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# SENIOR NIGHT

October 23, 2008



**VARSITY  
SOCCER**

**Montgomery High School**

## PLAYERS ROSTER

#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	GRADE
16	BOGER	CAROLINE	FORWARD	SENIOR
26	BULL	ALYSSA	BACK	SENIOR
8	CHENOT	MOLLY	MIDFIELD	SENIOR
10	DEMARCO	JULIE	BACK/FORWARD	SENIOR
21	DIMEGLIO	NICOLE	MIDFIELD	SENIOR
18	KAUFMANN	KRISTIN	MIDFIELD	SENIOR
3	KNESEVITCH	EMILY	FORWARD	SENIOR
6	KOPPA	JACKIE	MIDFIELD	SOPHOMORE
14	LANG	OLIVIA	FORWARD	JUNIOR
GK	MANCINO	ALLIE	GOALKEEPER	SENIOR
4	MARBACH	MELANIE	FORWARD	SOPHOMORE
15	MURPHY	JESSICA	BACK	FRESHMAN
19	NIPER	CASEY	BACK	JUNIOR
23	PARKS	COURTNEY	BACK	SOPHOMORE
13	ROE	MADDIE	FORWARD	FRESHMAN
2	ROZENBLAT	MARIS	MIDFIELD	SOPHOMORE
12	SCIOTTO	DANNY	MIDFIELD	JUNIOR
22	SIMON	LEXI	BACK	SENIOR
24	SMITH	MADISON	MIDFIELD	SENIOR
0	STANSFIELD	KATE	GOALKEEPER	JUNIOR
11	TARCA	MEGAN	MIDFIELD	SOPHOMORE
17	UVA	STEPHANIE	FORWARD	SENIOR
9	VAZQUEZ	ALEXANDRA	MID/FORWARD	SENIOR
20	VOIGT	MARCIA	MIDFIELD	SENIOR

### CAPTAINS

## GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER SCHEDULE 2008

Day	Date	Place	Opponent	Facility	Time	Score
Fri	9/12/08	Away	Watchung Hills		3:45 pm	W 1 - 0
Sat	9/13/08	Home	Warren Hills	Cougar Stadium	2:00 pm	W 5 - 0
Tue	9/16/08	Away	Ridge		3:45pm	W 2 - 1
Thu	9/18/08	Home	Franklin	Cougar Stadium	6:00 pm	W 7 - 0
Sat	9/20/08	Away	Ewing		1:00 pm	W 1 - 0
Mon	9/22/08	Home	Voorhees	Mill Pond	3:45 pm	W 2 - 0
Thu	9/25/08	Home	Bridgewater	Cougar Stadium	4:30 pm	W 2 - 0
Sat	9/27/08	Home	Hun	Cougar Stadium	100 pm	W 1 - 0
Thu	10/02/08	Away	Hillsborough		3:45 pm	W 1 - 0
Sat	10/04/08	Home	Watchung Hills	Cougar Stadium	2:00 pm	W 2 - 1
Mon	10/06/08	Away	Immaculata		3:45 pm	W 8 - 1
Sat	10/11/08	Away	County Tourn		3:45 pm	Bye
Tue	10/14/08	Away	Franklin		3:45 pm	W 6 - 0
Thu	10/16/08	Away	Bridgewater		3:45 pm	T 1 - 1
Sat	10/18/08	Home	County Tourn vs Bernards	Cougar Stadium	2:00 pm	W 1 - 0
Tue	10/21/08	Home	Hillsborough	Cougar Stadium	6:00 pm	W 3 - 1
Thu	10/23/08	Home	Immaculata	Cougar Stadium	7:00 pm	
Sat	10/25/08	Away	Ridge	Bridgewater	TBA	
Tue	10/28/08	Away	Hunterdon Central		3:45 pm	
Sat	11/ 1/08	Away	County Tourn		TBA	

# SHOUT OUTS

Seniors—We are so sad to see you graduate even though we have only been on the team for a year. Thank you so much for making us feel so welcome and also for all the support when we came on the team! It made our experience so much more fun and we hope that us underclassmen made your senior year a memorable one! And thanks for all of the car rides to pasta parties and other things. Also, thanks Captains for leading us through a great year. And ... Don't worry, we'll make sure Louis finally gets his cupcake. :) Thanks for a great year! Good luck in college and we will miss you! - **Maddie #13 & Jess (Murph) #15**

Seniors, The season with you all so far has been tremendous! Ally, what am I going to do next year without you? I can't believe you're a senior already, it's too soon! At least we have some good memories, "POODLES!" for example. And blasting the "music for the mercedes" CD in the car. Thanks for all the rides. And good luck in Connecticut, you deserve it. I'll miss you and your poodles and your mercedes very much. Molly, you have such great determination that makes it awesome to watch you play. Your work ethic is impressive, and very motivating. Alex, your quick feet are crazy! The team can always count on you to sink one in the corner when you get the opportunity. Marcia, your motivation is what kept me going during fitness. And watching you succeed is so inspiring, you deserve every second of it. Good luck on your drivers test! Emily, your strength and drive in the game is so inspiring to watch. Not to mention your sick shot. Caroline, you work so hard every game and never give up. You always give perfect flicks for other players to run onto and its incredible to watch you play. Kristin, driving to pasta parties with you is a blast! I love dancing and singing really loudly with you to our special CD. Thanks for all the rides! And your British accent is almost perfected by now. Toodle-loo!" Lexi, you've been a big part of our team this year. We wouldn't be where we are now without you playing so well in the back every game. Alyssa, your outstanding defense this year has done a lot for the team. You have gotten so good at 1 vs 1's! Your effort makes a huge difference. And I'll miss your humor. Julie, you really stepped up this year and it stinks about your injury, because you've been playing so well. I can't wait for you to get out on the field again, we need you. Heal soon! Madison, it's been fun being your running partner this year. Even if we have yet to get a perfect high-five. And the occasional trips in your mini-van were always fun. Steph, it's been really great having you on the team this year. Your effort and positive attitude is what this team needs. Niki, "CAN I HAVE YO NUMBA?!" I don't think I've ever laughed as hard as I do with you on the soccer bus. You're so silly. It's great to see you out there playing with the ball again too, keep it up! Thanks to all the seniors for helping our team get to where we are today. This is a very special team, thanks to our remarkable senior class. Good luck with your futures in soccer and college! I'm going to miss you all! Now let's continue to make history with all heart. ~**Kate**

