Westford's Labadini is Mr. Clutch at Salisbury

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Tommy Labadini of Westford, a senior midfielder at powerhouse Salisbury (Conn.) School who is headed to Loyola-Maryland, helped the Crimson Knights to a share of the New England West 1 Conference title.

Salisbury (11-1) was ranked second nationally in the most recent Under Armor rankings, losing only 11-10 in overtime to Deerfield Academy, the team with which it shared the conference title. The Crimson Knights' season-finale is Wednesday at home against Choate. Labadini is a first-line midfielder who is also on Salisbury's man-up team. He scored memorable goals with two seconds left to defeat conference rival Hotchkiss, 11-10, on April 28, and in the second overtime to defeat Avon Old Farms, 8-7, last Saturday.

Labadini is the only New Englander in Loyola's 2012 recruiting class. No. 1 seed Loyola will be at Gillette Stadium on Saturday to play Notre Dame in the Division 1 national semifinals. Labadini was a two-time Sun All-Star and first-team All-State New Hampshire (2009-10) while playing at Bishop Guertin, before transferring to Salisbury.

His oldest brother Bobby was a four-year starter at Providence College, leading the Friars in scoring (25-14-39) in 2009 as a senior.



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