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# Breto scores four times to power Stallions' rout

*Trevor Pluskota adds two goals to help Heritage cruise into the semifinals.*

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DELRAY BEACH — Speed and athleticism go a long way on the soccer field; just ask anyone who had seen American Heritage play this season.

The Stallions (14-4-2) used their quick feet and flashy footwork to score five first-half goals against Merritt Island Christian and cruise to an 8-0 mercy-rule victory Thursday night in the Class 2A regional quarterfinals. They advance to host Maitland-Orangewood Christian in Tuesday's regional semifinals.

"Obviously this wasn't a very difficult game for us," Heritage coach Fernando Yanez said. "But we've been preparing throughout the season. Basically we're just working on playing together and getting ready for the next challenge.

Joshua Breto kicked off the scoring for Heritage in the 14th

minute with a crossover move that knocked over Cougars goalkeeper Josh Cottrell, leaving Breto an open goal. Two minutes later, with Stallions leading scorer Gabriel Taboada causing havoc in front of the Merritt Island net, the Cougars misplayed a ball and were charged with an own goal.

Breto tallied his second goal of the night in the 25th minute on nearly the same move as his first goal and Trevor Pluskota added two goals in the last five minutes before the half.

Breto recorded his third and fourth goals in the first nine minutes of the second half to give Heritage a seven-goal advantage.

"Everything just clicked tonight," Breto said. "The passes were just there for me, but it was a total team effort."

Ricardo Torra scored the final goal for the Stallions in the 54th minute to force the stoppage of play.

Heritage now turns its attention to Orangewood Christian, which will be their first real test of the post-season.

"They will be a challenge," Heritage goaltender Diego Restrepo said.