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BAHS varsity boys beat rivals

The Berlin American High School Varsity Boys Soccer Team punched in a last minute goal to defeat their arch-rivals from Hanau 4-3, Saturday at the high school fields.

The boys junior varsity and the girls teams did not fare as well however. The boys JV team was edged out 2-1 and the girls varsity lost a tough defensive struggle 2-0 to Munich while the girls JV team gave up a 3-1 decision, also to Munich.

Craig Mahek's third goal of the day, with less than a minute to play, capped off the boys varsity team triumph. On the girls teams Kathy and Wendy Wurzbarger and Peggy Van Gorder were credited by coach Ray Babineau for providing a tough defense on the varsity team. Julie Davis scored the JV girls goal with an assist by Bonnie Eschrich.

It was very much a grudge match when the boys varsity team took to the field against Hanau. Last year the Hanau team had bumped Berlin out of the playoffs before going on to become the European AA champions, said coach Phillip Schmoll.

Additionally, the boys varsity team started on Saturday minus a key player, Tom Moore. Moore, a senior who broke a leg in last weekend's opener against Nürnberg, was a shoo-in for the coaches choice. All-European team this year, said Schmoll.

Despite the sidelining of a key player and several less serious injuries, the team closed ranks and kept Hanau in the red throughout most of the game.

Mahek scored first with an assist from Doug Magruder about 12 minutes into the game. A few minutes later, Magruder took advantage of the Hanau

goalie's fumble and blasted in the loose ball to put Berlin ahead 2-0. Hanau responded with their first goal just before halftime.

Late in the second half, Mahek again scored with an assist from Magruder, but Hanau soon retaliated with two quick goals to tie it up 3-3 in the closing minutes.

Berlin, however, refused to accept defeat and after putting on a fine defensive show, ripped downfield where Mahek kicked in the winning goal.



INTERCEPTING an offensive play by Hanau, Pete Murphy breaks up one of the visitors' unsuccessful scor-

ing drives. (Photos by Tom Jackson)



SCORING THREAT Tom Neitzert maneuvers the ball into Hanau territory.