

## Souhegan Boys Soccer 0-1 Stevens HS

10/4/21 4:30PM kickoff Amherst, NH

Sabers v. Stevens HS

	1	2	FT
Sabers	0	0	0
Stevens	0	1	1

### Goalkeepers

Sabers - Ryan Lockitt 8 saves

Stevens - Cooper Moote 3 saves

Time	Team	Goal	Assist
76min	Stevens	Connor Miller	Austin Jones

Sabers 5 wins - 6 loss - 0 draws

Stevens 4 wins - 5 loss - 0 draw

The rain began to increase in tempo right from the kickoff. The home side had a rough first half, failing to get any shots on target to test the Stevens Keeper Cooper Moote. Stevens HS use of long balls from the back certainly tested the Sabers, but the match was all even at half time.

AS the temperature dropped a bit as the second half began, the Sabers midfield got on track, creating more than a dozen possession strings through the center of the park. With the yellow shirts pressing high through the midfield with less than 7 minutes to go, the Sabers entered the opponents penalty box no less than 4 occasions in just a few short minutes. The away side however, managed to spring free their #11 on the left flank with the Sabers chasing. His speed put him in the box with just a couple of touches, one of which rounded the keeper for a pass into the net in the 76th minute.

The Sabers hope to roll back on the right track as they travel to Sanborn on Friday for a 4:30PM kickoff.

Please come out and support our boys on your Friday afternoon!

## Souhegan HS Boys Soccer 0-1 Milford HS

10/1/21 4:30PM kickoff Milford, NH

Sabers v. Milford Spartans

	1	2	FT
SHS	0	0	0
MHS	0	1	1

### Goalkeepers

SHS - Ryan Lockitt 10 saves

MHS - Avery Wilson 4 saves

Time	Team	Goal	Assist
77min	MHS	Goran Stionic	PK

SHS 5 wins - 5 loss - 0 draws

MHS 9 wins - 0 loss - 1 draw

On a beautiful Friday afternoon, the local derby match proved to be a very close affair. Top of the table Milford Spartans have been boasting buckets of goals, but the stalwart defending of the Souhegan Sabers kept them at bay. Saber Keeper Ryan Lockitt notched 10 saves on the day, while his counterpart Avery Wilson was tested 4 times. The back line of the Sabers blocked shots on several occasions, and caused a number of errant Spartan attempts with their pressing.

The Sabers managed good possession in both halves of the match, managing to create 20 passing strings, many of which moved the ball into promising attacking areas. Each Saber on the field today showed high levels of play, demonstrating their training and hard work in the first 6 weeks of the season. With a little more than a month to play, the Sabers are starting to grease the groove, and maintain high levels of play throughout an 80 minute match.

The 2nd Team drew 0-0 with great goalkeeping from Chase McBride and a number of near misses in the attack.

# Souhegan Boys Soccer 1-2 Coe Brown

9/27/21 5:15PM kickoff Northwood, NH

Sabers v. Coe-Brown Northwood

	1	2	FT
SHS	0	1	1
CB	2	0	0

## Goalkeepers

SHS - Ryan Lockitt	14 saves
CB - Waylon Walker	7 saves

Time	Team Goal	Assist
8min	CB Marty Lacerte	Unassisted
27min	CB Brady Kouchoukos	Nick Principato
56min	SHS Mike Erickson	Ryan Fillion

SHS	5 wins - 4 loss - 0 draws
CB	4 wins - 4 loss - 0 draw

The mid-table clash amongst the Bears and the Sabers proved to be quite a physical affair. On the narrowest pitch in Division 2 at 56 yards, the Coe Brown red shirts filled every inch of it in the first half. Red bodies were seen everywhere, overwhelming the visitors and getting to every 50/50 ball in the first half. CB scored early off a corner kick in the 8th minute, waking the Sabers up a bit after the long and late bus ride. The visitors remained pinned in their end for most of the first 20 minutes, managing to get only 3 chances in the first stanza.

The second half saw the Sabers gain some momentum against the red squad who boasted 14 seniors in their lineup. The visitors began to dig in after the first minute push by the Bears, and then the pendulum began to swing. Battling through the center of the pitch, the ball found it's way toward advancing Left Back Ryan Fillion. Fillion's left footed drive was deflected into the net by Mike Erickson in the 56th minute.

The Saber push really began a few minutes before that goal, but the last 20 minutes each player found their footing, and the 1v1 battles began to go the Saber's way. Right to the last whistle, chances were created. In the end, it wasn't the Saber's night, and many lessons were learned.

