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## Senator Martins Honors Elmont Spartan Soccer Stars

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State Senator Jack Martins honored the Elmont Memorial Varsity Boys Soccer team this week in a ceremony commemorating their perfect 13-0 season. Principal John Capozzi and former Elmont Soccer star Justin Okoro joined Senator Martins and coach Pat Corvetti in the presentation. The awards ceremony came on the heels of three members of the team being named All-County athlete designations.

"This team not only won games on the soccer field, they show leadership each and every day in their community. I have the privilege to know many of these young men personally and am very impressed with their achievement and commitment," said Senator Martins adding, "they make Elmont and their families proud."

The presentation ceremony consisted of each player receiving New York State Senate Citations. Coach Pat Corvetti said, "I'm really proud of this team and all they have achieved. They were great to coach and they made Elmont proud." Principal John Capozzi saluted the players and thanked them for their commitment to Elmont Memorial High School.

Senior Benji Alonge said, "my team was simply the best. We always played together as a team that encouraged and supported each other. Our record was perfect and that's something I will always remember. I want to thank Senator Martins for honoring our team today. We never expected to be recognized for our record and this was a great ending for our season at Elmont Memorial." Wiljy Sainvilier added, "this was one of the best seasons Elmont has ever had. I want to thank my coach and everyone that supported and believe in us since day one." Senior John Rogers noted, "I enjoyed playing soccer each and everyday of these four years at Elmont. I hope the upcoming generation of soccer players can keep the Elmont flame of excellence going on and off the field." Senior Rahaman Adenlola said, "this was an exciting year playing for Elmont. Although there were some close games, we always worked together and persevered. I'm truly to blessed to have played for such an elite team."

"Elmont soccer, from our elementary schools right through high school, is noted for its talent. Many of these young men started out in the Elmont Soccer Club and play on club teams throughout the area. Elmont' Memorial's achievement is respected throughout all of Long Island," concluded Senator Martins.