

Cougars hold off J-Hawks in boys soccer

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The third-ranked Kennedy boys soccer team continued to roll Thursday, beating Jefferson 3-2 at Kingston Stadium.

The Cougars (4-0, 3-0 Mississippi Valley Conference) jumped on top of the J-Hawks (2-4, 1-2) in the 24th minute on a free kick from junior midfielder Gabe Christianson from about 35 yards out.

"I just saw it, I had a good angle on it, so I just laced it up and hit it and bent it into the side netting. It was exciting," he said.

Gabe Christianson struck again when his brother, senior forward Gareth Christianson, found him deep in the penalty box. He struck it across the goal, hitting the far side post and bouncing it in. It came just 1:34 before halftime, giving the Cougars a 2-0 halftime lead.

"That second goal we lost a mark," said Jefferson Coach John O'Connor. "That is kind of our trademark, we lose marks every once in a while."

Kennedy struck again early in the second half and looked poised to run away with the game when Gareth Christianson took a pass from Matt Peak and sneaked it along the ground into the bottom corner of the net.

Jefferson wouldn't quit, however.

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