Seniors, Playing with all of you this past season has been great! I've had such good times being on the field with all of you. I've learned so much from each of you, and I wanted to thank all of you. Ally, You are such a great goalie. I can't even count how many times I feel like you saved a game for all of us. I have seen you make some absolutely ridiculous saves that I couldn't even imagine doing. And Steph, thanks for all the rides to pasta parties. The 50's music was...interesting to say the least. Hey Niki, "can i have yo numbah"?! Bus rides were great with you, and I'm glad to see that you're playing again. Alex, you are ridiculous. When I watch you play, I can't believe half the things that you do. I've learned so much from you as a forward. Also Emily, in this past season you've done some pretty amazing things. Plays you've started or goals you've scored, it's been a great experience playing with you. Caroline, playing next to you has been fun. And Marcia, I remember watching you play when I was a freshman and a sophomore, and always thinking what a great player you were. Keep up the hard work. I won't ever forget when you almost fell on your face in the hallway. Molly, your hard work and determination almost helped me keep strong. I watched you play almost all game every game and that's a serious accomplishment to be able to do that! Lexi, your speed and big kick has saved this team from some serious issues this year. No matter where the ball was coming from, you always seemed to find a way to get behind it. Alyssa, you've grown so much as a defender, and you've really helped this team out in a big way, and you were always, always making people laugh! Kristin, I can't even count how many times I've told you your hair reminds me of bamboo. Driving behind you to pasta parties was always a laugh, watching you and Kate bounce the car up and down when you danced. Julie, you grow up so much as a player and I hope your injury heals quick, so you can get right back on the field where we need you! And last but not least, Madison, It's been great playing with you, and you've been a big help to this team. Good luck to all of you in your future soccer careers and in college. I know all of you will do great with whatever you choose to do. Just remember, do everything with All Heart, and you can never go wrong! ~ **Olivia Lang**

Seniors, Thanks so much for welcoming us onto the team. This season has been so fun working with you girls. Each senior has shown tremendous determination throughout the season and has left an inspirational impression on us. Congratulations for following up on the Montgomery girls soccer legacy. *The song remains the same.* This year our team brought soccer to a whole new level, we made history by starting off the season with a record of 10-0. Everyone is going to miss you girls and your incredible talent so much. We'd like to give a shout out to Steph, Lexi, Julie, Madison, Molly, and Alyssa for giving us rides to the pasta parties. Ally, we will never forget your support throughout the whole season. Thanks to every other senior, as well, for being part of such an inviting and supportive team! Thanks so much for a memorable season guys, we wish you all luck in college! **Courtney Parks, Megan Tarca, Jackie Koppa All Heart**

Dear Ally, Lexi, Alex, Marcia, Emily, Molly, Alyssa, Caroline, Julie, Niki, Kristin, Steph and Madison, You have accomplished so much during this season, and I have learned so much from you. It has been great playing with all of you on the team and I've learned so much during this time. I am honored to have played with such a good team. I will continue to carry all the traditions I've learned for my next two years. I now know exactly what "all heart" means, and do my best for the girl next to me. Most of all I will miss all of you and our good times, from long-hard practices, the pasta parties, taking Melanie and I in your cars, and more! Best of luck in College and Soccer careers. **Maris**

Alyssa (Twinn), PASTA PARTAYYYYY! I'm so sad I'm not going to get to play with you anymore after this year. I will never forget the first time you sang "this is me" because it was the funniest thing you've ever done or assuming the position at Rutgers, the countless impulsive trips to bagel barn, and no one will ever be at our level of ghetto interpretive dancing. Alex, Eheeeemmmm, that was very BOLD of you! Wait guys, since when is page "pa-gina" in spanish? Even though all you do is make fun of me, that's okay. I hope you fulfill your dream of being a dolphin trainer because I know how much you love them! Lexi, Playing in the back with you this year was so great cause we're awesomeeee even though we have never played there once in our whole lives! I loved our car rides full of exceptional singing and dancing and our food runs. And even though we've killed a few small animals in your car, I will continue to drive with you. Yahh umm hokay yahh bye. Emily, Playing in the back with you this year was so great cause we're awesomeeee! I loved our car rides full of exceptional singing and dancing and our food runs. And even though we've killed a few small animals in your car, I will continue to drive with you. Yahh umm hokay yahh bye. Caroline (cbogs), We literally talk about anything and its completely okay because it is always interesting. I enjoyed our jam sesh at Rutgers even though it was only me and you who knew all the words. Molly, Your leadership, talent, and heart will be greatly missed next year. You are so fun to be around solely for your sarcastic comments and funny faces. Marcia, The team is definitely not going to be the same without you next year. I mean who else would drive to practice on a dirt bike?! Ally, It goes without saying that you are an awesome goalie. I don't know what I'm going to do without your voice behind me on the field. Julie, You are so funny! I'm going to miss your sarcasm so much next year because I can always count on you to make a funny comment. We also miss you so much on the field, even though you are constantly falling down. Kristin, I'm going to miss being awkward with you next year! I'm not going to be able to do that with anyone else. You're so fun to be around. Madison, Even though we're always joking around with each other, I am going to miss you next year on and off the field. Steph, I really enjoyed having you around this year. I could always count on you to make a funny comment about whatever was happening. Niki, Even though it seems like you were always hurt, you still always made the most of it and have always been such an important part of this team. Good luck to all of the seniors! I'm going to miss you all! Love, **Casey**

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**CAROLINE BOGER #16**



I remember many years ago when Caroline was contemplating not playing soccer and focusing on other aspects of her life. I remember talking to her about her potential. I remember talking about focusing and working towards realizing her potential. I knew there was so much inside Caroline. So much to offer to both herself and her teammates. Caroline's junior year is when I first caught a glimpse of her potential being realized. Last year, with so much firepower on offense, you could easily have missed Caroline's important contributions. But, I did not. I saw it in her last year, and I knew this ability to be a significant goal scorer would carry into her senior year. With the graduation of so much offense it was going to fall on the likes of Caroline Boger to contribute in a big way to our offense. These contributions didn't just mean scoring goals or setting up goals. These contributions meant hard defending, winning 50-50 balls, and winning her duels in the air. Caroline is a typical forward who prides herself on scoring and sometimes defines her play in that area. And indeed Caroline has scored some enormous goals this year for us. But, for me, it is her work rate that I am very proud of. Caroline has made so much happen for us that so few people even know. This year we have talked about taking care of the "little things". And I know Caroline has taken this to heart. In our system we ask a lot of our forwards. They must be willing to run all over the place to apply pressure on the opponents back line. And then on top of that, they are asked to finish hard work by burying the ball in the back of the net. Caroline has perfectly lived up to both of these expectations. I remember after the first game against Watchung a hard fought game where Caroline didn't show up in the scoring at all. But, I wrote her a note telling her she made such a difference. And from that first game on, Caroline has been making a difference. Caroline, I am so proud of the player you have become. But, I am most proud of the player who values hard work and devotion to her teammates. This is a legacy of the Montgomery Girls Soccer program. And you have continued this legacy to the highest degree. Thank you for your years of dedication, commitment, and passion to Montgomery Girls Soccer.

