



## SOCCKER; Churchill Wins Over Springbrook

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Sound, fundamental defense is a trait of Coach Henry Danver's soccer teams at Churchill. His teams seldom overwhelm an opponent. Instead, they outsteady and outlast it, waiting patiently for a mistake and then quickly capitalizing.

Last night at home against **Springbrook** his Bulldogs continued to follow that script. After allowing the Blue Devils to dominate for more than 60 minutes, Mike Roach stormed up the field on a breakaway and was tripped by **Springbrook's** Pat Gannon in the penalty box with 19:42 remaining in the game. Roach was awarded a penalty kick and beat goalkeeper Eddie Armenta with a shot inside the left post. That was all the scoring as No. 3 Churchill defeated the Blue Devils, 1-0.

Churchill (8-0-1) is trying to become the first Montgomery County team since Rockville in 1986 to finish the season undefeated. The Bulldogs have three games left, including one gainst No. 11 Rockville on Tuesday at Churchill.

For the Blue Devils (4-4-1), a team that was picked to contend for the state title, the loss meant elimination from postseason consideration. Cited by opponents as one of the most talented, skilled and possibly the most dangerous team in moving the ball from penalty area to penalty area, the Blue Devils have been troubled by lack of scoring and bad breaks.

Last night both problems occurred. Springbrook moved the ball through Churchill's midfield at will, but never was able to get a clean shot on goal. Churchill's Peter Landon, who kept Whitman's leading scorer Al Boggs scoreless in the Bulldogs' 3-2 victory, did a fine job on **Springbrook's Albert Oni**. Oni found plenty of success at midfield but was unable to shake free of Boggs near the goal.

"We moved the ball well but couldn't score," Gannon said. "That's the story of our season."

Churchill also was having offensive woes as its midfield of Todd Elmer, Paul Pashkoff and Esteban Cardemil were unable to dissect **Springbrook's** halfbacks to set up its front line of Roach, Steve Jones and Justin Head.

"They were playing our feet well," said Roach, "so they were able to shoot right through and control the passes and loose balls.

But **Springbrook** was unable to manifest a break and when Roach broke free their season for all intents and purposes, ended.

"I knew right away I was going to shoot into the left corner," said Roach. "We practiced that shot a lot, there was never any question." @Slug: B08CHU

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