

BOYS SOCCER: William Tennent blanks Council Rock North

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WARMINSTER — The William Tennent boys soccer team, beset by injuries, has struggled in the first month of the season. Not on Tuesday.

Tennent controlled possession in a dominant 4-0 shutout of Suburban One League National Conference rival Council Rock North, not even allowing the Indians a decent shot.

“Our guys played our system well and we had some key players step up,” Tennent coach Ryan Todt said. “We did a good job setting the pace of play.”

Junior striker J.R. McCabe opened the scoring in the 30th minute, breaking free deep in the box to find the net from the right side.

Midfielder Juliano Amaro added a backbreaking goal in the 58th minute, and Dan Mehaffey struck just a minute later to make it 3-0.

Mehaffey tacked on one more on a header in the 63rd minute, when he took an inbound from Nick Clark.

“We came out strong and possessed the ball in their half of the field most of the time,” Amaro said. “Even though we’ve had a lot of injuries, guys are coming off the bench to contribute.”

The Panthers did have Connor Weiss back. The junior co-captain had been out for two weeks with a sprained knee.

“I think that having him on the field was a big difference in the game,” Todt said. “We were missing his leadership out there. And, of course, Jules Amaro had an excellent game. He really set the tone, and his goal was big in the second half.”

CR North generated just four shots compared to nine by the Panthers. Tennent doubled up the Indians on corners 6-3.

“They outworked us in every aspect, all day long,” CR North coach Joe Stackhouse said.

Even when the Panthers weren’t bombarding the net with shots, they were effective in keeping the ball away from CR North. They consistently beat CR North to 50-50 balls and created turnovers



William Tennent soccer players surround Juliano Amaro (18) after he scored during their game at William Tennent in Warminster on Tuesday afternoon. Tennent won their home game 4-0.

throughout the contest.

Several players in Tennent's lineup normally play junior varsity, but were called into action because of the varsity squad's rash of injuries.

"It's nice to know we have that kind of depth," Amaro said. "Some younger guys are showing that they can really play."