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**Alyssa Bull #26**

Alyssa is another in a long list of girls I have had the privilege of training at the youth level. Alyssa is another one of those success stories I have referenced. There was no doubt that for this season to be successful we were going to need seniors who played limited roles their junior year to step up in a major way their senior year. And, boy, has Alyssa ever delivered. Although, Alyssa has had some limited experience playing defense, she never played in a three back system with such complexities. Alyssa has had to learn so much so quickly regarding her position in relationship to her teammates and the ball. I am truly amazed and pleased by how quickly she has picked up the nuances of the position. Playing in the back for Montgomery Girls Soccer is a pretty prestigious and important privilege. As everyone knows we take our defending very seriously, and work on that part of our game daily. Alyssa has fully embraced and taken to the position so seriously, that her play has developed incredibly fast. She is getting better with every half we play. And I believe a big reason is Alyssa has learned to believe in herself. There really are few players out there that can blend technical and tactical understanding to allow them to play in this defensive organization. It makes me so pleased and proud to watch Alyssa making subtle adjustments to her position or anticipating something well before it actually happens. I remember having a conversation this summer with Alyssa, in which I outlined to her where I saw her fitting in, and what she needed to do to help us be successful. I saw the determination and desire in her eyes. And it was just a matter of whether or not she was going to believe in herself. Alyssa, I have believed in you for so long now. I have always known that inside of you was a warrior. A competitive, intelligent, hard working soccer player. Of all the things this year has brought to us, remember always how it brought to you a sense of understanding of what you can accomplish when you put your mind to it. Self-belief is a very important and powerful tool. Thank you for your hard work and sense of excellence. Never forget these memories of your senior year. And never forget the imperative lesson you have learned: Belief must come from within. All the best in the future and I look forward to hearing all about your many successes.

I waited to the last minute to write this note. By writing this I have accepted the fact that I am a senior and that this is my last year playing Montgomery girls soccer. Words can not describe how proud I am to be a part of this team. Each and everyone of you are amazing and you always managed to put a smile on my face. We have had an unbelievable start this year. Together we proved to ourselves that this team is still here. Just because we lost several big players from last years team, people lost hope and had doubts. Not going to lie, I had my doubts too. But as soon as this season started that thought never occurred to me again. Every single one of us has worked hard and put in the effort every day. I love where we are at and how great we've been playing and still people have doubts. That's fine because I have faith that this entire team will get it done! Now to my underclassmen, Casey Niper (who thinks she is a senior and we think she is!) you came in my sophomore year and were a quite little freshmen. Well definitely not any more!!! Haha, I want to thank you for sitting on the bus with me for the past three years I know we have had some good times! I love you and I will bring food to you as much as I can! Danny your just as weird as Casey! You two are so funny! You are a great addition to this team and I am going to miss you and Casey doing Dan Cook on the bus ("everyday" in that weird way you guys used to say it). Oliva you are insane! The way you work and throw your body around for this team! I love you so much for that! When you get into a tackle I want to pick you up and tell you to go do it again! Haha, and I know you love my grandma more than me, but that's ok I still love you! Now to Maris and Melanie, Mel you have not changed! Your still so quite but an amazing person. When you tore your ACL I was very upset that you would not be a part of my back line and I was worried that you would have a hard time coming back. In one game you proved me wrong! Your back!! And I know that your ready to help this team go further. Maris, you speak for yourself! Haha, you would only talk to me and Mel last year. And now it is very hard to shut you up! Haha, but that's ok you always know how to make the team laugh. You don't even know your doing it! That video of you, the funniest thing in the world, I will never forget that face when you asked if you could start over! I am going to miss the two of you so much! Jackie, Megan, and Parks you three are great! You guys came on to this team this year and were so nervous. But each and everyone of you has earned it! Keep working hard because this season is not close to being over!!! Now Freshmen Maddie and Murph! I remember my freshmen year like it was yesterday. It will go by quick so make the most of your time in high school. You two are great and I am so happy that the both of you are on this team. And ya you probably think I forgot someone but no I saved her for last. Kate!!!! haha, I can't write all of the great things and crazy stuff we have done! But I want to thank you for everything! You have been by my side and have made me better everyday! I've had my share of being the leader from the bench, it's not easy but it is a very important position and rewarding because you create team spirit and encourage to team to continue playing hard when we are losing focus. I really don't know what I am going to do with out you! We have had such great times together just talking in the goal and me making you do push-ups! Haha, I hope you have learned to be more confident in yourself. I am so much more confident that next year you will be leading the team from in front of the goal!!! Now to my seniors. **Wow! We are SENIORS!** I have known all of you my entire life! And to think that soon we all will be going our separate ways makes me want to cry. We have 13 seniors, 13 captions, and 13 great friends on this team. You all have made this season what it is! and we have the power to keep it going! I am so honored to have played on the same field with all of you!! Thank you guys so much! I love you all and good luck in the next years in whatever you do! I know I am going to think about you guys everyday!! P.S. I want to thank this whole team once again for helping me achieve 50 shut outs! I would never have been able to do that with out any of you! And girls this season is far from over so "Alright Montgomery on your toes ladies! Here we go!" **Ally Mancino**

hey girls! wow I can't believe I'm writing one of these things already. I just want to thank everyone for making my experience these past years amazing. This year has been flying by, I'm so sad I'm writing one of these because I have so many memories with all of you, and no one is ever gonna compare to any of you. the good times at camp we had, SUCKS FUNCTION!! and many more but inappropriate to say haha .... Jddddd ... ekkkkk...this team has taught me so much, casey, have fun next year with ms milner ... hemmmmmmmmmmm, oh and i think ogres are really pretty especially the orange ones. how about we bake our moms some cookies like jajce! hahaha good times, i'll miss you next year! oh and maris our bonding at camp was fun, and your stomach at jd's pasta party was even funnier, i'll miss you too!! Moc ... i never forget how we read each others mind and our little handshake since like 6th grade, LOVE YOU! Seniors you girls are the best! I'LL MISS EVERYONE! AND EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS TEAM!!! Jd you ALL UNIVERSE!!! go ek go ek gooooo. LOVE YOU GIRLS!!! THANKS FOR EVERYTHING! **Alex**

