

# **HALSEY ATHLETES IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

## **Girls Varsity Soccer Goes From Rough Start To A Winning Season**

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It was a season to remember. It had a rough start but finished with players improving their skills and winning nine games.

The Elizabeth Girls Varsity Soccer Team ended the 2021 season with a 9-6-2 record. They made it to the second round of the states tournament after winning the first round with an amazing golden goal in the first 20 seconds of overtime.

Vielka Fernandez, (the author of this article) their top scorer, gave the pass to Sasha Nunez for the



Girls senior night vs Roselle Park



golden goal. This moved them on to the second round where they lost, and their season ended.

Two players from the team described what they thought about the season. Goalie Genesis Guzman said, "I think it was pretty fun. We all had fun and I actually felt like a family with my team." Forward Jasmine Pinzon said, "I had the time of my life with them girls. I'm proud to say that's my second family."

This year's team is a great group of girls with a great attitude who are willing to work hard. They will be losing a total of 9 seniors at the end of this year, but there's hope that a crop of new players will help bring fresh talent to the varsity team and a winning season in 2022.

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## **Highlight of EHS Boys Soccer Season, A State Sectional Title Win**

It was a dramatic game as both teams tried to break the 1-1 tie. But in the end, penalty kicks gave the Elizabeth High School Boys Soccer team a 4-3 win over No. 2 Hunterdon Central. This earned them the NJSIAA/Wawa North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 sectional championship.

Halsey's own Cleff Alexis scored the decisive penalty kick that clinched the game for Elizabeth. The win, on November 11th at

Williams Field, capped an impressive season for the team, ranked No. 11 in the NJ.com Top 20.

Despite a heartbreaking loss to Monroe a year ago and a schedule buffeted by the pandemic, the players this year were determined to take their team in a winning direction. And they did. Halsey student Chrystian Calle was one of the key players on the squad, providing the team with 5 goals and 2 assists for the season.



Even though they lost to Kearny in a shootout the following week, these players ended their season with an impressive and hard-won 19-4 record.



## **EHS Football News**

The Elizabeth Varsity Football Team had some solid wins in the middle of their 2021 season. They beat out Watchung Hills Regional, Plainfield, and Hunterdon Central in away and home games. But they had trouble keeping the momentum going. The team ended the season 3-7.

Here is Halsey's Wendell Cadet in action helping the Minutemen defeat Plainfield, 19-18, at home on September 17th.