

OV field hockey upset in playoffs

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BRANDON — The title dreams of the No. 4 seeded Otter Valley field hockey team came to an end on Friday afternoon, when visiting No. 5 Spaulding edged the Otters, 2-1, in a Division II quarterfinal.

Both teams had entered the game with 11-2-1 records, but it was the Tide who advanced to a Wednesday semifinal at No. 1 Mount Abraham (13-1-1), a 2-0 winner on Friday over No. 8 Woodstock.

The Otters came up short on their soggy home turf despite forcing 18 penalty corners to eight for the Tide.

Spaulding snapped a scoreless tie a minute before halftime with a goal from Eden White, set up by Bella Bevins. Then Bevins put the ball past OV goalie Lily Morgan to make it 2-0 with 3:51 gone in the third quarter.

Alice Keith put OV on the board with eight seconds to go in the third period, with an assist from Mackenzie McKay.

But the Otters could not again get the ball past Tide goalie Abigail Geno for the equalizer as the clock ticked down on what was an outstanding OV season that included a Southern Vermont League B Division championship.

Friday's quarterfinal was the last OV field hockey game for seniors Brittney Jackson, Riley Keith, Alice Keith, Madison Colburn, Josephine LaRock and Marissa Connors.