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Boys', girls' soccer teams finish second in Big 10

Both Albany High School varsity soccer teams finished second in the Big 10 this fall.

The girls' team got off to a hot start, including a road win over Suburban Council opponent Colonie in an early season tournament. The Lady Falcons were resilient, rallying from behind to win four of their first eight games by one-goal margins.

The Lady Falcons lost a tight race for the conference championship to perennial rival Amsterdam, and dropped a 4-1 decision at Guilderland in the first round of the Class AA playoffs to finish the season 9-9, including a 6-4 record in the Big 10.

The boys' season was a mirror image of the girls'.



After an 0-6 start that included five one-goal losses – three of them in overtime – the Falcons won nine of their next 11 games. That included a five-game winning streak late in the season.

In the Class AA playoffs, the Falcons hosted Colonie at Bleecker Stadium in the first round, a rematch of last year's thrilling quarterfinal matchup that Albany won in penalty kicks.

Colonie had the edge this time, outlasting the Falcons 2-1 in overtime.

Albany finished 9-10 (9-5 in the conference), with nine one-goal losses. The JV team won the Big 10 for the second season in a row – the JV boys have only one conference loss over the last two seasons.