

to answer Byrd's first score with a goal from Lindsay Carr

By with 21 minutes to go that was saved by Byrd keeper Gil-

attack, keeping the ball pinned into Byrd's end and seemingly

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Fellow sophomore Mayberry remained calm and lofted a shot over the head of Wheeling Park keeper Deanna Crum, off the underside of the cross bar and into the goal.

Mayberry explained her choice — to aim high when every other goal had been low — as a calculated risk.

"I hit it as hard as I could and kicked it where the keeper couldn't get it," Mayberry said. "We've practiced it hundreds of times."

Bailey Fisher, Brooke Lucas and Ann Marie Ramey also scored in the shootout. Crum stopped a shot by Braelyn Pritt.

Fisher, a freshman, gave Hurricane (17-2-3) a 1-0 lead with a goal at 37:09. Fisher appeared surrounded by three defenders, but she split them

and into the back left corner of the goal.

"I just looked at the goalie to see where she was going," Fisher said.

Patriots coach Carrie Hanna said slowing Fisher was a priority.

"We knew she was a quality player," Hanna said. "We made some mistakes and she capitalized on them."

Wheeling Park (15-4-2) tied it on Abbi Barki's goal at 44:24. It was the only one of eight shots to get by Bird in regulation and two 10-minute overtime periods.

Hurricane coach Shelly Young praised her players, particularly Bird.

"Our goalie had an amazing game and an amazing PK shootout," Young said. "She got her hands on two goals. You know, you should lose that battle when you're the goalie. That's a battle you

two saves is huge."

Young said she was confident going into the shootout.

"Olivia has been practicing really well," Young said. "I knew she'd save at least one."

Hurricane played most of the game without standout senior Sydney Wheeler, who took a hard ball to the face from 2 yards away about four minutes in. Wheeler stayed in the game for two minutes but showed she was woozy and left under concussion protocol and didn't return.

"I was disappointed for her," Young said of Wheeler. "She has so much passion for the game. She came over to the girl who went in for her, Amiya Donaldson, and told her she was doing a good job. She was being a good teammate."

The Redskins and Patriots should both return strong teams next year. Hurricane loses just four seniors and