

Deerfield Captures 3rd place at 12 team New Trier Tournament

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Match 1 – New Trier Trevians

Deerfield battled the host school to a 0-0 tie in the first game of the 12 team CSL tournament held at New Trier. Both teams had several good scoring opportunities including a wicket shot by Payton Shull that caused the Trevian goalkeeper to make a sprawling save. But, it was Deerfield that produced two key defensive plays that saved the day. First, Jude Tatham cleared a ball off the line near post on a corner kick cross and second, goalkeeper Ryan Grady denied New Trier a sure goal on a penalty kick as he saved a shot on frame that most certainly would have gone in without his heroics.

Match 2 – Maine East Blue Demons

Despite conceding the first goal in this game on what appeared to be a dangerous play by the Blue Demons on goalkeeper Ryan Grady, Deerfield stormed back to take a 2-1 lead at halftime. Nikita Bankevich scored his 23rd goal of the season on a beautiful through ball by fellow striker Noah Braunstein. Later in the first half, Bankevich was taken down in the box, and Jeff Lehrman converted the ensuing PK. There was no scoring in the second half and Deerfield picked up eight tournament points in the win.

Match 3 – Niles West Wolves

With the score tied 0-0 at halftime, Deerfield shocked the Wolves with a flurry of goals in the game's final 15 minutes. Cole Kaplan scored two goals and Nikita Bankevich scored one in the exciting second half. Assists were credited to Sam Dubois, Payton Shull and Jude Tatham. With another shutout victory, Deerfield picked up ten tournament points which was good enough to send the Warriors into the top championship bracket!

Match 4 – Waukegan Bulldogs

In the semi-finals of the championship bracket, Deerfield was overwhelmed by the precision and speedy passing of the Waukegan Bulldogs and succumbed 2-0 in a game in which Deerfield was able to do very little. Nonetheless, Deerfield placed third in the tournament, their highest finish ever!

Congratulations to the Deerfield boy's freshman soccer team which finished with an overall record of 14 wins, 4 losses and 2 ties. Overall, it was the best season since 2008. Also, Deerfield won the Northshore shootout tournament and finished in second place in the CSL North Division. Good luck in your future soccer careers, boys!

