

Sieg im Doppelpack

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The Middle School Boys Soccer Team continued their winning streak with two victories this week: a 2-0 win against Pescadero at Cubberley Field on Wednesday and a 4-0 win against Sea Crest in Half Moon Bay on Thursday. Both victories were achieved even with the absence of several key players. Without the team's core defender - Hauke R - Goalie Kai F and this week's starting defenders (Liam M, Toshi J, Kilian F, and Philipp B), were tasked with maintaining their defensive unit's communication, attacking the ball aggressively, and containing opponents on the outside. They were up for the challenge. Although the relatively new defensive configuration was shaky at times, they managed to recover in each instance and parry all opponent attacks. After five games, the Eagles' defense has not allowed a single goal.

5th Grader Jayden P has continued his amazing goal-scoring streak with one goal on Wednesday and two on Thursday, for a total of 10 of the team's 17 goals. Two more players joined the goal scoring list this week as well. Anton S A had repeated runs and passing combinations on offense on Wednesday and placed a fast and low shot into the corner of the net early in Wednesday's game. Örkeny V has been a crucial part of both the right and left midfield throughout the season and scored his first two goals on Thursday. His second goal was one for the ages! While running at full speed toward goal, Örkeny received a long diagonal ball from Kilian F, who had come up from the defense to launch the ball toward goal from 25 yards out. Örkeny kept focus on the cross despite the blinding light of the low setting sun and hit a one-touch deflection straight past the goalie.



It's been great to see continued strength from Philip W, Eric I and Mateo A in the midfield and on offense - making strong challenges against opponents for the ball and setting up many goal scoring opportunities for their teammates and themselves. We're also happy to have a big roster with many more players ready to do their part on the field: Peter S, Hassan M and Samuel M making plays on offense; and newer players Richard L, Kurt S, Henry F and William F now crucial members of the Middle School Boys Soccer Team and learning how to handle a variety of field positions. Put all these guys together, and we have a **STRONG TEAM** heading for the playoffs.

The Eagles, now 5-0, lead the Small Schools League in both wins and goals scored (17!). They have two regular season games ahead: against Wornick on February 20 and against Armstrong on March 6. They've earned a nice Winter Break this week, but we look forward to their return and continued strength on the field!

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