

Cougars Tie On Senior Night

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On Senior Night and the final game of the regular season, the BYU men's soccer team played to a 1-1 draw against the Colorado Rapids U-23 on Saturday in Provo.

BYU has six seniors and all of them started on Saturday.

"I told the seniors I was proud of them," coach Chris Watkins said. "They played well, and it was nice to have them all on the field."

The first goal of the game came in the 15th minute when Rapids midfielder Nick Blanko dribbled the ball across the middle and passed it off to Jimmy Nummy, who took a shot and put it in the back of the net.

The Cougars responded in the 26th minute when Dave Clark received a cross-field pass from Steve Magleby and dribbled toward the goal, passing inside to Jake Cavanaugh, who put the ball in the lower left corner to tie the game 1-1.

The second half was hard fought with plenty of fouls on both sides of the ball but not a single goal. There were 30 fouls in total during the game. Colorado was called for 11 and BYU was called for 18.

BYU gained an advantage in the 39th minute when Rapids defender John Edwards fouled Zack DeFrancis from behind, and was issued a second yellow card, and consequently ejected from the game. Despite the one-man advantage BYU couldn't put the ball in the back of the net.

"It was good to play such a high quality team right before playoffs, but upsetting that we couldn't put it away when we were one man up," defender Hugh VanWagenen said.

The Cougars have qualified for the playoffs, but it has yet to be determined who they play and when. This should be announced after weekend play in the Premier Development League is finished.