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Hurricane's Brooke Lucas (15) boots the ball against Wheeling Park.

Hurricane girls capture 1st championship in shootout

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BECKLEY — Olivia Bird's educated guess secured a state championship for Hurricane girls soccer.

The Redskins goalkeeper stopped two Wheeling Park shootout penalty kicks and Maddie Mayberry scored the game winner as Hurricane won its first girls prep soccer state title in the Class AAA finals Saturday afternoon at the Paul Cline Memorial Sports Complex.

"I knew I just had to get at least

one and my team would do the rest," Bird said of making saves in the shootout after two scoreless 10-minute overtimes left the teams tied 1-1. "To get that second one made it all the better."

The second save also made all the difference. Both teams made three of their first four attempts. The Patriots' Graceylyn Hanna fired a shot to Bird's left and the sophomore keeper made a diving stop, exciting her teammates who sensed victory.

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