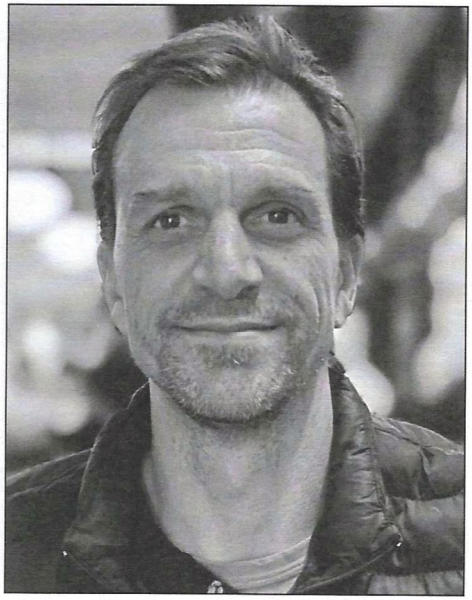
Michael "Mike" Ewers

Class of 1997 - Soccer & Basketball



Mike Ewers was a 6'8" Goalkeeper whose physical frame was outsized only by his smile, his heart, and his passion for *living* life. Between the pipes, Mike's career was unmatched and undeniable. A three-year varsity starter, he amassed a 45-7-10 record with 33 shutouts; a career .60 goals against average, with an astounding .38 G.A.A. in his junior year where he led the team to their second consecutive Dual County League Championship. He was *twice* named the Dual County League Player of the Year and three times named to the DCL All-Star Team. After graduating from Westford Academy, he attended Columbia University where he remains the fifth all-time leader in Single Season Save Percentage and the sixth all-time leader in Single Season Saves.

Off the pitch, Mike was an adventurer and an outdoorsman. He loved fly-fishing and hiking. He played beach volleyball and raced mountain bikes. Mike loved to compete but, remarkably, from a very young age, he knew that his most important challenger was the man in the mirror. He always wanted to be the best version of himself, both as an athlete and person. Numbers didn't matter to him. Trophies and titles didn't matter to him. Fame definitely didn't matter to him. He had several opportunities to play in the M.L.S. including a contract offer from the Tampa Bay Mutiny, but stardom wasn't in his definition of a 'well-lived life.'

Mike was fiercely loved and admired by everyone who knew him. His presence alone was a welcomed gift. He brought laughter, joy, and a compelling confidence onto the playing surfaces that he shared and into the lives of others. Anecdotally, he bought a Mazda Miata as a young man but he couldn't drive it with the convertible roof on because he was too tall. Even with the roof down, his line of sight was, almost comically, *above* the windshield. Others grew conditioned to hope, for his sake and others, that our New England weather cooperated. Lucky for others, Mike always brought the sun.

Mike is the beloved son of Bill and Paula Ewers. He and his siblings, Bill and Erika, grew up on Flagg Road in Westford, MA. After moving to the West Coast, Mike built a life and a family in Chico, California with his wife Makena and their three children Fletcher, Renata and Jaden. At a Celebration of his Life on February 21st in Chico, Makena honored Mike by sharing:

"He was loved by everyone who met him. Of all the chapters in his life, being a partner and Dad was the most challenging for him and the most important to him. That's the Mike I knew best."