

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

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_____The Trinity boys soccer team has a growing enthusiasm about this year, and it has shown. The seniors: Conner Sims, Preston Kovener, Kade Hill, Brayden Stockelman, Jacob Sabotin, and Caleb Williams are proud to be the heads of the team this year, and they are pleased with the growth of the team.

There's been no shortage of highlights this year. Brayden will never forget a scrimmage where he pushed through despite an injury to the head. The welt was the size of a golf ball! Drew Kerkhof scored his first goal against Greenwood Christian Academy, and in their winning game against Hauser, Andrew Lemming scored two goals and Adam Everroad scored one.

This team dynamic has helped with the growth of the team as a whole. Conner Sims, the team captain, has loved seeing the team view "the idea of soccer as more of a culture". He truly believes this year will be one to remember. The boys have shown significant improvement in practice drills and utilizing the whole field, and Coach Todd Jack pushes the team to do better each game. The teamwork between the boys this year is astounding, they "play more as a team and less as individuals" Caleb says. In their game against Rising Sun, they all exhibited great teamwork and communicated well. One of their best performed games all season was against Indy Lutheran. Kade Hill said, "we showed them that we] aren't the same team as last year."

Soccer does require heavy teamwork, but it is important to have strong leaders. As team captain, Conner Sims holds this position for many of the boys. He does a great job in this role too. Conner tries his best to keep the team organized and moving during the whole game, and he refuses to give up. Kade summed up Conner's character perfectly stating that, "he leads not only by words, but by example." Defense also contributes a huge part in the team's plays. Without them, offense would not have anyone to fall back on. The leader in defense is goalie, Brayden Stockelman, and he truly is an important asset to the team. Conner gives him high marks because, "the goalie really is the glue of the team" and Brayden embodies that role well. Of course, no team is complete without a few representatives for spirit. Caleb Williams and Jacob Sabotin make sure to fulfill that role by providing "comic relief" for the team in stressful moments. Certainly the boys are thankful for the break, and the audience is thankful for Caleb's incredible halftime dancing.

Trinity has high hopes for the boys soccer team this year, and they will not disappoint. There are sure to be more exciting games to come and memories to be had.