Girls, This season has been so amazing. Everyone has contributed so much heart to this team and I am so glad I got to have such amazing experiences with you all. I'm gonna miss me and Kate's high fives that we always seem to miss when we warm up and driving Jackie to all the pasta parties. Thank you for an amazing season and I hope we can all be together for as long as possible! I'm gonna miss everyone! All Heart! Love, **Madison**

# SENIOR FAREWELLS

NOOOOOOOOOO!! I can't believe I'm really writing my senior farewell. There are amillion things that I am going to miss about soccer. WHAT? There are no other girls that I would have rather spend my season with. Everyone is so amazing and it's so sad to think that four years of this is finally coming to an end! I've had so much fun this year, from PASTA PARTY! to CAR RIDES to I'M SORRY! to NUM YUM YUM to fitting a entire-cookie in my mouth to endless eating to Taybull! to so this girl was in the bathroom for like 4 hours... hey that was me! to PICK UP THE PINNIES! to yeah! Yeah! I'm open! Here! Yeah! to IM GONNA FLIP! to very accurate impersonations to team sleepovers to twiny! to sike! to my kick! to eating 5 ice cream sandwiches?? the team chemistry has been amazing. I love everyone so much! But the real reason this season has been special thus far is because the amazingness off the field equals the amazingness on the field. Everyone puts 100% into every minute they get even if it's for just a few and that's what has made our team so great. I have loved every minute of Montgomery High School Girl's soccer; it has truly been an amazing time that I will NEVER forget. Just one last thing....THIS IS REAL! THIS IS ME! I'M EXACTLY WHERE I'M SUPPOSED TO BE. GONNA LET THE LIGHT.....SHINE ON ME!!!! **Alyssa**

I'll miss the trips to FRUITY. I'll miss tripping JD everyday during practice, and JUANITA. I'll miss shadow work. I'll miss "potassiums" that I ate everyday. I'll miss saying v to the a to the rzy rzy rzy rzy! I'll miss dancing in the hall ways with JD and AV at camp. I'll miss being the first one to have their cleats/shin guards off everyday. I'll miss Alyssa yelling pasta party and this is me! and saying TAY BULL. I will also miss her doing impressions of "Melanie". I will miss MISSION KIM and telling Casey to do that thing every single day. I will miss Maris being absolutely clueless. I will miss PSYCH! I'll miss fake laughing with av jd and mc. I'll miss Molly's emails! I'll miss DISTURBIA. I'll miss soccer's YIKES! and his sunglass tan! I'll miss Maddie's mistake of calling that guy Louis. I'll miss Casey and Dani's crazy dancing. I'll miss having picture wars with AV, Casey and Alex. I will miss Honold time and sharing my banana with AV before every game. I'll miss how intensely superstitious our team is. I'll miss Tarca's random smiles. I'll miss DOMINOS and MN. I'll miss what we say before a game after every "together". I'll miss Lexi's Red/Orange/Yellow card. I'll miss Molly's "do you know that song.. eyyy bay baay?" I'll miss "you guys can say something you know... Since when?" and I'll miss living the trainers. But most of all I will miss the closeness of the team and the amazing season we have shared together so far. Thank you underclassmen for making this year unforgettable! Good luck next year without all of us seniors! **Emily**

These past couple of years on the Montgomery varsity girls soccer team have been the absolute greatest. Especially this year because we have all become so close. The memories we've made will last forever. I am going to miss being with everyone 24/7 and spending all my free time with you guys, Julie falling all the time, soccer camp, Casey and Danny dancing, Honold time, Alyssa's impressions and singing, all of our superstition before games, the talks on bus rides, Emily - shake and bake, singing Backstreet Boys with Lexi, Ally's "Here we go Montgomery. Let's go ladies!", Marcia's and my pregame rituals and so much more. For all my teammates who are not graduating keep the tradition alive when we leave and never stop working hard. Casey keep being a rock on the field, Kate stay strong in goal, Danny keep being my little baby, Olivia keep scoring those goals, Mel keep tearing it up, and Maris keep being Maris. ~ **Caroline**

This season, as well as the other two seasons I spent on this team, have shaped some of the best memories I will take with me for the rest of my life. Our success has come from true desire and teamwork, especially this season. We are a family and that is something that not many people can say they have experienced in their life. I'm going to miss playing of course, but I will always miss all of our crazy superstitions, our good times at camp and on the bus, and our team sleepover at my house. I'll always take with me the five million times a day that I die of laughter because of Alyssa and her three S's, the hours that I've spent in the trainer's room with Alex, Julie, Molly, and Emily, and the times Caroline and I would sing Backstreet Boys to each other on the sidelines. Casey, lead the team next year with your play and your dedication. I'll be back for jam sessions with you in my car like we had this season. Danny, keep playing hard and score some goals! Kate, be loud and fierce in front of your goal. Olivia, score lots of game-winners and help lead the team. Everyone else, keep up your hard work and keep the legacy going next year. I'll miss you guys. Love you all, **Lexi**



