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## TWO LOCAL PLAYERS SECURE SPOTS ON COLLEGE SOCCER TEAM

By Josh Massaro

Moore chose to attend college at Clearwater Christian for many reasons.

"I came to CCC to grow spiritually and to do a good job at school and in soccer," said Moore. "I want to be extremely close with both the students at the college and my teammates."

Moore will be play defender on the team and is a Communications Arts major.

Tierney has played soccer since he was 7 years old and has also played on complete soccer teams. He also played for Seffner Christian's soccer team. Tierney, like Moore, wants to grow to be a better person both on and off the soccer field.

"I came to the team with the goal of starting and I'm going to continue work hard and to play at the best of my ability," said Tierney.

Tierney is also excited about the transition of becoming a college student.

"I want to adjust to college life and be successful in soccer and school," said Tierney. "I also like that team helps the community and I'm able to broaden my horizon of opportunities to help others."

Tierney will play forward on the team and is a Business Administration major.

Moore and Tierney are both looking forward to helping the CCC Men's soccer team have another great season. The team is coached by James Whitaker and was the NCCAA Division II champions in both 2009 and 2010.



SEAN TIERNEY (LEFT) AND JOHNATHAN MOORE (RIGHT) ARE EXCITED ABOUT PLAYING COLLEGE SOCCER. BOTH OF THESE YOUNG MEN ARE FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

Both Johnathan Moore and Sean Tierney have enjoyed playing soccer most of their lives. Now, they have been given the opportunity to continue playing soccer at the college level. They have been named to the 2011 Men's soccer team at Clearwater Christian College (CCC).

Moore and Tierney are both from the local community. Moore is from Brandon, attended Grace Christian School and is the son of Marvin and April Moore. Tierney, who was home-schooled, is from Riverview and is the son of Steven and Karen Tierney.

Moore has played soccer since he was 9 years old. He played on both competitive travel teams as well as his high school team. He is excited to take the next step in his soccer and academic career.

"I'm glad I made the team the first year," said Moore.

## RIVERVIEW HIGH SOPHOMORE IS PASSIONATE ABOUT HIS LOVE FOR CROSS COUNTRY

By Josh Massaro

Riverview High School's cross country program has many talented male and female athletes. One runner who has been hitting his stride so far this season is sophomore Justin Waters. This season, Waters has shown that he is a serious competitor and that he is only gaining speed.

At the Ron Frost Invitational at Durant High School, Waters scored his personal best time of 18:42 in a 5K run.

"I got into cross country after soccer," said Waters. "I try to give it my all when I'm running."

This is Waters' second year on the cross country team and he has already shown great signs of improvement. He has fallen in love with the sport and is determined to becoming a better runner.

"My favorite part about cross country is the competition. It really takes a lot of endurance and I enjoy the challenge," said Waters.

Water's coach, Shanna Brown has been impressed with how well Water's has done this year.

"Justin is on fire this year," said Brown. "I see nothing but growth in him and I think that he can go far."

The team is about halfway through the season and there is plenty of time for Waters to progress as a runner this year. As a true sign of a competitor, he has personal goals that he would like to obtain.

"My personal goal this year is to break the 18 minute mark," said Waters.

Waters is thankful for the opportunities presented to him through cross country. He is interested in pursuing this passion for the rest of his life.



THIS IS RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE JUSTIN WATERS' SECOND YEAR ON THE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM. HE ENJOYS THE COMPETITION AND THE FUN OF RUNNING.

"I'm looking to build on top of this and run marathons in the future," said Waters.

It takes passion and hard work to excel in sports and Waters seems to have both traits. He definitely enjoys being involved with cross country.

"It is a lot of fun and it's nice to meet new and interesting people at the meets," said Waters.

Waters is a young man with goals set in the world of cross country. He is still young and will certainly be a name to remember in the sport of cross country in Hillsborough County.

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