



Can't Touch This!

"I get excited every time I hear the song," stated junior varsity soccer player Hilton Mayer. "M.C. Hammer's 'You Can't Touch This' brings back a lot of great memories from soccer season."

Not only was the hit song "You Can't Touch This" heard on the radio this fall, but was a familiar sight on the team shirts of the junior varsity boys soccer team at least once a week during the season. The boys wore their shirts on game day in an effort to draw support from the school for their games.

"It was a good feeling wearing our shirts," said sophomore David Jolly. "When people saw the shirts, they knew we had a game and would often wish us luck, then ask about the outcome the next day."

Primarily, that outcome was good. The boys finished their season with a record of 11-4-2. Coach Steve Kranz said he was very pleased with the outcome of the season. "Our team lost three of its starting sophomores early in the season when they were moved up to varsity because of injuries on that team. Because of this loss, we had to adjust to playing with different starters. That was difficult," he said. Jamie Starr, freshman goalkeeper for the team, agreed. "At the

beginning of the season, we just did not work well together - it was hard to adjust," he said.

Despite the major changes on the team, Coach Kranz still felt that the season was a success. "Although our record may not be the best, how well the varsity does in upcoming years will prove just how much strength and depth the junior varsity boys do have."

Some of the strength came from players in the defense. "Jamie Starr was a key, and Anthony White, who earned the team's best defensive player award, was also instrumental," said Coach Kranz.

Other outstanding individuals for the team were Greg Smith, who earned best

all-around player and Mayer who received the best offensive player award.

"By the end of our season, we had begun to work as a team," Starr said. "We started making better mental decisions on the field, which contributed to our success. As a team, we finished strong and had positive attitudes. We are definitely looking forward to next season," he said.

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Skill! Right halfback Greg Smith shows his dribbling ability in the game against the players of Lakota.

Attack! Sophomore captain Kerry Henry intensely runs toward the ball to control it. Goalie Laura Egloff is prepared for whatever happens.



Action! Sweeper Emily McNutt goes after the ball against a Lakota player while the other Aviators are in position to help.

