

(Times photo by Gene Tupper)

Aerial warfare

Miguel Lopez of Ravenswood knocks the ball away from a Cupertino player in CCS soccer playoff Thursday. Cupertino won on penalty kicks.

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Pioneers edge Trojans

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SAN JOSE—In a clear demonstration of what good old Yankee ingenuity can do, Cupertino High advanced into the second round of the Central Coast Section soccer playoffs with a 5-4 penalty kick victory over Ravenswood at P.A.L. Stadium Thursday after the teams had tied 1-1 in regulation play and four overtime periods.

Cupertino, which used its fullbacks to the optimum, scored the first goal when Ravenswood goalie Tony Soria came out of the net for too early and left Jim MimMack wide open on the other side to easily score the first period goal on an assist from Brad Ward.

Other than that most of the offense of the game was Trojan, and only the quickness of the Pioneer fullbacks, and what appeared to be apoor call in the opening minutes, kept the South Peninsula Athletic League champion Trojans from scoring more than Rafael Miranda's third period goal.

That goal was a beauty, as Miranda took the ball up the middle, and from 20 yards out, put it into the left corner of the net.

It looked like the Trojans had a good chance to score with just five minutes gone in the game as Miranda places a pass between two Cupertino

defenders to Miguel Lopez, but the

referee, trailing the play, said Lopez was offside.

Ravenswood had four or five more opportunities on the same type of play throughout the game, but each time one of the Cupertino fullbacks would manage to get a foot in from behind.

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Bob Holland replaced Soria for the rest of the period, but Tony's brother Lorenzo, in his street clothes, quickly suited up and came into the game to start the fourth period.

Instead of hurting the Trojans, the cool sophomore made a pair of good saves to thwart Cupertino attempts.

The Pioneers dominated the first overtime period, but Ravenswood did the same in the second.

In the third, with 1:58 to play, Mim-Mack took a hard shot which hit the crossbar and bounced to the feet of teammate Greg Lindbery, but he shot the ball above the net.

The fourth overtime period was played in the middle of the field and the game was forced into penalty

The game then went into sudden death penalty kicks and after Ravens-

wood missed its try, Ward hit the winner for the Pioneers.

Cupertino next faces Santa Clara Valley champ Buchser Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.