

The Central Experience

The Hinsdale Central soccer experience has the potential to be incredibly rewarding and fulfilling regardless of the level played or the position held in the program. Over the years, many student-athletes have participated in Hinsdale's rich athletic tradition as a part of the boys' soccer program, coming back to visit with and speaking to our athlete's of today's program. These alumni are the very strength that our players take with them each year into the playoffs, as we remember the voices who echo the PRIDE and TRADITION we know as **THE CENTRAL EXPERIENCE**.



Clay Novak

"My time playing at Central had a greater impact on my life than I ever anticipated. The loyalty, personal determination, team building skills, and leadership traits that have become the cornerstone of my military career were established while playing at Hinsdale for Coach Dick Flesher. The friendships, memories, and love for the game built during practices and games are still with me today."

~Lieutenant Colonel Clay Novak, Team Captain, Class of '91

"I hope that kids coming into Central see the caliber of program that you have put together and have the desire to be a part of a unique experience that is truly once in a lifetime."

~ Chris May, Hinsdale Captain (1998)

"Coach Wiggins not only made me a better soccer player, but he helped show me how to be a better leader. Through his guidance, the other captains of the team and I learned how to take responsibility, not only for when the team did well, but for when we fell. He helped teach us that games aren't just won on the field, they're won in practice and preparation. I still remember waking up early on days before big games to inspect the opposing team's field and strategize for the next day. I am truly grateful for the time I was able to have on the Hinsdale Central soccer team under the guidance of Coach Wiggins. I can only hope that future generations of student/athletes at Hinsdale Central will take advantage of the opportunity of playing on such a great team."

~ Raef Chenery, Hinsdale Captain (2002)



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“Playing soccer for Hinsdale Central was one of the greatest times of my young life. The camaraderie and friendships I gained throughout my 4 years in the program is something that I will always cherish. I was lucky enough to be a part of Coach Wiggins' first senior class at Hinsdale Central. I also was lucky enough to score the first annual "Goal of the Year" against Coach's former team, Downers Grove South. As captain of the 2002 conference championship team, I got to work closely with Coach, and first hand got to see what a special coach, and person he is. He inherited a team that had been together for years, and took over for a coach who had been with the program for many, many years. Through his amazing attitude, leadership, and work ethic, Coach Wiggins took our team to the next level and got us all to follow one common goal. Playing for Hinsdale Central, and Coach Wiggins was an experience I will always remember and cherish.”

~Matt Sperry, Hinsdale Captain (2002)



Brian Collins

“During the summer we all kind of got together and wanted to do something special this year (2006). We wanted to be remembered as a good class, a good group of seniors who made an impact on the program, and I think we did.”

~Brian Collins, Hinsdale Captain (2005 & 2006)
