

UNBEATABLE DEFENSE

Slow start but well played season

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In the start of the season, the boys varsity soccer team played well defensively, but could not seem to put the ball in the opposing team's net.

In the first eight games the squad had five ties. Out of all five of those ties, they scored one goal and one was scored against them.

The defense did their job to keep the opposing team from scoring, only letting in 13 goals in 17 games, eleven of those games ended in either a win or a tie. One main reason for this is that the team's defense was hard to get past.

In the first couple of games the offense was struggled, but then they became more of a team and started to pick up the pace.

"The coach had tried everything. He put defenders up in the offense position, moved offensive players to defense, and mid-fielders back to defense. Basically all of the positions had moved except for the team's goalie," said **Sean Caldwell, 11**.

Taylor Jensen, 11, was a two year varsity goalie and he only let in 13 goals which made him the number one goalie in the GMC.

"Scoring was the main problem. We had the ball on the other team's side of the field more than half of the game. We just could not put the ball in the net," said **Kevin Crook, 12**.

The squad took on Moeller, which was a main rivalry. With a couple of attempts to score, the ball was either miss-kicked or was stopped by the Moeller's defense.

They fought with seconds on the clock to try and make the winning goal but could not seem to do it. The game ended in a tie with a final score of 0-0. The great defense had stopped Moeller from scoring, and the offence kept pressure on their side of the field the whole game.

Although the team could not put a goal up on the score board, the team had felt like they had played a good game and thought as if that they had won the game overall.

The team ended up with a record of 5-5-6 this season. Although the team had an average record, they had played hard, never gave up, and the most important thing, was that they played as a team.

The team all agreed upon that they played well in all of their games and from being on the team; they also agreed that it was one experience that they will never forget.

"The team took a couple of games to get the flow going, but once they got it, they did not lose it," said **Coach Scott Seivering**.



Row 1: Ryan Kantor, 11, Donald Herrington, 10, Jacob Hiudt, 10, Gabriel Villamazar, 10, and Marcus Bryce, 12. **Row 2:** Coach Scott Seivering, Mark Aslanides, 11, Yuto Nakanishi, 12, Philip Brodrick, 10, Taylor Jensen, 11, Brian Kapcar, 9, Mark Minevich, 11, and Coach Brian Whistle. **Row 3:** Kevin Crook, 12, Benjamin Moler, 11, Brett Faeth, 11, Michael Mallette, 12, Sean Caldwell, 11, Ryan Knowles, 12, Nathaniel Kaplan, 12, and Ellis Krienik, 12.



Watch out! Ben Moler, 11, attacked the ball and brought it down to the ground with his chest. **Moler** then burned past a couple of opposing players and passed the ball to his teammates. **Moler** never gave up until he had gotten the ball out of their side of the field.

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

Final Record: 5-5-6

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

MVP:
Taylor Jensen

Defensive Player:
Ryan Knowles

Coaches Award:
Nathaniel Kaplan

Freshman Award:
Brian Kapcar

Most improved Player:
Marcus Bryce