

What Goes Through Your Mind Before You Step Onto The Field?



"I fill my head with anything that can go good, like when I scored a goal at the Maquoketa game even though I'm defense."
Rachel Wenger, 11



"Every time I step onto the field, I play like it could be my last game because we never know if COVID could take us out again."
Alissa Holtz, 12



"I tell myself that we're going to get through this, and we're going to make some goals."
Cassidy Hack, 9



"As a center back, I think about how we have to move together and stick together as a defensive line."
Lori Hilby, 11



"I think, 'Oh, this is going to be a lot of running.'"
Anastasia White, 11



"I always just think, 'Go out there, try your best, and have fun,' even though we haven't really won."
Sydney Lorang, 10

Girls' Goals



Why We Joined Soccer

"I've been in soccer for about eight years, so I want to continue doing that spring and fall. I am also in club soccer. It's my favorite sport, too."
Kayleigh Haan (9)

"I've played soccer since kindergarten, but I had to take the year off because of injuries. I tore my ACL."
Madelynn Zehr (9)

"I joined soccer because it's a really fun sport to make new friends in and learn more about leadership and teamwork."
Delaney Holtz (10)

Warming Up

At a home game, Kelly Beckman (10) attempts to maneuver the ball away from a Vinton-Shellsburg player. "Before a game, (Mr.) Weis accidentally put on Melanie's sad playlist, so it was really depressing during warm-up," Beckman said.

Midfielder Memory

Midfielder Elizabeth Slepser (9) prepares to kick the ball. "The first practice was the most memorable," Slepser said. "Just coming in and seeing new faces and thinking, 'Oh, this is my team,' and getting to know everybody."



Team Talk

After suffering a loss, girls' soccer coach Hannah Crumpton discusses the game with her players. From left to right: Sydney Lorang, Riley Cook, Elizabeth Slepser, Hannah Pederson, Kayleigh Haan, Taylor Hammer, Cassidy Hack, Anastasia White, Melanie Loughren, Emily Prier, Lori Hilby, Delaney Holtz, Madelynn Zehr, Kelly Beckman, Alissa Holtz, Lydia Heims.

On the Defense

Emily Prier (11) guards a player from Center Point Urbana at a home game. "After we get done running, Rachel always says, 'When we run, we give high fives,' and then we all give each other high fives," Prier said.

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Preparing for a Penalty Kick

Goalie Taylor Hammer (12) psychs herself to block a ball during a penalty kick. Hammer tallied over 200 saves, coming in second in the state in saves.



Goal!

Against Marion, Hannah Pederson (9) takes the ball up to score. Pederson scored two out of the four goals the team made this season.