## Molly Chenot #8

Molly Chenot is nothing but a winner. I often think about what allows certain people to always find a way to win. I think there are attributes to these people that make them more likely to be winners. And Molly Chenot is absolutely overflowing with these attributes. First, I believe the person needs to have a fabric of high character to not just their play, but their day-to-day living. Molly is as honest and thoughtful a person as I have ever coached. She truly cares about others and their feelings. This sense of valuing others has, I believe, really allowed Molly to, in her own way, get deep inside her teammates trust and motivate them. Winners make those around them play even better. Winners make those around them play better than they are. Molly gets this out of everyone around her. I believe this is a significant reason why we have been so successful. Secondly, winners have to be hard-working. In anything we do in training or in games, the constant quality to Molly is hard work. Never in four years, and even in the early years of her youth development, did I ever have to inspire or motivate Molly to work harder. It just matters to Molly to always give it her best. The last quality is talent. Molly is one in a long line of players who have been very gifted technically. It is one of the reasons why Molly has been able to transition to the center midfield this year. But, I believe her tactical understanding of the game is what has impressed me the most this year. One of the main reasons why I selected this system was that I felt the screen midfield position was made for Molly. She plays it almost to perfection. Her ability to come underneath the play and provide support coupled with her understanding of when to get forward and join the attack has really been big for us. Molly has perfectly timed her runs forward and she has cashed in on what I call the defining moment of games. Winners find ways to get to those defining moments. And as of this writing the four game winners that Molly has scored for us is an enormous reason why the team has been playing with so much confidence. I remember like it was yesterday Molly running around her older sister's games, tugging on her father's shorts, and showing me such promise. One of the great things about this year is watching these players that I have been around for so long reach their promise. It is hard to imagine seven or eight years ago a young Molly and Alex working with me in some group on their technical dimension. And here we are, in their senior year, leading this program to its most successful start. Few things in coaching, I imagine, can mean so much to a coach. Molly, for years now I have been asking more and more of you. Just when you have reached a certain level, I have asked for even more. And every time you have answered the call. Just when I think you have peaked and reached your potential, you do something even greater. My hope for you is that after this year you can understand how special you are. You have so many wonderful qualities to you as a person. This year, you have been at the root of many of my decisions, both for the team and for me professionally. Thanks Molly for the countless hours off the field helping this team stay organized. And thank you for giving me the gift of one more great year together. Every year I coach from now on, I will carry you in my heart. I will forever remember the year you helped lead a bunch of girls out to prove to the world what they can do. And it was you they followed. Thanks, Mol.

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## JULIE DEMARCO #10

Julie is another one of the players that I go a long way back with. It is such an honor and privilege to be able to train Montgomery soccer players as early as sixth grade all the way up to their senior year in high school. And what a run Julie has made. Julie is, again, one of many of these seniors who puts team first and herself second. For her, it was always about how she can help the team. Not how the team can help her. The aspect that I am most proud of for Julie was how she was willing to sacrifice her comfort level of playing defense to join our attack. Julie hasn't had a lot of experience playing forward, but this didn't stop her from being willing to provide some depth in this area of our game. The game of soccer is very cruel. Not only do results not always go your way when they should, you see devastating, unforgiving injuries. The aspect that was most difficult for me to reconcile with regarding Julie's injury was that for the last couple of games before the injury she was really contributing to our attack. She was battling and making things happen. She was playing physical and smart. But, you know, Julie, this might be the positive inside a very difficult negative. You proved you could play at this level. You proved to yourself and everyone who watched that you could find a way to help the team out on the field. This is something that no injury can take away. You persevered and fought your way on to that field. And then you proved you belonged. I am so happy that you had the opportunity to do this. This year has been all about us proving to the world that we can play, and that we can do this. You proved it to yourself. And that is something very powerful and special. There are few players on this team that bring so much laughter and positive energy. This team absolutely loves Julie DeMarco. And indeed we will be playing every remaining game this year with Julie on our minds. And if this team plays with the integrity, hard work, and determination that Julie DeMarco has played with for so long, this 2008 season team will be forever successful



## SENIOR FAREWELLS

Hey girls!! This year has been so awesome and I can't wait for the rest, I don't want it to end. First of all, seniors... most of you at one point played on the flash with Coach Jeff and I'm so glad we're still all together and I think just by the way we play people know we've played together forever. A few of you I've even known my whole life and I don't know what I'll do without you next year (three musketeers). Second of all, I'm going to miss especially our superstitions... I tried to name them all today and it took five minutes. Whether its Alex and I pounding it, Niki getting ally's cap full of water, Parks picking up the flag (even when there isn't a flag), hitting the sign on the bench, hitting the post, slapping hands during warm up or the tradition of saying "together" after our talk before the start of the game I love all of them and I'm going to miss them so much (by the way Casey, Kate, Danny, Olivia and Anna that better all happen next year). I love the way we've bonded this year and all of the fun we've had, whether its fitness (JD- "EK STOP") or just pasta parties. I've had such a blast and I'm going to miss all of you. And of course I'm going to miss Marcia's car...and all of the fun rides in it. Good luck next year! Love, **Molly**

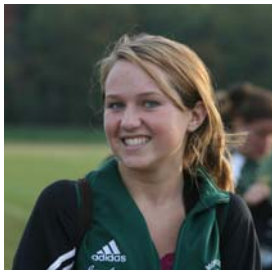
Freshman year feels like it was just yesterday. What a great four years it's been- State finals at TCNJ, beating Pingry to win counties, being ranked in the nation, winning the conference, and having the longest undefeated run. There are so many games and off-the-field memories that we have...some must not be mentioned. It has been great to be part of such a close team- underclassmen, keep this tradition going. You girls are great and I love spending every minute with you. Although it's sad that it's our last hoorah, just think, no more: two-a-days during our summer, cooper's test, 100's or mile, intervals, Manchester united workout, or practice running late - into all hours of the night! That is, for high school at least. I wish the underclassmen the best of luck in the coming years and I will be back to see some of the games. And, I, Marcia Voigt, hereby leave not being able to drive during soccer season to Casey Niper! - **Marcia**

This season has been so much fun! I honestly couldn't have asked for a better senior year. All of you have made this season so special and so rewarding. Even though I was injured for like ... ever, I'm so glad I finally got the opportunity to play with you all again. The chemistry this team has both on and off the field is unbelievable. I'll never forget the game in overtime vs. Watchung Hills, or when Murph took the direct kick that ended up in the back of the net, and of course, the many pasta parties we had and the memories we take from them, including my mom making enough fettucini alfredo to feed an army. You girls mean the world to me, and you always will. I love you all and wish everyone the best of luck next year, whether it's college, or a few more rounds of preseason :) - **Niki**

This year has been so much fun and I can't believe it is almost over! I loved going to fruity after our practices and games and seeing whose yogurt weighed the most and of course I loved being tripped by EK and AV every day during warm-up! I am going to miss Alyssa screaming PASTA PARTY and then being yelled at to pick up all the pennies and her singing This is Me before every game. And all my jobs from our superstitions like moving the cone during our game warm-up. I'm going to miss catching Casey and Danny dancing awkwardly! And of course driving Tarca to pasta parties where she would laugh the whole time! This year has created so many memories starting with the Flash, and I'm going to miss everyone so much next year! All Heart, **JD** aka ALL UNIVERSE!!!

