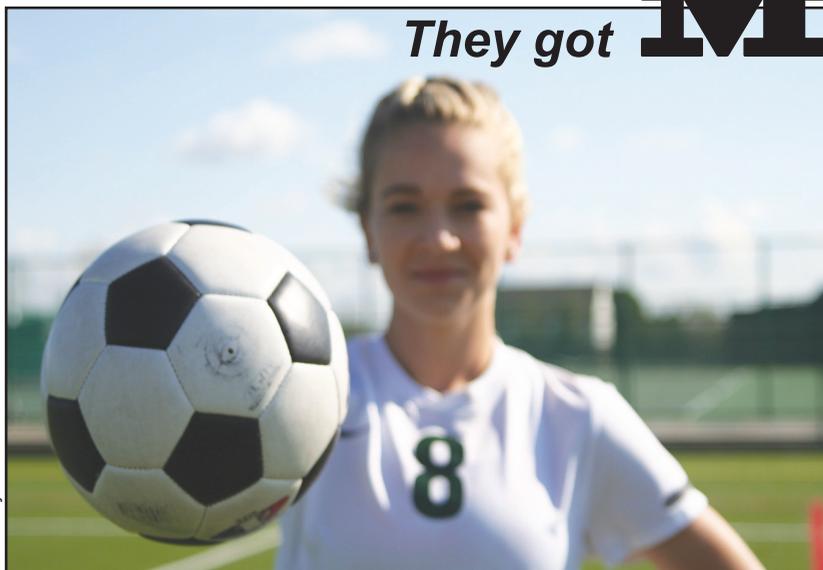
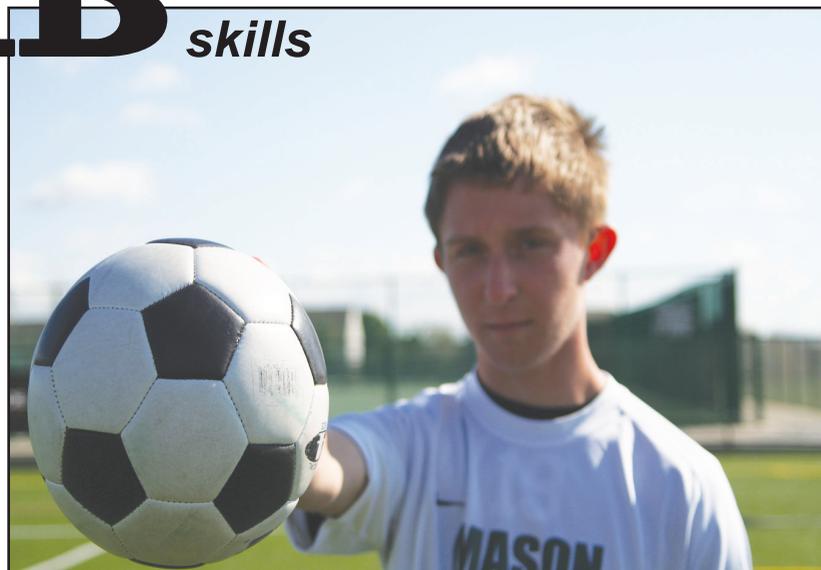


They got **MAD** skills

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Jami Pfeifer and Jack Clark know how to find the back of the net, not only do they lead their respective teams in scoring, they also lead the GMC.



Goal scoring duo has a knack for finding the back of the net

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Girls' varsity soccer player, junior Jami Pfeifer, and boys' varsity soccer player, sophomore Jack Clark, lead the Greater Miami Conference in total points scored. Points are a combination of both assists and goals. Both players have scored over 35 points with Clark leading the way with 47 and Pfeifer with 37.

Clark said he knows that each goal he scores helps his team and this is what he takes the most pride in.

"The best part of scoring a goal for me is knowing that I helped my team take steps toward winning," Clark said.

Pfeifer said that she feels that the best part of scoring is the reaction from teammates.

"The best part of scoring a goal is the motivation that it brings to my team," Pfeifer said. "Celebrating with my teammates and bringing a new sense of motivation is what drives me to score."

According to Clark and Pfeifer, they are both extremely team-oriented players, and credit their success in the GMC to their teammates and coaches.

"Without my coaches and my teammates I would not be in the position I am today," Pfeifer said. "They are

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Jami Pfeifer, junior

the ones who set up the plays and get me the ball so I can do what I am capable [of]."

Clark said that he agrees that it is his teammates who help his success and he is most excited about how the team is doing this fall.

"Our season has been going very well," Clark said. "We've been competing in every game and have been able to pull out some huge wins that have allowed us to be [second in the GMC]."

According to Pfeifer, after watching Clark play, she can see why Clark is at the top of the league in points.

"Jack's speed is unbelievable," Pfeifer said. "His ability to handle the ball at the speed that he can is amazing and something I could take notes on. It is the biggest

reason he is able to score as much as he does."

Clark has also been able to see Pfeifer and was amazed by how well she shoots.

"Jami has one of the best shots that I have seen at the high school level," Clark said.

Pfeifer first started developing her shot when she was just three years old with her brothers in the backyard.

"I first picked up a soccer ball when I was three," Pfeifer said. "My dad started coaching me and at a young age, I fell in love with soccer. I decided that I wanted to try and continue my career as far as possible."

Clark also started soccer at a young age and really pushed to one of the best during offseason workouts with his teammates.

"Much of my success is due to working hard with my teammates during the offseason," Clark said.

Pfeifer said that scoring so many is great individually, but is even better in the ways that it helps their teams.

"I take a lot of pride in scoring," Pfeifer said. "It feels great to lead the league but, the best part if each point I score helps my team get that much closer to winning."

SPORTS COLUMN

Cubs fans hope that former Red Sox General Manager Theo Epstein won't be another Chicago failure



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The Chicago Cubs have shrined themselves around the word "scapegoat," for about 103 years. Or in plain terms, a Cubbies fan's nightmare, the year of 1908.

If you watched the fantastic ESPN Films "Catching Hell," or if you have heard me complain over the years, you know exactly what's going on. The north siders have blamed black cats, players, managers, and one fan, Steve Bartman. You name the excuse and it's most likely been thrown around Wrigley Field at least once.

All Cubs fans want is a world series, and if it doesn't

happen, there's only one choice but blame someone, that's pretty much human nature right there. If they don't win a world series in the next five years, it's simple who the new scapegoat will become, and that is the newly signed general manager Theo Epstein.

He is the former Red Sox hero and the youngest GM to ever win a World Series. Theo means God in Greek — that's a little too much of coincidence, and to Boston fans Epstein was a God.

What I want to know is can he bring his "God" side of him to Chicago, because remember one thing for the Cubbies, big acquisitions become horrible acquisitions.

Baker, Garciparra, Zambrano, Soriano, are a few

names in the last 10 years whose production value is terrible and they still got big contracts.

Epstein has one job right now and that is bring a World Series title to the north side, it won't be easy by all means, the Cubbies aren't that 2004 Red Sox team that Epstein had. This current team needs a lot more work and to be honest the Cubs have a good pay roll (6th in the majors), but that is not what the Sox had when they went on their World Series runs.

Let's say Epstein is not the savior the Cubbies are looking for, what if this whole situation goes hay wire, and more than likely it will (remember the Cubs are cursed), at least there is someone new to blame.