

SS boys take second place in soccer

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PARIS — The Sulphur Springs Wildcats got two Brian DeLa Rosa goals in the second half to take a 3-1 win Tuesday at North Lamar.

The regular season soccer finale went the way of the Wildcats allowing Sulphur Springs to clinch second place and advance in the playoffs.

The 19-4A slate ends with Paris claiming the title and Sulphur Springs in second. Princeton is the third place team with North Lamar ending the district season in fourth place.

“It was a good win for us. We had been off for a while. Once we shook off some of the spring break rust in the second half, we started playing well,” said Andy Holt, Sulphur Springs head boys soccer coach. “It was good to see us attack and score in the game.”

The game began well for the Wildcats with Juan Gomez giving the visitors a 1-0 lead with a goal off a penalty kick.

North Lamar scored off a set piece from a long throw-in to deadlock the score at 1-all at intermission.

The Wildcats had more energy and scoring in the second half.

DeLa Rosa scored from assists by Chris Espinoza and Scott Galarza.

The Wildcats held off North Lamar and won by the 3-1 final.

“The goal North Lamar did get was off a set play, just like they did when they beat us 1-0 before,” Holt said. “We have to fix that, but we just allowed the one goal.”

Sulphur Springs ends the regular season at 13-6-6 overall, 6-2-2 in district.

“We got the win and we are in the playoffs, that is the important thing. I think we have had a solid season,” Holt said.

The Wildcats will not await the third place team from District 20-4A.

Holt said, “That district is still locked up, it could be one of three teams. We won’t know anything until Friday at least. We feel good going into the playoffs. All the teams in the playoffs are 0-0 and we have a good chance to do well.”