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As with every sports team, the Sycamore High School boys varsity soccer team has been through many challenges over the previous year, with many new members and old players graduating last year the team has quickly learned to adapt to new players, styles, and personalities on the team. While some of the boys have been on the field together for years, others have not. However, no matter how long they have been on the same team they are close, both on and off the field, "I think through [Covid] we all sort of stayed together and worked hard to try to stay together" said **Sean Donovan, 10**. With three wins, two losses, and four ties half way through the season, it is clear that the boys have worked hard to learn how to best work with the new team members and do their best at every game.

One of the team captains, **Garrett Friedrich, 12**, always wanted to lead a team, especially after being a part of the Sycamore team for so long, "...it's cool, I mean it's always something I've wanted to do,"

Friedrich said, especially after looking up the team for so long. Soccer is highly based on the bonds between team members, if the team has no connection or if they do not know how to work together, their chances of success lower significantly. "...it took us a little while to figure out some stuff throughout

the pre-season and we had some trouble scoring goals...which hurt but we are starting to figure it out, Friedrich said.