There is so much to say about this team. Everyone is so funny, talented, and friendly. Everyday someone is always laughing and making everyone else laugh with them. We get our work done, and have fun too its so great! I am so lucky to have been a part of this team this year, it has had to be one of the best experiences of my life. I wish everyone next year the best of luck and I just hope that they keep up the tradition of winning but more importantly having fun. -- **Stephanie**

Hey everybody, I can't believe that it is finally senior year!!! Everyone was so nice too when it all started sophomore year. There were many laughs and jokes. Winning counties on that rainy freezing cold night. Then last year winning conference!! Now this year with conference in our reach. All of the summer camps together were the best no matter how bad the training was we would all jam pack into one room and have a blast. I will never forget the great jokes of mission kim and Alyssa's great impressions of people. WE ROCK! Now that I'm a senior I will pass along my rocking out in cars to Kate. You better teach the art of dance driving and singing no matter how high the melody goes. I will miss the very young but like a senior, Nips. You will finally not have to get the balls, pinnies or whatever. The rest of the juniors and sophomores better do well. Murph and Maddie keep up the fantastic pasta parties. I will miss everyone. Good luck next year!!!! Win some free stuff!! Love, **Kristin**



### ALEXIS JACOBSON - STATISTICIAN

One of the great things about this program is the real sense of family that exists with each varsity team. Every year, the teams change, but this model remains constant. And in a family, everyone contributes. Although Alexis wasn't on the field contributing, she is an important member of our family. I go way back with Alexis as a player. I was her coach and trainer as a youth player. When she informed me of her decision to stop playing soccer, I felt saddened by the fact that she wouldn't be around any more. But then, when she indicated to me that she still wanted to be a part of the program and team, I was so ecstatic.

Again, I think this speaks to the wonderful place that this program is in the lives of these girls. And it is because of kids like Alexis which make Montgomery Girls Soccer so special. I wanted to take this time, Alexis, to thank you for your commitment and devotion both as a player and a statistician. You are truly an amazing girl, and I know you are going to be so successful in the future. You have been a big part of our success this year, and I am so happy that you decided to join for your senior year. You are honored today along with the rest of the 2008 seniors. I wish you all the best, and again, thank you so very much.



Coach Beardsley, Captains Molly Chenot, Alex Vazquez, Marcia Voigt, Ally Mancino and Coach Honold



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### NICOLE DIMEGLIO #21

There have been so many success stories this year. So many amazing moments of which we are all proud. And I know that as I write this, there will be many more wonderful memories. However, one that will forever be etched into my memory was when Niki jumped on the field during the Immacuata game beaming from ear to ear. Her moment had arrived. Niki has been a mainstay with the varsity team for several years now. But, it has been in a role I know she hasn't necessarily wanted. Injury has snatched a lot of time away from Niki's high school career. However, never once did she complain to me. Never once did she say *why me*. She just kept plugging away trying to stay as positive as possible, knowing that her time would come. Ten years ago when I brought the saying "ALL HEART" to Montgomery I never knew it would take on the meaning it does today. Girls as young as eight years old end each one of their practices with yelling the mantra. If there is one player that is a "poster child" for the meaning inherent in those two important words it would be Niki DiMeglio. She is one of the toughest, most courageous players I have ever coached. She is fearless, determined, and passionate. Through these qualities, Niki has shown me that there are things more important than winning and losing. Niki has taught me the importance of slowing down and enjoying the relationships. And I will forever be grateful to her. Tonight, Niki, you walk out on this turf a player. You will hug your mom, and all the difficulties faced both on the field and off will fade away into the night. And you will be left a player on the Montgomery Girls Soccer team. Thank you not only for all you have given to Montgomery Girls Soccer. But, thank you for all you have given me.

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**KRISTIN KAUFMANN #18**

Kristin is a perfect example of what this 2008 team has been all about. She is the embodiment of a great teammate. She is always positive. Always looking to build someone up. And when an opportunity presents itself on the field she is more than ready to contribute. Kristin has given everything she has to Montgomery Girls Soccer, and I would like to thank her for that. She has battled injury. She has played many new and different positions. And never once has she complained. It is about the team with Kristin, and this has always impressed me about Kristin. From a soccer standpoint, Kristin understands the game of soccer very well. She knows what to do in many situations. This clarity allows her to think several steps ahead and allows her not to put herself in difficult situations. Kristin strikes the ball as well as anyone on this team and when given a little space to strike she can knock the cover off the ball. There have been several times during Kristin's career when she has been asked to jump on the field in a moment's notice, give us some time, and then come off. Kristin has done this successfully every time asked of her. This has brought me to trust her a great deal. I know I can count on Kristin to help this team in anyway. I think this is my highest compliment for her. She has a great personality and is always grounded in the situation. One of the things I have observed over the years is how much Kristin's teammates love her. It is so obvious. And they love her for all the right reasons. For all the reasons I talked about above. I know Kristin is going to do amazing things in the future because of the person she is. I hope she will look fondly back on her time in this program and remember it with pride. Thanks for everything, Kristin. I wish you all the best.



**MARCIA VOIGT # 20**

One of the toughest aspects of being a high school coach is saying goodbye to your seniors. It is something I have struggled with each year. Coaching Marcia these four years has meant a great deal to me. And it will be such a difficult reality coaching her for the last game. I have seen her develop into a soccer player. Not just a great athlete. But, a soccer player. Because of the culture of competitive sports and specialization, the total athlete is rare commodity. Marcia is one of the most gifted athletes I have ever coached. But, she hasn't relied just on being a great athlete these four years. Marcia has worked so hard to develop as a soccer player. Marcia is again one of many players I have asked to move positions. She primarily played wide midfield in previous years and this year has brilliantly made the transition into one of two attacking center midfield positions. Marcia has really shown a great ability to come out of the midfield and finish chances. She has scored and set up quite a number of important goals. And she like Emily has really worked on the defensive side to her game. With choosing to place Marcia and Emily in the midfield I needed them to work on their defensive personality. I always knew Marcia could attack and create on the offensive side of the ball. But, I am so proud of what she has brought to our central midfield. To play center midfield you have to be tough. You have to have a balance of blue collar work ethic and grace under pressure. There has to exist a balance of warrior mentality and exquisite skill. Marcia has brought both of these qualities to our center midfield. One of the things I do from time to time throughout the year is, with the captains, I talk about how they can improve their leadership qualities. How they can get even more out of their teammates. Marcia always seems to be listening and learning. Whether it is one of these conversations about leadership or going over a scout of a future opponent, Marcia is absorbing the information. This coachability, I believe, is the reason she invests so much in this, is that she is always looking for a competitive edge. And this is one of the main reasons she has been so successful in Montgomery Girls Soccer. Marcia has such a quiet resolve. A quiet belief in herself that evokes such confidence and determination. It is a rare quality in high school athletes to have a sense of confidence and belief, and at the same time, be open and willing to grow and get even better. Marcia, there is a reason that you have done nothing but win in this program. Some players just have an ability to make those around them even better. I believe you are one of those players. From your freshman year, when you came off the bench to ignite our forward line against Ridge in the Sectional Final to now as a senior captain; you have been a constant example of consistency. Thanks you for all your hard work and commitment to Montgomery Girls Soccer. I wish you all the best in the coming years.



