



1998 Boys Soccer Team
Div. I Central Sectional Champions
MIAA Div. 1 State Finalist

Under the direction of Coach Rob Pearl, the 1998 Boys Soccer team had high aspirations for the upcoming season. After finishing the previous campaign with a record of 12-3-2 and a second straight exit from tournament play in the district semi-finals, Pearl felt the team had both the veteran talent and the drive to take home a championship.

Co-captains Jeff Rogers and goalie Jason Sullo, who was named Midland-Wachusett League MVP as a junior, led a talented group of returning seniors- fullbacks Mike Zacchilli, Jack Loftus and Sean Devendorf; midfielder Artie Pirperis and wings Steve Fraga and Anderson Carvalho. The team also featured returning junior starters Mike Cabral at left wing, Jeff Morais at right wing, center halfback Trevor Walker and sweeper Matt Young. A deep and talented roster of underclassmen- juniors Shaun Parkin, Dom Napoli, Mike Otlin, Neil Callahan, Chris LourencoP and Tim Pinto, and sophomores Andy Purtell and Brian Kelly- helped propel the team to a 12-1-3 regular season record, handing two-time defending Mid-Wach League Champion Wachusett it's only loss of the season, and securing a second-seed in the Div. I Central Tournament.

During their tournament run, the Scarlet Hawks used an explosive offense and a stifling defense to capture the team's first Div. I Championship ever. Wins over Tantasqua (5-1), St. John's (2-1) and Worcester South (5-0) earned the squad a date with Ludlow in the state semi-finals. Mike Cabral's three goal effort resulted in a 4-2 victory, and propelled the team to the Div. I State Finals against Marshfield HS. Despite a gallant effort, Milford dropped a 3-1 contest to the Rams, who finished with an unblemished record of 23-0.

Mike Cabral (21 goals, 10 assists) and Jeff Morais (12 goals, 10 assists) led the team in scoring, and Jason Sullo earned Central Mass. Tournament MVP honors in goal as the team completed the most successful soccer season in MHS history.