The T-Birds men's soccer team clinched a playoff berth with their latest win.

On Oct. 15, Highline improved to 8-1-0 on the season, against the last place 1-8-0 South Puget Sound Clippers.

The T-Birds won against the Clippers at home with a 4-0 win.

With the win Highline was the first team in its division to grab a playoff spot.

Getting the playoff spot was a milestone for the team, but “We aren't really thinking about the playoffs right now. We have three games left so we want to take it game by game until [the playoffs come],” said sophomore forward Jandja Maharero.

Maharero was the first player to start the scoring onslaught against the Clippers, scoring in the first four minutes of the game.

“The first goal took a lot of the pressure off of us. It helped us relax and not rush anything but [to just focus on] playing,” said Maharero.

Five minutes later Highline scored again. This time freshman midfielder Tucker Davidson was the one to strike and the assist came from Maharero.

“The second goal, [which] Tucker scored was the one that dictated the game. It put us in the driver seat and we were so much more comfortable,” he said. “That goal set us up on how well we really did that game.”

Two minutes later freshman forward Jason Rodriguez scored the third goal of the game.

“I mean it felt good, just because scoring is always fun. But it's like every other game nothing too special,” said Rodriguez.

Then, in the 33-minute mark Rodriguez scored a second time, assisted by freshman midfielder Mohamed Jeylani.

No goals were scored in the second half.

In the second half of the game “We had majority of the possession. A lot of chances were created throughout the game, but unfortunately we couldn't finish on their [side] of the field,” said Rodriguez.

A week before the Clippers game, the T-Birds had an unfortunate loss to the second place, 5-1-2, Tacoma Titans, 3-0.

“It feels good to come back [from the loss],” said Highline men’s soccer Head Coach Steve Mohn.

The T-Birds had a bye in between the loss against the Titans and the shutout win over the Clippers.

“We had a week to prepare for this game and worked on a couple things we lacked in the game against Tacoma. We played as a team this game and created several good chances [to score] and did a great job to finish four of those,” said Mohn.

“Losing to Tacoma was a wake-up call for us, it made us realize we have to work harder,” said Maharero. During the bye week “We worked on our weaknesses and playing as a team, playing simple and playing faster.”

The team's next games are going to be on Oct. 22, away, against the 3-4-1 Peirce Raiders at 2:15 p.m. and on Oct. 26, away, against the 5-1-2 Tacoma Titans at 4:15 p.m.

Scores from Wednesday’s Oct. 19 Bellevue home game were unavailable at press time.