gasque tries to settle the ball near the middle of the field.

Panthers shut out West Boylston

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—For the first time in six years, the Quabbin boys' varsity soccer team is on track to finish the regular season with a .500 record or better.

A convincing 5-0 victory over Mid-Wach (D) rival West Boylston at Alumni Field last Tuesday afternoon moved the Panthers within two wins of securing their first .500-or-better regular season record since 2020. The Panthers had a 6-2-1 overall record and a 4-1-1 league mark following their third shutout victory of this fall. They're also seeking to make their first appearance in the Division 3 state tournament.

"We only need two more wins to qualify for the state tournament for the first time," said second-year Quabbin head coach Bill Crowther. "If we do earn a postseason berth, I'll be thrilled for the entire team, particularly the four seniors who have helped lead this group. It's been an exciting season so far."

Quabbin finished the 2020 campaign with a winning record, but the postseason tournament wasn't held that season due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.



Turley photo by Jeffrey Haynes
Jacob Dilling collides with the goalie after sprinting towards a potential shot.

The Panthers finished the 2019 regular season with an 8-7-1 overall record and earned the No. 8 seed in the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament. Their season ended in heartbreaking fashion, however, with a 3-2 penalty-shootout loss to ninth-seeded Northbridge in a first-round match at home.

This year's team was

ranked 44th in the MIAA Division 3 state tournament power rankings that was released on October 9. The top 32 teams in each division automatically qualify for the state tournament, along with the other teams, who finish the regular season with a .500 record.

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The Pathfinder offense lines up to start a play.

Pioneers football suffers loss to South Hadley

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY—Since the MIAA implemented its current postseason format in 2021, the South Hadley Tigers have played two road games in the state football tournament.

In 2021, South Hadley dropped a 35-0 decision at Winthrop High School in a

Division 6 first-round state tournament game. Two years later, after moving down to Division 7, the Tigers suffered a 39-8 first-round loss at West Bridgewater.

The members of this year's South Hadley football team are determined to secure a home game for the first time in the state tournament.

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Trevor Alexander makes a punt.

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