

Xavier boys nicked by Prairie Hawks

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The Xavier boys soccer team was clinging to a 2-1 lead over the Prairie Hawks Thursday when Xavier goalkeeper Owen McCarron collided with a Prairie forward and had to be carried off the field.

The Prairie Hawks scored two goals in the next few minutes and topped the Saints, 3-2, in a Mississippi Valley Conference match at Xavier.

Prairie, which is ranked No. 4 in Class 3A, raised its perfect record to 9-0. Xavier, which is ranked No. 2 in Class 2A, fell to 3-2 with its second tough loss in a row.

The Saints lost at Linn-Mar Tuesday night in a PK shootout.

Andrew Russell gave Prairie a 1-0 lead Thursday, but Matt Been connected from long range for Xavier to square the match at 1-1.

The Saints took a 2-1 lead in the second half when Nick Koechner converted a penalty kick after Luke Duball had been fouled.

Russell scored his second goal on an assist from Mateaus to tie the match, 2-2, shortly after McCarron was injured and left the field. Lewis booted the game-winner on a free kick a few minutes later for the Hawks.