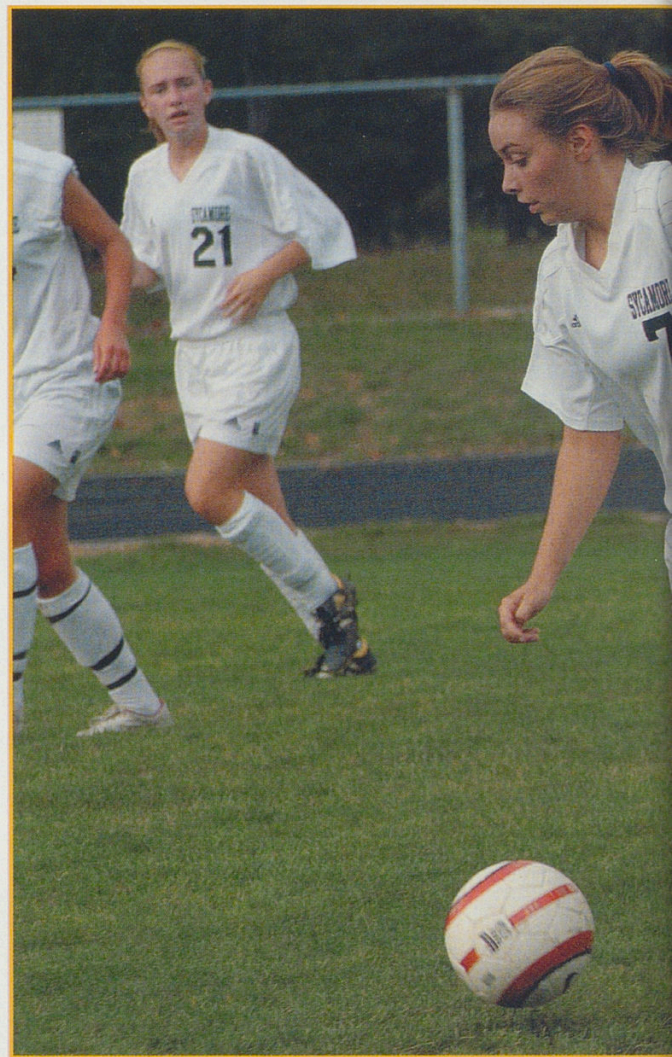
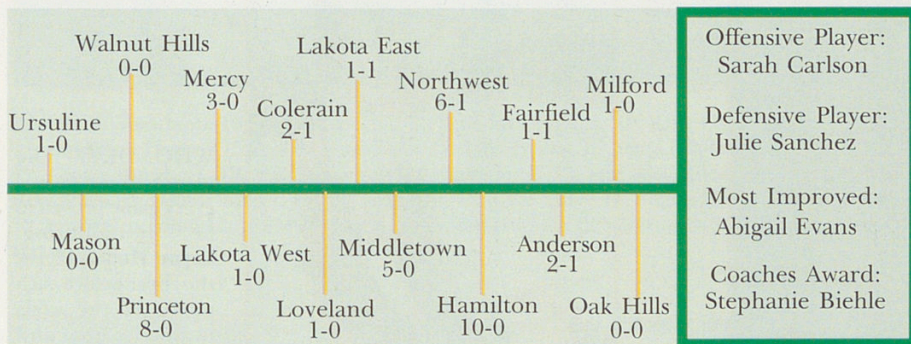




**Row 1:** Michelle Poliner, 10, Nancy Blanks, 10, Julie Sanchez, 11, Alexis Read, 9, Molly McCarthy, 11, and Katelyn Hutson, 9. **Row 2:** Abigail Evans, 9, Sarah Carlson, 9, Christen Corcoran, 9, Kelsey Hildal, 9, and Caitlin Bresnahan, 9. **Row 3:** Brittany Lewis, 10, Evanne Rugani, 9, Shannon McLoughlin, 10, Stephanie Biehle, 9, Nina Budde, 11, Julie Sauer, 11, Joanna Lin, 10, and Coach Emily Sweeney.

## GIRLS JV SOCCER

Final Record: 11-0-5



# HELPING EACH OTHER THROUGH

## Friendship pulls team together

By: Gloria Burkhart

**T**he women's JV soccer team had a great season, but they didn't quite click right away. The team had a practice dedicated to bonding, then they finally started to really come together.

"At the beginning we didn't have a close-knit team, but towards the middle and end of the season we really came together. The pasta parties and team bonding let us have fun together and get to know one another better. It has really shown by our success on the field," said **Nina Budde, 11**.

The girls let only three goals get passed their phenomenal defense led by **Julie Sanchez, 11**, and **Budde**. Their freshman goalie **Stephanie Biehle, 9** also really stepped it up.

"There was a big age range with a really talented team, so it's a lot of fun to watch them," said **Coach Emily Sweeney**.

The team had an undefeated season with an outstanding final record.

The freshman women's soccer team began the season knowing they had to work on communication and conditioning. Most of the ladies had not played with each other before so they needed to understand the importance of talking to help let the team know where each player was going, who was open, and when to release the ball if a defender was approaching.

"Off the ball work is just as important as what you do when you have the ball," said **Coach Kelly Ryan**.

Off the ball work created runs, opens spaces, shifted defense which could construct holes and created more confusion for the other team when it came to marking.

The girls had a great season; their goal was to never be beat because of the lack of conditioning. No team wants to lose because they were tired and out of shape. The girls achieved their goal because they never played a team they couldn't outwork. The team had tremendous heart and strived to do the best they could throughout the season.