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## Wolves freshman enjoys first taste of rivalry

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DANVILLE — San Ramon Valley High freshman girls soccer player Reilly Parker sure made the most of her first rivalry game against Monte Vista on Thursday afternoon.

Parker — aka "Boots — scored the lone goal as the Wolves prevailed 1-0 in an intense match at Mustang Soccer Complex to open the seventh Tri-Valley Classic.

The Wolves (5-0) and last year's tournament runner-up Mustangs (3-3-1) are both in the Invitational Early Division Bracket "A" of the 47-team Classic hosted by Las Lomas, San Ramon Valley and Monte Vista.

The match had the kind of nervous energy one might expect when these crosstown rivals meet. Both coaches, the Wolves' Mark Jones and Mustangs' Greg Fish, thought Monte Vista played well enough to at least salvage a draw.

But it wasn't to be for the Mustangs.

There was plenty of resilience displayed by both teams.

Typical of the Monte Vista's resolve was the return to the field by junior midfielder Brynne Bedgood, whose nose swelled badly from an early game midair collision.

In the 66th minute, Parker raced onto a well-played

pass from junior Grace Leer and fired into the upper corner of the goal to her right, allowing Mustangs junior goalkeeper Jesse May no chance.

"Grace Leer made an amazing (pass)," Parker said.

With friends on both teams, Parker wasn't lost on the magnitude of her accomplishment.

"Oh my gosh, I'm a freshman in my first rivalry game, and what a great way to start the season with a goal against Monte Vista, but it was all the team (that contributed)," she said.

In the 39th minute, San Ramon Valley's senior forward Hillary Harvey nearly broke the 0-0 tie. She zipped past a defender on the right and shot off the near-goal post. A follow shot by the Wolves got past May but was headed off the goal line by Monte Vista senior Melanie Buich.

Before Parker's goal in the second half, Monte Vista just missed scoring when sophomore Sami Schrakamp received a nice through pass from Bedgood, dribbled on goal and toe-poked a shot barely past a coming-out goalkeeper Christine Walden. But the ball trickled about a foot or two wide.

Fish said he's finally "getting the pieces together" with his young team.

Meanwhile, Jones thought his team got caught up in the rivalry emotion and got out of its possession style, even though he was proud the Wolves found a way to win.

In the Invitational Early Division "B" Bracket, Foothill routed Bishop O'Dowd 8-1, and defending champion Torrey Pines-San Diego scored to force a 1-1 draw with Carondelet.

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