

just Beyond the Field

The mens soccer team puts in hours outside of practice to help the team adapt better

When going home after practice most people just eat then go to bed, but for the men's soccer team that is not the case. When they are told to learn a new skill they go beyond just practice time. They take the lesson and skills they learned from practice with them, then go home and practice even more.

With experience at other schools of coaching soccer, new coach **Mr. Ryan Sisco** didn't know what the dynamic of the team would be like. But to his knowledge, he was pleasantly surprised with the dedication and fast learning the guys have. Compared to his last school, he feels the commitment here is better than he has ever known.

"It's different here. These guys, they learn so quickly, and then they just try so hard. My expectations have kind of grown exponentially, because of how well they turn around and just apply what we're trying to do," Sisco said.

Even with it being his first year on

the team, since they are picking up the skills quickly and applying them to the games, freshman **Richard Lian** feels it has helped the team grow throughout the season.

"We practice a lot, every day, we train hard and even though it's our first year all together, we're getting better every game," Richard said.

With being a new face on the team, freshman **Cristian Pahuamba Duran** feels that if he spends more time on soccer outside of practice it will help him, and also help him perform better for the team.

"I'll run more and dribble more at home, which helps me with my stamina and ball control in a game," Christian said.

Even with the year being different with a new coach and not doing as well as they would've liked, the team still works together both in practice and outside of practice to grow through out the season.

Avery Russell



Second Half Motivation In a game against Lakeshore, junior **Ilan Gossare** prepares to kick the ball back in bounds. The team was losing going into the second half, giving them a reason to play harder. "I think the whole team played better in the second half, being down on the score really motivated us, and so we really wanted to score," Ilan said. (Photo: Guico)

Striving for the Ball In the first half of the game, junior **Jonathan Hernandez-Ovalle** jumps up to steal the ball from his opponent. Lakeview was on defense and the opposing team was trying to pass the ball all the way down the field. "Just clearing the ball up because we were defending, so just trying to get the ball back on our side," Jonathan said. (Photo: Guico)

Switching Positions

If players could play any other position what would it be and why?



"I would play midfield and help the team move the ball forward and help attack." (Photo: Wood)

Philip Mang, junior



"I would move back to defense, because it was the first position that I've ever played." (Photo: Wood)

Alxidez Hernandez Velasco, sophomore



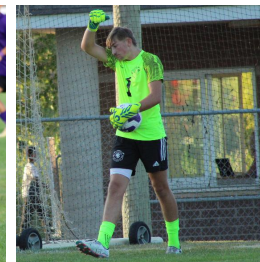
"I'd probably play forward because I like playing up, so if I could spend more time in one position, it would be forward." (Photo: Wood)

Conner Scheidler, junior

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Team Celebration On the field smiling and laughing, senior **James Ram** celebrates a goal on the field with his teammates. It was junior **Philip Mang** first goal of the season and it was a big deal to him and the team. "It was a solo goal, we gave the ball back to him and he definitely deserved it." James said. (Photo: Wood)

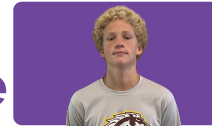


Confidence is Key On senior night, senior **Kyler Smith** wipes the sweat off his head and gets ready to throw the ball out to his teammates. The team was down in the first half giving them some pressure to bring it back in the second half. "The game was pretty stressful but I was feeling pretty confident in myself," Kyler said. (Photo: Oxley)

Honoring a Friend Against cross town rivals Battle Creek Central, junior **Chan Tling** shields the ball from his opponent. "That game was different. It was a game to honor a teammate who passed away earlier that year, so Chan wanted to give it his all. 'I was just trying to keep going without stopping, because if you think about stopping once, you just can't play for the whole game,'" Chan said. (Photo: Wood)

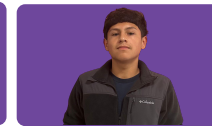
Opponent Pressure

What the players do when someone is guarding them on the field



"You gotta stay composed, look up, make a pass, and you have to clear it out, that's probably the best decision." (Photo: Russell)

Joshua Neal, junior



"I look up to see where my teammates are and make a pass, you have to make a decision quick and it's a lot of pressure." (Photo: Russell)

Adrian Mejia, sophomore



"If there's so much pressure on my back and I just like needed to clear the ball just kick it out." (Photo: Russell)

Davion Salazar, senior

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