### ALEX VAZQUEZ #9

It is almost hard for me to write this about Alex because I have so many emotions for the player and person she is. As a high school coach of 10 years, I have been very lucky to be surrounded by great kids. Not great players necessarily, but great kids. The kind of kids that you remember long after they have graduated. The kind of kids that out of nowhere drop you an email and all the memories you have had with them come flooding back. Alex Vazquez is the epitome of this type of kid. Few players can say that they have had a direct impact on changing a path of a program in one swift moment in time. Alex can. On September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005, a Tuesday evening, a young, dark haired freshman stepped on to Cougar Stadium and with her golden left foot completely changed the direction of Montgomery Girls Soccer and catapulted us to the upper echelons of New Jersey girls soccer. Alex's goal against Ridge is burned into my memory, along with so many other triumphant moments we have changed. Ever since that goal, Montgomery Girls Soccer has been regarded at one of the premier programs in the state; in fact we haven't been out of the Top 15 in the state since she scored that goal. Yes, it has been an incredibly run since that second game in 2005. But, it started much earlier than that. It started in those years when Molly, Alex, and I would be out working with the ball and I was immediately struck with this little girls' ability to hit a ball. I remember coaching Alex with the Flash and on Monday mornings, after a Sunday game, she would come to my classroom and just stand there. She wouldn't say much. In fact, she said nothing. She just stood there watching me get my classroom ready for the day. And then I would bring up the game or soccer and her face would light up and she would begin to express herself. Soccer has always been Alex's sanctuary. It has been her place to express herself and showcase her talents for everyone to admire. It is just so difficult for me to wrap my head around the fact that Alex is a senior and will be leaving this program and Montgomery Girls Soccer forever. It is hard to miss the tremendous grace and intensity with which Alex plays. Her ability to play any position on the field speaks to her incredible technical dimension and her pace. There have been so many times these four years when Alex has gotten the ball in the attacking third and I have quite literally stopped breathing because I knew I was about to witness magic. And her ball striking is utterly unmatched. More than once, I have found myself screaming *YIKES* in absolute disbelief of how hard Alex strikes a ball. Alex is a born goal scorer. A player who craves the moment to win a game. Few players have this quality to their play. In fact, I always cringe a little when I move Alex further away from the goal she is attacking. I know very well that at any moment this girl can carve someone up and get in. The legacy Alex will leave is that she will be regarded as one of the most dynamic, total soccer players we have ever seen. Her speed, her finesse, her creativity, and her ability to finish have separated her from the pack. It has been so great watching Alex lead this team with her play. I remember talking to her at a preseason meeting and she was concerned that with everything that went into various decisions I made this summer that we weren't going to be able to pull it together. I remember saying that could happen. But, we aren't going to allow that. We have you. Alex, for a long, long time I have believed in you so much. I have seen you question yourself and your own abilities. And each time you do this, you prove to yourself how amazing you are. There is greatness in you. And I have seen it for years. No matter what you do or where you end up in the future. Always know that there is greatness in you. Thank you for everything you have done to create and sustain such a great program. You have committed yourself to this program, and I will be forever grateful. I hope you always know how much you meant to me.



### EMILY KNESEVITCH #3

Every year brings new stories and new memories. And the players are the creators of these stories and memories. Emily has written one of the most memorable and lasting stories Montgomery Girls Soccer has ever seen. And it is a story I will never forget. Since fifth or sixth grade I have been Emily's soccer trainer and coach. I can still remember and see in my mind that fiery, emotionally-charged forward with her head-band on running over girls. She would question every call the referee made against us. And I instantly knew this girl was going to be one of my favorites! However, it didn't happen overnight. Emily's evolution to becoming one of the premier players in the area has taken hard work, sacrifice, endurance, and patience. When Emily got hurt at the end of her sophomore year, I knew the knee injury could change her forever. And it did change Emily. It changed her for the better. Emily worked so hard to rehab and strengthen her knee. I think during those tough months of physical therapy Emily learned a lot about herself. And the time away from the game completely reinforced how she was born to play this game. And when she emerged her junior year, she was a force. That force evolved and has become even more powerful this year. Emily is one of about seven girls that I have asked to play a new position. For her entire career, Emily has played striker, and has been responsible for scoring goals and setting up goals. This year's transformation into the midfield has showcased Emily as the complete soccer player. Not only can she score goals, Emily scores big goals. Not only has she demonstrated that she can thread a needle with a beautiful penetrating pass. But, she has shown she can defend with the best of them. That she can run all day long. Emily has shown that she can win duels in the midfield. That she can play in tight spaces with limited time. All these attributes were somewhat question marks coming into the season. And Emily has answered them time and time again. Emily from Day 1 of preseason has demonstrated such a focus and desire to absolutely accomplish every single goal she has set for herself. Every single game Emily does something that impresses me and makes me more and more proud of the player she has become. I have talked in depth to Emily about her being the engine of the team. That her emotional play fuels this team and often our entire level goes up when Emily's level goes up. I thought this was really exemplified in the second Watching Hills game where the entire team found another level in overtime and pulled out one of the best wins of the season. It was Emily's voice demanding more from herself and her teammates. Em-, your fierce play, your competitiveness, and your spirit has made such a difference this year. You have evolved into a truly complete player. I am so proud to have been around for your senior year. I know how badly you wanted this. Thank you for playing with so much emotion. You have been so much fun to coach and watch.

