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Soccer Team Shows Late Improvement

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This season was a long one for the MHS boys' soccer team. We played 18 difficult games, and never stopped battling. Last season, our team won only a single game, tied the same number, and was defeated in all the rest.

This year hopes were definitely high for an improved record. Well looking back, we absolutely achieved that goal. Although at times during the season it felt as though we could not buy a goal, we ended the season at 2-13-3, more than doubling our point total from last year.

True blowouts were extremely rare, and we felt like we stood a chance of winning almost every game. I know that for the seniors on the team it was a disappointing way to finish a high school soccer career, but we played as a team, lost as a team, and actually had some fun.

Losing can take the spirit out a group quickly, and the season had it lows. The thing about losing though is that it makes winning feel unimaginably sweeter. Manchester-Essex may have thought the pig-pile on our goalkeeper was an over-celebration, but after our first win it seemed incredibly inadequate.

The team certainly faced its share of adversity this season. Even in the preseason it was apparent that we had our work cut out for us, as two of our captains, I being one of them, got injured in early August. Mike Brenan tore his meniscus and I fractured my pelvis, and it was disappointing to start our senior year standing on the sidelines.

Other injuries continued to plague our team, as we lost multiple defenders early on and our third captain, Chris, obtained a concussion against Revere.

The beginning of the season was certainly a struggle, but the boys showed up everyday

with the attitude that we could win the next game. The seniors on the team, instead of despairing, just played even harder, and results eventually showed.

Toward the end of our schedule, we began to see a glimmer of hope for a strong finish. With six games left, we played with a complete roster for the first time and the team played the last string of games with a renewed passion. Mike, Chris, and I recovered from our respective injuries at roughly the same time, and were eager to spring back into action. We managed to get two wins and one tie in the last five games of the season, an uplifting way to go out.

We had our ups and downs, but we won and lost as a team, and had some fun despite a disappointing record. The MHS boys' soccer team of 2011 made a statement. We don't give up.

Danny was a captain for this year's soccer team.

Death of Steve Jobs Has Lasting Effect on Tech-Savvy Teens

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The year of 1976 began a technological revolution. It was the launch of Apple, a company founded by two young men: Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak. The two men then created the Apple I computer – built in Steve Jobs's garage – and launched their company.

Once Wozniak left Apple due to creative differences with Jobs, Jobs began to expand Apple, hiring executives to help him run it. With that came the new CEO and the launch of the Macintosh which made Apple commercially successful and viable with a memorable commercial that aired during the Super Bowl. Later on, when Apple started to deteriorate in sales and its leader's behavior came into question, Steve Jobs was fired in 1985 from the company he helped to build.

When Steve Jobs turned 30, he was a billionaire. He had also just released the Macintosh computer through his very successful company Apple. That year, he was also fired.

As Jobs said during a commencement speech at Stanford in 2005, "The heaviness of being successful was replaced by the lightness of being a beginner again, less sure about everything. It freed me to enter one of the most creative periods of my life."

In that creative time, he founded NeXT Computer which sold

very high priced computers (around \$9,999 each) and developed magnificent software which would go on to power such things as the iTunes Store and Mobile Me.

Steve Jobs also managed to acquire a small animation studio from George Lucas, who had used that studio for effects on Star Wars.

The animation studio was very unsuccessful at first. It couldn't animate well and started to become a black-hole for Jobs's money. Yet he continued to invest. In 1995 it finally succeeded and brought to life one of the most successful movies and franchises of all time, and it catapulted to Oscar Gold.

That movie was Toy Story, and by 2010, the third installment of the series was released, and it grossed over \$1 billion, becoming the most successful animated movie ever made. Pixar became a legend and dependable hit-machine.

Steve Jobs did end up returning to Apple. It was in 1996 that Apple bought NeXT and in 1997 that Jobs was reinstated as CEO of the company he helped make. Apple was falling behind.

It was losing in the computer market to Windows and it needed a way to get back on top. Jobs created an ad campaign, the Think Different campaign, which sparked interest in Apple that was fueled by the iPod in 2001.

Apple then came out with a string of successes engineered by Steve which included Mac OS X (modeled after NeXT software), Apple Stores, the iPhone, the iPad, iTunes,

iCloud, and numerous software updates.

Apple came back from the brink of bankruptcy to retake the computer market and redefine it. It was with that that Apple became the second most valuable company in the United States behind Exxon Mobile.

Steve Jobs once said to the graduating class of Stanford University, "Stay Hungry, Stay Foolish." That was his advice and it worked. He became a multi-billionaire, but also a cancer patient.

I learned of his passing, fittingly enough, using the wifi on my iPod. It immediately shattered my world and as the world learned of his passing, makeshift memorials sprang up with iPad candles, or apples with the word 'bye' carved out of it.

Online, images were posted of his face fitting perfectly into that bite mark of his trademark apple and trending topics were iSad. He was a visionary who affected many more people than anyone could have ever imagined. He redefined the music, computer, tablet computer, portable music device, animation and many other industries. His work touched millions, probably billions of people around the world; and as many of those people left notes online at Apple's website for him, they recalled their fondest memories of using his products.

Steve, I can't imagine my world without Apple, thanks for the memories. Rest in Peace.

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