

# Warwick's title proves to be a sweet treat

**The Hurricanes gain a measure of revenge by defeating Woonsocket for the Division II championship.**

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SMITHFIELD -- Warwick fans will be hard pressed to remember a first state title in school history sweeter than the one they got yesterday at Bryant University.

The Hurricanes earned a measure of revenge and the Division II field hockey crown when they defeated defending state champion Woonsocket, 1-0. The Villa Novans eliminated Warwick, 3-2, in double overtime in the playoffs last year and posted a decisive 5-0 win over the Hurricanes earlier this season.

That proved to be the only loss of the season for Warwick, which finished 17-1-1.

Winning the state title was totally unexpected according to Warwick coach Jim Areson.

"This is the first time that we've been in the championship in my 12 years here, and if you told me that we were going to win it at the beginning of the year I would have told you that you were crazy," Areson said. "This is unbelievable."

With four new starters on defense, including goalie Megan Lamoureux (13 saves), coach Pamela Paige wasn't sure how good Woonsocket would be this year, so she was proud that her team finished with a 16-2-1 record and the Division II-North regular-season title.

"This is unexpected that we even made it to the finals," Paige said. "We graduated a strong group last year, and when we came out in preseason even the girls didn't expect that we'd have the type of season that we had this year. So just being here is something that they should be proud of."

Woonsocket dominated play through the first 16 minutes. The Hurricanes failed to get the ball within 20 yards of the Villa Novan net, and Paige warned her midfielders that they needed to get back on defense when Warwick finally caught a break.

They didn't, and paid for that mistake.

**Warwick sophomore Allyson Green scored the game's only goal** on a breakaway with 13:17 left in the first half. Lamoureux came out of the net to challenge Green, but Green's shot banked off the left post and into the net.

"This means a lot," Green said. "Last year, I cried my heart out because my sister was on the team and we lost, so this means a whole lot to me and to all of these girls that played last year, too."

Woonsocket outshot Warwick, 10-1, in the first half, but Warwick sophomore goalie Kayla Cilley, making just her seventh career varsity start, was equal to the task.

"It was a little nerve-racking," Cilley (14 saves) said of being bombarded with shots in the first half.

"We dominated the game, but we just didn't finish it off," Paige said.

"They scored 54 goals in the season this year so to shut them out is very impressive," Areson said. "The girls were just phenomenal. My goalie Kayla Cilley just played an incredible game."

At halftime, Areson stressed the importance of playing defense to his team and the Hurricanes listened. Warwick limited Woonsocket to just four shots on goal in the second half.

"We have played phenomenal defense all year since that game we lost to them, 5-0," Areson said. "We have only given up seven goals all year since that game."

WARWICK (1): Allyson Green. WOONSOCKET (0). Halftime -- Warwick, 1-0. Saves -- Kayla Cilley, War., 14; Megan Lamoureux, Woon., 13.