



SPORTS



SOCCER SOCKS IT TO 'EM . . .

It was a season that long will be remembered! First, the team dominated the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, finishing undefeated in first place and placing eight players on either the first or second all-conference team. Then, in the first state soccer tournament, the Knights swept through the regional playoffs and marched on to Flint for the Class D Championship Game. The result was a stunning 2 to 1 victory over Western Michigan Christian of Muskegon! It ended a remarkable 18 win 1 loss 1 tie season, the best record percentage wise that the soccer team has ever had. The squad was led by two all-state selections, Marty Wittmer, the powerful center forward who set a new school scoring record with 33 goals, and Larry Van Kirk, the play-making midfielder who directed the team with 20 assists and also contributed 15 goals. An aggressive defense which gave up only 22 goals included goaltender Jeff Lucas and fullbacks Rob Ryan, Jeff Rasimas, Harold Colby, Dan Bowen, and John Fern. First year coach David Backhurst, named Coach-of-the-Year for Class D, is hopeful of continued success next year as the team moves up to Class C.

FIRST ROW: Kirk Haggarty, John Birgbauer, Larry VanKirk, Jeff Lucas, Robby Wood, John Fern, Johannes Homan, Brian David.

SECOND ROW: Jeff Rasimas, Rob Ryan, Harold Colby, Matt Carstens, Bill Tettlebach, Marty Wittmer, Ricky Roberts, Danny Bowen, Coach Bachurst.



ABOVE: Goalie Jeff Lucas clears the ball. RIGHT: Bringing home the gold.









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