

Relive It



"My favorite game of the entire season was our first out of state game against Liberal, Kansas. It was one of our first games of the season and we weren't very prepared. It was also super hot the whole time. They had one player named Mike; he was a really good player and so it was good that we got to play him. It really helped us improve. Liberal is a 6A school and we're only 3A so it was a really different game. It was definitely my favorite game though because I got 22 saves. That's my career high and now I'm ranked 2nd in the state for saves."

Juan Canales, junior



Junior Cristian Gameros takes the ball away from one of Atlas Prep's defenders. Gameros is a defender, and has played soccer all three years he's been in high school. "The team gets better with every game," Gameros said. "Especially moving the ball around the field." *Photo by Azaelia Maestas*



Growth.

Soccer players learn to become united as one

This year's soccer season had its ups and downs, but one thing is for sure, the team grew together and overcame all difficulties.

Junior Rafael Chavez thinks that despite internal conflicts, the team learned from mistakes and is now better off.

"We got a lot more connected this season," Chavez said. "We're brothers now, not teammates."

Junior Cristian Gameros agrees saying, "The team grew a lot, we communicated more and played more as a team. We got to know each other better and the styles we each play with."

Junior and team captain Isaiah LaTour also agrees with Chavez and Gameros.

"We all learned how to fight through the adversity of the season," LaTour said.

This season the soccer team made it to state for the second year in a row, a highlight of the season that can be attributed to the great teamwork and effort put in by the players.

Each player has expectations for next season, such as going further in the playoffs, and each player works differently to achieve this goal.

Gameros competes in Garden City, KS, Denver, CO, and other big cities in order to prepare himself for the next high school season.

"The most important thing is that we learned from mistakes," Chavez said. "Now we can keep working and get ready for next year."

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During a game against Alamosa, senior Dylan Vallejos throws the ball in. This was Lamar's first game of the season, starting with a win. "My goal is that we make the playoffs," Vallejos said. "We need to keep winning."

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Trying to get the ball to one of the forwards, senior Jaime Vazquez kicks the ball. Vazquez The Savages played Pueblo County. "As a team we just need to work on more communication," Vazquez said.

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"I wanted the number 7, but someone already took it so I took 21 because it's 7 times 3."

Cyrus Madrid, freshman

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"It was the only jersey that fit me because they were all really small."

Drew Chamberlain, junior



As he kicks the ball, junior Isaiah LaTour tries to get the ball up to the mid-fielders. This was LaTour's first year playing soccer; he was a defender on varsity. "I love being on defense," LaTour said. "I like getting to take the ball away." Photo by Katie Emick