

KICKIN' IT WITH THE BOYS

Bringing Home The Title

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D6 champions. This is a title the team hasn't heard of in a while. Nine years to be exact. Not only did this make the boys varsity soccer team district champs, but a better family.

First week of August rolls around. The seniors start their first-last practice, the freshman are scared for the rough and tough conditioning, and the sophomores and juniors already know what's coming. Running in 80 degree weather, coach Jason Hughes keeps the boys in shape and ready to go for the start of the season.

Being District champions was such an amazing feeling especially for the upperclassmen. Senior Koby Glessner says, "It felt good to finally take home the D6 win for us after so many years of being let down. I'd like to thank Jason Hughes, he's a real hero." This is definitely something you could call "senior feels."

The number one thing about winning big is teamwork. This varsity boys team had the best kind of teamwork on and off the field. From early morning conditioning to team dinners, the boys really made each other feel incredibly special. Joey Becker was the starting varsity goalie as a sophomore. He says, "It was cool but it was just like how we played with everyone else. We all played very well and I was able to make every save. Overall our defense is what kept the game going."

Freshman year is always a scary time for an athlete. Especially walking on to a team that has so many memories and traditions and you have no idea have to fit in with the big kids. Freshman David Assad explains the



The Westy varisty boys soccer team wins the District VI championship for the first time in nine years.

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team as, "very welcoming and full of team spirit." He also says, "It was great being apart of a team even though we had our ups and downs. We ended up on top as the Champions of District 6."

Nine years. If someone went missing for nine years they'd be legally pronounced dead. 2007 was the last time the Westmont boys soccer team had the District 6 trophy in their showcase. Was the team pronounced dead? Almost. They showed signs of life throughout the drought. They went to the championship eight out of the nine years, trying their best to claim the title, but in their efforts, they were beaten. The 2017 varsity boys soccer team now has some "clout" being the champions of this year. This is a memory they will keep forever in their hearts and on the field. 🏆

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