

PREP SOCCER — AAA STATE TOURNAMENT FINALS

GW BOYS GRAB TITLE



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George Washington's Maxwell Trethewey (16) tangles with a Hedgesville player during the Patriots' 2-0 win in the Class AAA boys title game Saturday in Beckley.

Patriots stick to the plan in 2-0 win over Hedgesville

By Tim Stankov **INSIDE:** Winfield hour win AAA title 50 ... Helping it in at 24:30. Despite the

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BECKLEY — Little did George Washington High School's boys soccer players know when they played keepaway as children they were preparing to win a state championship.

The Patriots built a 2-0 lead on Hedgesville and made it stand by moving the ball and preventing the Eagles from catching up to win the

INSIDE: Winfield boys win AAA title at Paul Cline Memorial Sports Complex. The championship is the fifth in program history.

"That's what we were trying to do pretty much the whole game," George Washington senior forward Noah Carney said of his team's possession-based strategy. "We got a lead and that allowed us to play with the ball and move it around."

Carney scored the winning goal,

kicking it in at 24:00. Despite the 1-0 lead, the Patriots (19-3-2) weren't comfortable against a physical Hedgesville squad that racked up 16 fouls and three yellow cards. The rough play didn't take a technically sound George Washington team out of its game plan.

"We expected it," Carney said of the rough play. "It hindered us a little bit, but we dealt with it pretty well."