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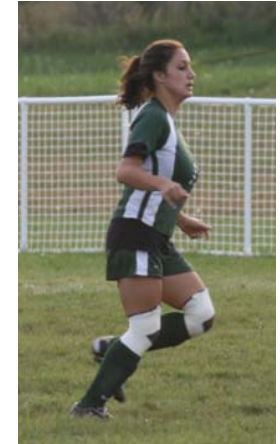


**ALLY MANCINO GK / #5**

Four years ago when I wrote Lindsay Van Houten's senior write-up, my mind raced about who was going to fill the void of the best goalkeeper this program had ever seen. I was well aware of this freshman girl named Ally Mancino who had the intensity and desire of a true champion. Four years later, Ally has minded our goal and has done nothing but win championship after championship. She has cemented a legacy of goalkeeping in this program which will forever regard her as the best keeper we have ever had. It is so amazing how fast these four years have gone. I still vividly remember starting her in the first game of the 2005 season and subbing her half way through the second half. She ran up, gave me a huge high-five with a smile from ear to ear. From that moment on, I really never had to worry about the position again. Ally's resume and statistics are absolutely unreal. Her career Goals Against Average and Shutout average are off the charts. However, Ally would be the first person to acknowledge that she has played behind some of the best players in the state. And so though they are Ally's accomplishments, in so many ways they are also the program's accomplishments. The goalkeeping position in women's soccer is a critical position to a team's success. To have for four years such an accomplished and celebrated goalkeeper is a big reason why we have been so successful. But, it isn't the shutouts and great saves that I will remember most about Ally. It isn't her Goals Against Average that I will remember years from now. It won't be the dynamic shot-stopping quality to her goalkeeping. What I think is Ally's greatest strength is her enduring passion for the game of soccer. There are few players I have coached who have such a fierce love for the game. Ally places each and every game like it is her last. This emotional quality to her play can be heard literally miles away! It is hard for me to imagine looking back at our goal and not hear Ally barking out orders, organizing her defense, and motivating her teammates. In addition to her stellar goalkeeping, Ally will go down in history as one of the most efficient goal-scorers we have ever had! One shot....One goal! But, again, the enthusiasm and excitement with which she trains and plays will forever stay with me. Ally, I remember you like yesterday as one of my sixth grade students. I can't believe that here you are being honored at Senior Night. Thank you for all your work and dedication to this program. I know you have sacrificed a lot, made decisions that were sometimes difficult, and made Montgomery Girls Soccer a priority. Yes, you hold many records in this program. And yes, once this season is over, you will be regarded as the best that ever stepped in our goal. But, what I want you to know is that I will forever admire and appreciate your self-confidence and your self-belief. These two qualities combined with your passion for the game will forever be remembered in this program. Thank you.

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**STEPHANIE UVA #17**

It is a rare occasion that I have not seen a smile on Stephanie Uva's face. What an incredible energy and spirit she has brought to this program. I am so happy that Stephanie decided to come out this year and be a member of the 2008 Girls Soccer team. She has brought so much to this team. Stephanie gives everything she has in training. One of the great things this year was watching Stephanie during preseason practice, battling and fighting and competing. During fitness test she wanted to badly to pass. This determination and self drive has allowed Stephanie to succeed in so many facets of her life. Stephanie has won the respect and adoration of her teammates. This is something that I truly believe is special. When you care so much and when you work so hard people respect that. And this team looks at Stephanie as someone with very special character qualities. Indeed these qualities transcend soccer and sports. This was really exemplified when the bench erupted at Immaculata when Stephanie scored her first varsity goal. I know Stephanie will bring this passion and energy to everything she does in the future. I have said a number of times that as head coach of this program I get caught up in aspects of the game that must be in order to allow us to produce a team that will go out and compete every single day. Sometimes, this fierce dedication and commitment I have interferes with enjoying the simple things this game can give you. In Stephanie every day attitude and devotion to her teammates, she celebrates what it means to play high school sports and being a member of something bigger than ourselves. Stephanie taught me this. And I am very thankful for that. I hope she will always hold on to the wonderful memories she has created during her career.

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### MADISON SMITH #24

This year has been an incredible year for Madison. I am so pleased and proud that she has had this opportunity to step up and compete at the varsity level. Madison has done a great job in providing significant depth in a position where we really needed people to step up. Playing wide midfield in the system we play is very demanding both physically and tactically. Madison's ability to get forward as well as get back to lend support to our back line has proved to be a huge reason why we have been so successful this year. Each year, I have observed growth in Madison's development. And now, in her senior campaign, she is making the most of every moment. Madison's ability to strike the ball is fantastic. She has great technique and power and indeed is one of our best ball-strikers on the entire team. It is interesting to think how this season might be different if she didn't score that big goal away at Watchung. Indeed, Madison helped launch the season off in the right direction. It has been a great couple of years having Madison in the program. She has grown and evolved her play. She has learned how to play at a fast speed; the speed that competitive varsity soccer demands from today's players. And I am so happy that Madison has had this opportunity to help contribute to the varsity team. Thank you Madison for all your work for Montgomery Girls Soccer. I hope you always look back at your time in this program and know that through your hard work and perseverance you reached a place where you helped contribute to the varsity team. It is a memory I hope you always hold on to.

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### LEXI SIMON #22

A common theme that has been running through my comments for this year's 2008 senior class has been success stories. In all my years of coaching, Lexi Simon might be the most meaningful and significant success story I have ever be fortunate enough to be a part of. When I approached Lexi about my decision and confidence in my decision to move her to the center back position in my three back system, I could see in her eyes the look of a winner. She knew the great center backs that have come before her and she knew that, in this system, the center back was the most vital member of our defensive personality. And I saw in her eyes a look of hunger and desire to keep the tradition of excellence going. As everyone has seen this year, it is a tribute to Lexi's hard work, determination, willingness to learn, and a fierce competitive nature that has allowed her to be so very successful. After losing our entire back line to graduation, it was priority number one to first identify a potential candidate to fill the center back position and then find two girls to work around her. Lexi never once played center back in a game before this year. In fact, she never played in the back. Her personality as a soccer player has always been more of an attacking nature. But, I saw in her an ability to play the center back position with confidence and poise. I also was very resolute in knowing that Lexi would embrace this decision and take it very seriously because of the tradition of excellence so many of our backline players have exemplified. Another important aspect to the position is a deep tactical understanding of the game. A soccer intelligence. And Lexi has developed a keen ability to read the flow of the game and place herself in the right place at the right time. Moreover, she has developed and nurtured a profound relationship with Alyssa and Casey; thus creating three girls who seem to play as one. This relationship indeed has produced one of the most successful three backs in the program's history. Lexi is another, of many of these seniors, that I have been luck enough to be a part of their early youth development. Lexi's technical ability has been the most important part of her rise as a player. This again was a deciding factor in the move to the back. Lexi, for a long time I knew you could play at this level. That you could contribute and be a significant part of this varsity experience. You have battled a lot of various injuries in your career. But, your moment has arrived. And you are showing to the entire world what hard work, perseverance, and self belief can do. I wanted this so badly for you. My hope is that once the season is behind us and you have time to reflect on your senior year, you know how proud you have made me, your family, your teammates, and this tradition.