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A TIME TO RECOVER

Referee Suffers Heart Attack During Game

AT 7 p.m., Oct. 4, THE CLOCK STOPPED.

The game was tied with an imminent penalty kick, but the crowd was silent. Instead of shouting, they stared in stunned silence as James Drake, father of senior Tyler Drake, and Coach Chris Steinmetz pumped referee Jim Duniven's chest to restart his heart. The players, in shock, were trying to connect the excitement of the game a few seconds before with the man lying on the field.

The varsity soccer team was playing at Lindbergh H.S. when Duniven unexpectedly had a heart attack toward the end of the game.

"Nobody would have guessed," Tyler said. "He was running up and down the field; he was fine. The next second he was lying facedown on the ground. At first I thought he tripped. I wasn't sure what was going on. But the way he fell straight down to the ground--he didn't try to catch himself or any-

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-Tyler Drake, senior

thing-- something was wrong."

Just a few hours before, Duniven was standing on the sidelines telling Coach Chris Steinmetz his wife was recording a Rams game he hoped to watch later.

"One second everything I cared about was the game. It was the end point, and I was nervous about the game. The next second, I didn't care about the game at all. I pushed that out of my head, and I was just praying for [Duniven] and his family," Tyler said.

The teams from Lindbergh and Kirkwood recited a few Hail Marys and fell silent, each player lost in their own thoughts.

"Right after we gained consciousness of what had happened, we formed a prayer circle," Lee Torack, junior, said. "Everything seemed to be going by so much slower. It seemed to take an eternity to pass by."

While Lee stared at nothing in particular, Tyler spent the moment watching neither the ground nor a pinpoint in space, but watching his father, who was a doctor, performing chest compressions on Duniven.

"I saw him out there, and when I saw him doing chest compressions, that's when it really hit me what was going on, and I got pretty scared," Tyler said. "When he walked away from [Duniven], I left the prayer circle, and I gave him a hug. When I asked what was going on, He said that it didn't look good."

The bus ride home was full of a numb silence as the team tried to come to terms with what had just happened.

"Nobody was saying anything. Everybody was keeping to themselves. Every once in awhile a person would pat another guy on the shoulder. I don't think anybody on the team slept well that night," Jonn Klinger, senior, said.

The players met the next morn-

ing, and the coaches told them that Duniven passed. The coaches offered counselor's names, and then the team straggled out to go to their classes. For the rest of the day, they were tense and solemn as they tried to avoid reliving the events of the previous night. Four days later, the players attended Duniven's visitation.

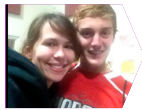
"[The visitation] was right after a game we won, so it was weird going from that feeling of 'Yes, we got that win,' to relive that night. [Going to the visitation] was kind of nice, but also it was a bittersweet thing," John said.

The referee's death gave the team a new perspective on life.

"It really makes you think. You don't know when one person is going to be there and the next second they're gone. It gives you a second glance on life," John said.

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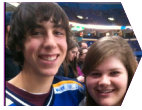
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ARMS AROUND EACH OTHER, players on both Kirkwood and Lindbergh's team came together in prayer, Oct. 4. The game was interrupted when Duniven, the referee, suddenly collapsed due to a heart attack. "The bus ride home was quiet," Tyler Currie, junior, said. "The atmosphere was sober and fearful of what may happen to the ref."

Check out [thekirkwoodcall.com](http://www.thekirkwoodcall.com) for more information about Jim Duniven



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FALLING TO THE GROUND, Fabio Sanchez, senior, lunges for the ball in a game, Oct. 8. This was Fabio's first year playing Kirkwood soccer. "High school soccer here is bigger than in Columbia," Fabio said. "My teammates were awesome people, too."

CELEBRATING HIS TEAMMATE'S GOAL, Patrick Mahoney, senior, gives Andrew Phillips, senior, a congratulatory pat on the back, Sept. 13. After four years of Kirkwood soccer, Patrick was excited to end his high school career on a positive note. "We left it all out [on the field] our senior year," Patrick said. "[The season] was by far the best I've had at Kirkwood."

from outside the turf Select Teams

» "The attitude at select is a lot more serious because we all have certain goals and the style of play is more defined. It's rewarding because you can get medals and trophies. There's more team bonding, and even though you don't go to school with [the players], you get to know them really well as a teammate and as a person."

- Steven Bregande, junior

"Even though we don't practice everyday, it's a much greater commitment, and the competition is a lot bigger. It's a really good experience and you end up knowing a variety of kids from every school."

- Jay Travis, junior

"For select, we go out of town a lot and the team becomes like a family. I got to improve my skills and work to the next level in my soccer career."

- Andrew Phillips, senior

"Select is more of a job, and high school is more for fun. There are a bunch of colleges at most of the games and you have to play your best all of the time."

- Marcus Griggs, junior



Varsity boys' soccer

"Everybody plays on the same level, and usually people know the game better. The only downside is that it costs a lot and some people take it too seriously. It's a really good experience and it made me a better player."

- Clayton Shead, senior

"Select soccer is much more serious than Kirkwood soccer; you are playing with people who are paying to be where they are. You get to learn in different atmospheres."

- Madison Baer, senior



Madison Baer, senior



Andrew Phillips, senior



John Carter, junior

Webster Beatdown

The weather was clear and not too cold as KHS's stands slowly filled up for the game in which the varsity soccer team played their longtime rival, Webster. There were more Webster fans than KHS fans in the crowd, and they were loud.

"They were there, and it was like, 'Ah, they have more fans than we do, but that's fine. We still have the energy to win the game, and our fan base was still extremely awesome.'" Madison Baer, senior, said. "It was different from other home games."

The first half of the game was close, as it had been in previous years. At halftime the game was 2-1, KHS.

"It was intense in the first half," Eric McWoods, junior, said. "It was pretty back and forth. We came down, we scored, then scored again and then all of a sudden Webster scored a goal. We were going toward halftime, and it was great. It was a one goal lead, and anything could happen."

But suddenly, just after halftime, the balance shifted. Kirkwood scored a goal within the first six

minutes and kept scoring.

"It has always been a close game against them, so I don't know what happened there. For some reason, Webster was on their heels and we came out blazing and put away a few more goals," Andrew Phillips, senior, said. "It was nice and not as stressful. The rest of the goals were insurance, and [scoring] gets easier and easier because the other team starts to lay back and give up."

The game ended 6-1, Kirkwood. It had been years since Kirkwood pounded Webster instead of fighting a close game that was often won in the last few minutes or in overtime.

"The game was on our home field, and we didn't want to lose for all of our fans because they came out there and supported us. Plus, it's Webster. Everybody wants to destroy Webster," Eric said. "You don't want to let up on them because of the huge rivalry. You just want to keep on going and going, and you give it your all. That's what we did, and we ended up beating them."

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