

# Hendersonville falls 1-0 to CBHS in soccer final

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BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — Christian Brothers High of Memphis upended defending champion Hendersonville 1-0 yesterday in the TSSAA boys state soccer title game at Brentwood High.

The Commandos, who were seeking to become the first team in state history to win back-to-back soccer titles, were beaten when tournament MVP Alejandro Pereyra slipped a penalty shot past Hendersonville goalie Joey Cummings with 9:12 remaining in the second-half.

The win upped CBHS' record to 20-2-1 on the season, while the Commandos finished the year at 13-5-3.

"You have to give the all credit to Christian Brothers," said Hendersonville Coach Russ Plummer. "They did all of the things they had to do. We played 120 minutes of soccer last Tuesday, and then we played 104 minutes last night. I think we played as hard as we could. I'm proud of my guys."

Fatigue certainly played a factor in the game.

The CBHS Purple Wave substituted frequently in the game and appeared fresher toward the end.

"I don't think we ever worry about being tired," said CBHS Coach David

Dietrich. "We've played a lot of back-to-back games this season and we train very hard. We were ready to play."

The critical stage of the game occurred when Pereyra broke through the middle and kicked a ball that touched the hand of a Hendersonville player.

Because the ball was touched within the goalie's box, officials awarded a penalty kick to CBHS.

Pereyra, a senior, calmly snuck the ball by Cummings for what would turn out to be the game's only score.

"I've made four of those [penalty] shots this season and I haven't missed one yet," said Pereyra. "I made one Friday and I practice that shot a lot."

"We only have two starting seniors on our team and we just need to grow up a lot physically and mentally," said Cummings, who made the all-tournament team. "We're not a big team as far as size. We didn't do what we normally do and we were falling down a whole lot. It seems like we were just kind of lost out there. I think we were dead mentally and I believe the guys were tired. Christian Brothers just kept coming, and coming, and coming." ■

●All-Tournament team, 2C.

## All-State Tourney

Keith Gardino, Alejandro Pereyra, Tommy Smith, Carter Fairley, CBHS; Tim McMullen, Ernie Lee, Joey Cummings, Hendersonville; Danny Rosotto, Tad Bowman, Kenny Roche, Knoxville Farragut; Matt Blechner, Britt Seal, Baylor.