

## Black River Middle School Boys Soccer

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The middle school boys soccer team is performing very well this year despite the crazy rain causing the cancellation of games and practices. The boys team is 15 members strong this year and are learning and playing tough soccer. The boys are currently holding a record of 3 wins against West Rutland, Weathersfield, and Leland & Gray, 1 Tie in an epic battle against Flood Brook. We also have booked 4 losses but if you don't lose you don't learn. Nothing is easy....

Black River has been strong in the back field with the use of 3 goalies this year Rye Greineder who has a shut out booked against Leland & Gray. Matt Bickford who shut out West Rutland. And new to the goal this year Jonah Farrow who had his first goal tending appearance in an ironman match against Weathersfield. Our goalies have stopped 3 penalty kicks this year as well and are continuing to work hard learning this position.

Our core defense has consistently been Austin Rebetz stepping up big this year as our sweeper with his speed and fearless play for the ball. Taylor Gilmore and Matt Bickford shutting down the outside runs and doing a great job marking up players and containing them reducing the threats of quality shots by the opponents offense. Jonah Farrow is working hard trying to learn the position of stopper, marking up on opponent's dangerous center linemen. He has also been our go to person on corner kicks in which we have been able to capitalize on and score some goals.

Black River Midfielders begin with Ethan Vanguilder controlling the center and distributing the ball to the front line. Ben DeCota, Ryan Ahonen, Dayne Greineder, and Earle Brown have been up to the challenge of half back as well each scoring goals or assisting in the scoring of goals. Alden Livingston had a short stint on the injured reserve list for an ankle injury suffered in a game against Leland & Gray but is and stepping up.

Front Linemen Sam Farrow, Ian Miller, Aaron Miller, Thomas Woodard, and Sullivan Miele have worked hard on the front line trying to push the ball through the opponents defense. Ian Miller has had 3 break a ways this year and Aaron Miller has made some great distributing passes through the defense. Sullivan is catching up to speed going to the ball hard, now that he has recovered from an early season injury. Thomas is working well getting the ball outside, crossing the ball and taking shots on goal,

**Goal Scorers thus far:** Sam Farrow, Ryan Ahonen, Thomas Woodard, Earle Brown, Dayne Greineder and Ethan VanGuilder

**Goal Assists thus far:** Ben Decota, Taylor Gilmore, Thomas Woodard, Ethan VanGuilder, Jonah Farrow

**Defensive Goal Saves:** Taylor Gilmore, Austin Rebetz, Matt Bickford

There is plenty of soccer left to play and I expect these guys to keep performing better each game. As you can see there is a good variety of talent on this team and all players are contributing well. Keep up the good work...