

# For the { Love } of the Game



Kenny Clark '15



Jacob Staroska '16

"If you are ever feeling down, pick your head up and switch the field."  
-Grant Cirks '14



Tyler Rezapour '15



Joseph Rivera '14



Josiah O'Polka '14

**All in One Rhythm:** Soccer, Football, Fútbol. There are many names for this one sport, although most can agree on, "The Beautiful Game." This game is played world-wide; from dirt fields and beaches to parks in metropolitan areas.

Loved in cultures throughout the world, soccer unites people of different ethnicities, skill levels, and statuses. As German football legend Franz Beckenbauer says, "Football is one of the world's best means of communication. It is impartial, apolitical and universal. Football unites people around the world every day. Young or old, players or fans, rich or poor, the game makes everyone equal, stirs the imagination, makes people happy and makes them sad."

In the United States, soccer is a relatively unpopular sport in comparison to other countries and it is often times looked over or down upon. What most don't realize is how simple and fun the game can be. There are very few rules, no timeouts, and two forty-five minute continuous halves. Although very simple, soccer brings together millions of fans in over 200 leagues across the world. The World Cup is especially popular, where, every four years, 32 international teams compete for a chance at world-wide glory. This incredible game unites people all around the world, resulting in intense support and national pride.

Most don't realize how enjoyable something as simple as kicking the ball around can be. There isn't a specific formula, or preordained structure, but rather a basic guideline. Said best by German player and manger Josef "Sepp" Herberger, "The ball is round, the game lasts ninety minutes, and everything else is just theory."

-Lucas Honold '15

"Being able to be a role model on the team is a great feeling. I'm able to help the underclassmen really grow as soccer players and as team leaders, which makes everything really worthwhile."  
-Joshua Hoffmann '14



Garrett Locker '17



Seth Signs '14



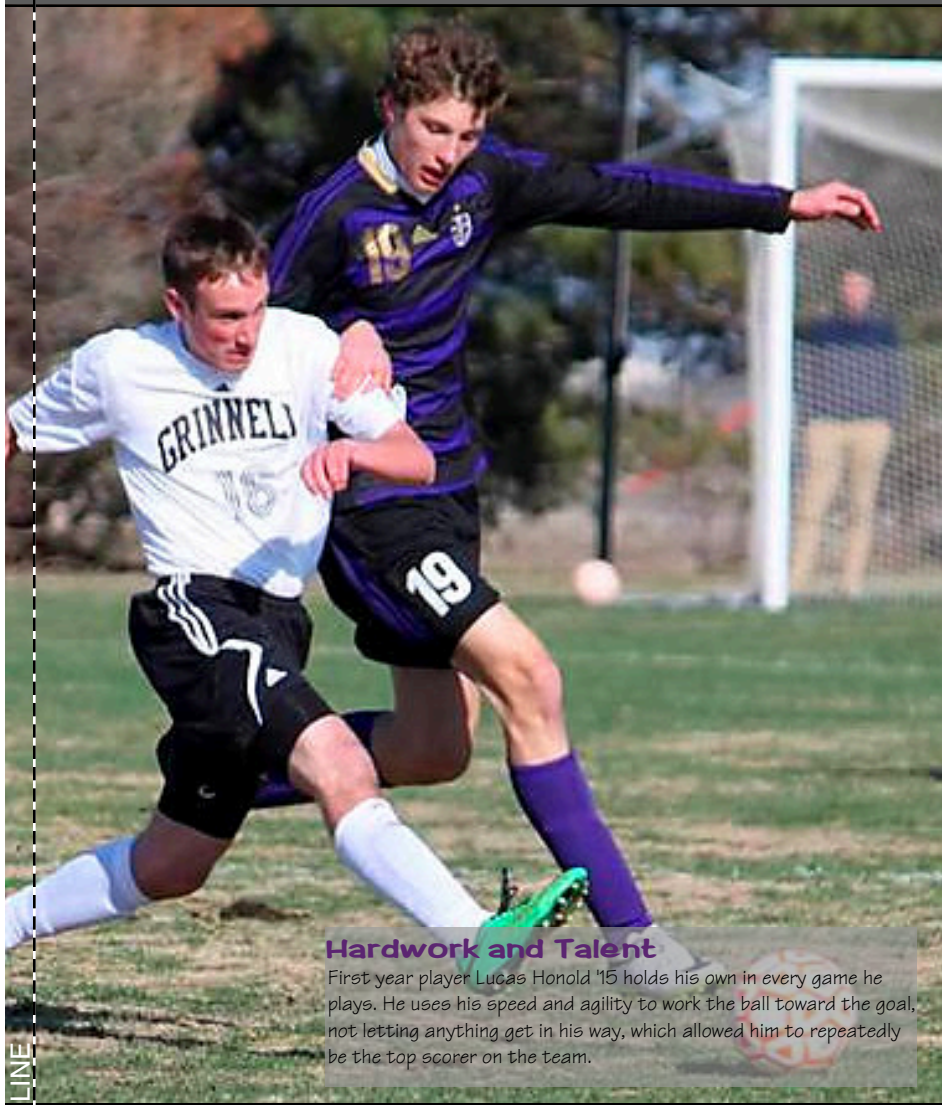
Team huddle

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**Hardwork and Talent**

First year player Lucas Honold '15 holds his own in every game he plays. He uses his speed and agility to work the ball toward the goal, not letting anything get in his way, which allowed him to repeatedly be the top scorer on the team.

**Breaking Away**

Defensive player Joel Baumann '14 manages to take the ball up the entire field before he crosses it to one of his teammates.

**Never Back Down**

Freshman varsity player, Ethan Bailey '17 isn't afraid to get a little physical when defending the ball and moving down the field.



Back Row: Head Coach Parker Koester, Ethan Bailey '17, Garrett Locker '17, Jacob Staroska '16, Kenny Clark '15, Tyler Rezapour '15, Joseph Rivera '16, Philip Bagnoli '15, Ian Baumann '15, William Roberts '17, Lucas Honold '15, Ean Honeycutt '17, Coach Jacob O'Polka. Front Row: Joel Baumann '14, Seth Signs '14, Josiah O'Polka '14, Adam Loew '15, Ryan Nelson '15, Joshua Hoffmann '14, Gage Grutz '14, Lucas Bennington '14, Grant Cirks '14.

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**1. Full Force**

Keeper Ryan Nelson '15 opts to throw the ball to his teammates instead of punting it after saving a shot from entering the goal.



**5. Maintaining Control**

Branon Harter '17 manages to keep control of the soccer ball despite the difficulties of going against the strong winds.



**4. Coming Together**

During their annual "Senior Night," the senior boys take time before the varsity game to snap a picture together.



**2. Skills that Kill**

Lucas Bennington '14 cuts the ball in the opposite direction in order to disorient the opposing player.



**3. Motions Matter**

Philip Bagnoli '15 uses strength and good technique to considerably launch each goal kick he takes.

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