

Here's the kicker

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Teams and players to keep an eye on during the fall soccer season:

Boys' soccer

Bromfield: Senior Josh Lyvers hopes to lead coach Tom Hill's dynastic bunch (57-5-5 over the past three seasons) back to glory after last year's penalty-kicks loss to Bartlett in the Division 3 Central final.

Concord-Carlisle: Last year's Division 2 state champs welcome back Theo Terris and Ryan Miller to spark title defense.

Dracut: Jimmy Tully - the Merrimack Valley Conference's second-leading goal-scorer as a junior - hopes to navigate the Middies through an unpredictable conference.

Stoneham: Combine the uncertainty surrounding Stoneham sports with last year's blown two-goal lead to Concord-Carlisle in the Division 2 North final, and Jim Carino's always-talented charges won't be lacking in motivation.

Woburn: Three-fourths of the Tanners' New England champion 4-by-400 relay team from spring track will hit the pitch this fall, hoping to dethrone defending Middlesex League champ Lexington.

Girls' soccer

Acton-Boxborough: Save the Colonials a spot on this list for next year, too: Young stars Cassie Wagner (23 goals last year) and Ceci Jensen are juniors, while Hayley Brock is just a sophomore.

Andover: The Golden Warriors' first loss of last season occurred in their first tournament game. Figure this year's crew, behind junior stars Alexandra Bengston and Jessica Morrow, to go further.

Belmont: Paul Graham and his defending Middlesex League champs would like a deeper tournament run this year behind returning All-Scholastic Katie Rausch.

Westford Academy: Expect Tracy Capone's crew, another year older and wiser in front of star goalie A.J. Millet, to give Acton-Boxborough all it can handle in the Dual County League.

Winchester: With Chris Scanlon's 500th win under his belt, look for Winchester's girls - 500-38-52 overall under Scanlon - to quickly begin the charge to 600.

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