

Preparing to punt, eighth grade A team goalie Avery Fontana focuses on the ball. Fontana has been playing goalie for six years. "My favorite part of being goalie is the risk and adrenaline," Fontana said. Photo by

Cold Feet

Soccer teams battle the bitter weather to come out on top

Boys' soccer season is always cold, but this year every game was about 45 degrees. Players had mixed feelings about playing in the chilly conditions.

Eighth grade A team player Cade Blagdan enjoys playing in the cold rather than the heat.

"I like to play in the cold better because when you run and get sweaty, you can cool off," Blagdan said.

Sal Johnson, eighth grade A team player, doesn't like playing in the cold weather because of the injuries it causes.

"One time I got hit by the ball, and I couldn't feel my face for the rest of the game," Johnson said.

Seventh grade B team player Zane Halabi explains the difference between playing in the winter and the spring. "When we play in the cold,

everything freezes and your body feels numb," Halabi said.

In addition to the unpleasant weather, the boys had to conquer some obstacles in order to finish their season strong.

Ashton Bennett, seventh grade B team player had to overcome a head injury during the season.

"In the middle of the season I got a concussion by getting my legs knocked out from under me," Bennett said. "I landed on my head."

Seventh grade B team member John Salas had to defeat an obstacle of his own.

"I played goalie, and I had to learn to trust the other players on my team," Salas said.

The A team finished with four wins, three losses and zero ties, and B team finished with three wins, two losses and zero ties.



Jumping for joy, Eli Davidson and Zach Summers celebrate a goal against the O'Henry Mustangs. Together, Davidson and Summers scored 8 goals this season. "I got an assist to Zach, and we got excited because that was his first goal of the season," Davidson said. Photo by Natalie Aman

Remember When?

Soccer players tell us their favorite moment of the season



"My favorite moment of the season was when I slide tackled a Small forward. I was proud of myself."

Joan Kang, 8A



"My favorite moment was when the other team punted the ball, and I got under the ball and headed it to Eli."

Hunter Rogers, 7A

1. Throwing the ball into play, seventh grade B team member Sean Cairns sends the ball to a teammate. Photo by Natalie Aman 2. Running aggressively, eighth grader Noah Tuttle drives the ball down field. Photo by Natalie Aman 3. Turning sharply, eighth grade A team goalie Mason Goldwasser attempts to take control of the ball at tryouts. Photo by Kaiya Emmert



Driving the ball upfield, Enrique Lopez dodges a Murchison defender. Lopez played as an A team striker. "I like being striker because I get to strike the ball," Lopez said. Photo by Bella Lufschanowski

Dribbling the ball, seventh grader Aidan Ruth prepares to pass to a teammate. Ruth played as a midfielder for B team. "I like passing the ball, and how I feel when I score," Ruth said. Photo by Natalie Aman



"I felt proud when a Small forward tried to run past me, but I took the ball from him."

Ryan Kriech, 8B



"I liked when I scored a goal. It felt really good, and I felt like a hero."

Emilio Cardenas, 7B