

## **SOCCER MELTING POT**

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All athletes will agree with me when I say that all sports take heart. It does not matter the sport as long as you keep at it. The team this year in my opinion showed heart and determination. This year's team was very young we had only three seniors including myself. The rest of the players are in lower grades and will have time to adjust to the new team.

In my opinion this year overall was a step in the right direction and no reason to be discouraged. Defeat often becomes the seed of victory. A good example of this is the 2008 Euro Cup when Spain won a beautiful victory over Russia. This was the first time in forty years Spain had won.

I hope that all of Woodlawn's soccer players will turn out again next year. Speaking of the soccer's team roster, it is as internationally diverse as any I have ever seen. We have representatives from Russia, Mexico, Panama, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nigeria and a few others, so needless to say we have a cultural and lingual melting pot.

These younger Woodlawn players are going to be the seed of next year's soccer empire. As a giant oak tree starts from a single acorn, the Woodlawn soccer program will use these young players to start next year with a competitive edge on all the other schools. I have had a great senior year of soccer and we will witness the victories Woodlawn soccer delivers next year.

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