

St. Michael Thunder moving on in Tier 1 soccer finals

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The St. Michael Thunder of Bolton are proving to be a top contender among the Region of Peel's most elite high school soccer teams.

The boys' squad had a come-from-behind win in their opening ROPSSAA quarter-final match, a 2-1 victory over the St. Augustine Falcons of Brampton.

The Falcons took an early lead 20 minutes into the match, and held it into halftime despite St. Michael attempting the majority of scoring chances.

The home team was able to tie it up just a few short minutes into the second half, however, on a second chance on net following a nice cross. A scramble in front of the Augustine net then gave the Thunder the lead in the dying minutes of the match.

A tense moment arose with less than five minutes to go, when the Falcons were awarded a penalty kick after a player was taken down inside the box. Goalkeeper Nick Frenati made a highlight-reel diving save, and the Falcons sent the rebound high and wide. The Thunder meet St. Edmund Campion at the Hershey Centre later this week. The St. Edmund crew won their quarter-final match up over St. Marguerite D'Youville 7-1.

In the Tier 2 playoffs, Caledon's Robert F. Hall Wolfpack were sent home in a quarter-final match up with Turner Fenton. The sixth-seeded Hall team were upset 3-2 by the 11th-seeded Fenton team.

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The St. Michael Thunder (blue) defeated St. Augustine in Bolton last Wednesday to move on to the second round of the tier one ROPSSAA playoffs. Photo by Jake Courtepatte