# Souhegan HS Boys Soccer 7-0 Manchester West

9/25/21 10AM kickoff Amherst, NH

Sabers v. Manchester West HS

	1	2	FT
SHS	5	2	7
West	0	0	0

## Goalkeepers

SHS - Ryan Lockitt	3 saves
Adyn Davis	3 saves
MWHS - Omar Krestalica	9 saves

Time	Team Goal	Assist
2min	SHS Joe Bernasconi	Alan Clay
26min	SHS Mike Erickson	Alan Clay
27min	SHS Dylan Boyer	Baxter Paulini
31min	SHS Coleman Paulini	Alan Clay
35min	SHS Dylan Boyer	Coleman Paulini
60min	SHS Joe Bernasconi	PK
63min	SHS Ryan Lockitt	Alan Clay

SHS	5 wins - 3 loss - 0 draws
MWHS	0 wins - 7 loss - 0 draw

How the pendulum swings! The Saber boys found the net rather early in this contest against the traveling Blue Knights.

Both programs have seen significant decreases in participation in recent years, as Manchester West High School competes in it's penultimate soccer season.

Again the Sabers are working on a disciplined approach to maintaining possession, working the ball carefully into the attacking third with ball possession to create opportunities. On this morning, the Sabers had north of 24 passing strings of 3 or more passes.

With some scheduling shifts in the upcoming weeks, please carefully check the calendar.

## SHS Boys Soccer 1-0 Pembroke Academy

9/17/21 4:30PM kickoff Pembroke, NH

Sabers v. Pembroke Academy

	1	2	OT1	FT
SHS	0	0	1	1
JSRHS	0	0	0	0

### Goalkeepers

SHS - Ryan Lockitt 10 saves

PA - Jaxson Potter 9 saves

Time	Team Goal	Assist
86min	SHS Mike Erickson	Alan Clay

SHS 4 wins - 2 loss - 0 draws

PA 1 wins - 6 loss - 0 draw

The OT kids pulled off another high blood pressure match! With the Pembroke Spartans controlling most of the 1st Half, and generating some dangerous attacks, it wasn't looking too promising on this road trip. Late in the 1st half though, rhythmic and organized play began to show up. More of that appeared in the 2nd half, and especially in the last 10 minutes when the ball was kept in the Spartan half. The connections the Sabers were making late in the second half really established a strong sense that things were moving in the Sabers favor. With Ryan Lockitt making a couple of fantastic saves diving at the Spartan forwards' feet, the game remained dead-locked.

With Ryan Fillion coming close on a couple of occasions, the regular time match ended at 0-0. On to the first OT, more short passing connections pushed the ball deep into Pembroke territory on a couple of occasions. The final attack occurred deep on the right flank outside of the penalty box, and somehow the ball managed squirt out to Mike Erickson in the 86th minute, where he pounded the ball home from 6 yards out. Great victory for the Sabers!

## Souhegan HS Boys Soccer 2 - 1 John Stark Regional

9/14/21 6PM kickoff Amherst, NH

Sabers v. John Stark Regional HS

	1	2	FT
SHS	1	1	2
JSRHS	0	1	1

### Goalkeepers

SHS - Ryan Lockitt 7 saves

JSRHS - Aidan Johnson 8 saves

Time	Team Goal	Assist
31min	SHS Alan Clay	Ryan Tupaj
55min	JS Nate Innerfield	unassisted
70min	SHS Ryan Fillion	unassisted

SHS 3 wins - 2 loss - 0 draws

JSRHS 2 wins - 3 loss - 0 draw

The work is paying off in many ways, with a concerted effort on consolidating possession within our own half, then looking to go forward when an opening is created. A number of direct balls this evening seemed to unlock the John Stark defense, but the deft through pass from Ryan Tupaj at the perfect angle put Alan Clay in behind their back 4. Clay still had a lot of work to do, but calmly found the side netting with his right foot in the 31st minute to ease the tension.

Sabers found the 2nd half adjustments made by the Generals difficult. The now center forward #10 proved to be quite dangerous, netting the unassisted equalizer in the 55th minute with creative footwork just inside the Saber penalty box.

With Ryan Fillion working hard at forward, his curved runs proved worthwhile as he was able to enter the attacking zone and receive a few well placed passes. His hard work and follow up shot in the 70th minute proved to be the game winner.

Crafty midfield defending was key in this effort, and Mike Erickson along with physical Ryan Tupaj kept the Generals controlled for major portions of the match.