

KICKING THE COMPETITION

Go Figure

18

Players on the team

32

Total Goals Scored

16

Games played

9

Number of shut outs

Boys JV and Freshman Soccer

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The shrill whistle was blown and one small black and white ball soared up into the sky only to be dropped with a thud. The adrenaline rushed and the exhilaration of game-time kicked into full gear. Players were everywhere, colors were flying and the thump of a foot hitting that small checkered ball filled the air. Weariness had yet to kick in, for those first ten minutes were full of well rested, well trained players ready to unleash their best. The opponent: Fairfield. The game: Vital. The ball darted across the field, cleats followed close behind. **Mateo Villamizar, 9**, crossed the ball up near the goal—for it to be head-balled by **Remy Lannelongue, 10**, bringing the score to 1-0. The question remained; could they keep this up until the end?

JV boy's soccer had incredible determination, strength and was able to gain a win against Fairfield by staying strong and never letting down their defense. Their biggest win of the season, that game against Fairfield, ended with a score of 1-0 proving the strength of this team and their unbeatable line of defense, led by **Will Eckert, 10**, **Chris Knauer, 10**, **Oli Ononye, 9**, and

Bryan Woolf, 10. Even the game against their biggest competitor, Milford, ended in a strong tie with a score of 0-0. With a winning season and a team record of 7-6 (with only two game lost in the GMC), this team let nothing pass them as they aimed to be the best.

With their 'just messin' around' and funny inside stories, these boys took the game to the next level. Each and every one of them worked to their potential and along the way they had some fun.

"I think we could have done better in the beginning, but overall we've had a great season," said **David Chapman, 10**. Captains **Brett Faeth, 10**, and **Mike Mallette, 11**, helped to keep these boys in check with constant support and leadership.

"We had a rocky start but we really turned it around and were able to make the second half of the season a success. Every guy worked really hard- and it honestly showed in the end," said Mallette. Their sweat and blood went into this team, everything goes for the green and gold, and with determination and perseverance they triumphed with third place in the GMC for JV teams.



Row 1: Kevin Lin, 10, Ryan Kantor, 10, Elliott Donovan, 10, Alex Newsted, 9, and Aleksander Jovic, 10. Row 2: David Chapman, 10, Marcus Bryce, 11, Javier Velez, 10, Bryan Woolf, 10, Brian Silverman, 10, and Yuto Nakanishi, 11. Row 3: Phil Brodrick, 9, Oli Ononye, 9, Brett Faeth, 10, Remy Lannelongue, 9, Michael Mallette, 11, William Eckert, 10, Christopher Knauer, 10, and Coach Benjamin Williams.

Boys JV Soccer Overall Record 7-8-1

Elder	1-3	Lakota East	2-0
Mason	0-1	Middletown	2-1
LaSalle	3-1	Hamilton	2-1
Moeller	1-2	Fairfield	1-0
LakotaWest	0-1	Walnut Hills	2-0
Anderson	0-1	Milford	1-1
Colerain	3-0	Oak Hills	1-2
Loveland	1-2	Princeton	1-2

Vital Statistics

Best Offensive Player	Mateo Villamizar
Best Defensive Player	Yuto Nakanishi
Best All-Around	Oli Ononye
Most Outstanding Freshman	Remy Lannelongue
Coach's Award	Marcus Bryce

