

Western Alamance makes major comeback; wins 3A title in OT

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MATTHEWS – The Western Alamance Warriors avenged an early season loss, erased a 3-0 deficit and won the program's second North Carolina High School Athletic Association Men's Soccer Championship with a 4-3 overtime win against Asheboro on Saturday night at the Mecklenburg Sportsplex.

Asheboro, who defeated Western Alamance 4-3 on August 19, built a 3-0 lead in the first half thanks to goals from Cam Letterlough, Ozmar Martinez and Diego Bustamente. The goal for Letterlough was his 78th on the year, which the nation according to MaxPreps.

The Warriors came out of halftime revitalized and scored a goal in the first 40 seconds of the second half. Noah Barrett scored Western Alamance's opening goal and went on to score two goals in the match including the equalizer in the 77th minute and the game-winner in the second minute of overtime.

Barrett was named the Most Valuable Player of the Championship for his efforts.

Western Alamance's other goal was scored by Grant Bacchus. Bacchus' older brother Ian scored the game-winning goal for Western Alamance in the 2021 Championship match.

The Warriors outshot the Blue Comets 22-14 (10-7 on target) and controlled the possession 54-46.

The Warriors are now 2-1 all in NCHSAA Championship matches and finished the 2024 season with a record of 25-1 while Asheboro ended the season 27-3 and made its Championship match debut on Saturday.

The NCHSAA is committed to recognizing outstanding sportsmanship in each of our State Championship events. The Association has partnered with the North Carolina Farm Bureau to award a pair of Sportsmanship Awards at each championship event, recognizing players who have demonstrated the ideals of outstanding character and sportsmanship throughout the 2024 season. The winners of the 3A Men's Soccer NC Farm Bureau Sportsmanship Awards were Seamus McCoy from Western Alamance and Daniel Gutierrez.