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Sports Loss

Due to the recent spread and concern of newly discovered Covid-19, schools all around the world have decided to close for the remainder of the 2020 school year. Though this decision was made for the safety of students, teachers, and families, many senior students unfortunately have to miss out on what would have been the best semester of high school. Things like prom, graduation, and sports seasons are not able to go on and many seniors are extremely disappointed. *The Forum* interviewed seniors at Skyline High School to see how they felt about not getting the sports season they worked so hard for. First interviewed was senior Alec Morrison, who would have played on the varsity baseball team this season. He said “losing [his] senior season... was really tough,” expressing the sadness of not being able to play with the people he’s grown up around, stating they had “created a brotherhood like no other.” Cole Fontenelle, another senior who luckily got a senior night while playing basketball for his school, said he was glad he got that opportunity but he “[felt really bad] for all the guys that were robbed of that chance.” Summer Jones, a varsity softball player said missing out on her last season made her “reflect on all that softball has done for [her] over the years,” but that she is “more appreciative than ever for all the memories[she] made with [her] amazing teammates on and off the field.” From men’s soccer, *The Forum* interviewed Hayden Miller, who has played soccer for his whole life but had to take time off after he tore his ACL. He said “it was really disappointing to not have [his] final soccer season,” but hopes “the team will find a lot of success next year.”

Though he said it in different words, Miller was very excited to beat Issaquah this season, which will sadly never happen again for these seniors. Tennis star Livi Jones has been on varsity for all four years and worked very hard to be ranked as the number one seed in KingCo. She was upset that “thirteen years of this sport was just taken from [her],” and that “while [she] understands the big picture, [she wishes she] had the opportunity to play one last match on the skyline courts. Each and every one of these student athletes has been told they need to look at the world as a whole, and that they shouldn’t be sad because people are suffering much worse. And though there are others in worse conditions than these Skyline students, they still have the right to be disappointed about losing something that’s important to them. As these tough times go on, *The Forum* asks you to be sympathetic towards others, and understand that everyone has had something valuable taken away from them in one way or another. In the words of Ellen Degeneres, “be kind to one another,” Skyline.

