

# 2017 PRIVATE SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION



## WEST DIVISION PREVIEW

### **Avenues World School Aviators**

**2016 Record:** (9-0-1 PSAA-D2/10-3-1 Overall)

**Head Coach:** 2016 PSAA Coach of the Year Stuart Fern, 2<sup>nd</sup> Season

A 2-0 victory at Randall's Island over Staten Island Academy secured Avenues first ever PSAA Championship.

**Key Losses:** Regular Season MVP Marley Perez, Senior (MF); PSAA Championships MVP Boris Steinoff, Senior (MF); Zac Del Favero; Senior (GK); Ogden O'Reilly-Hyland; Senior (D)

**Season Outlook:** Stuart Fern (17-1-2 in PSAA play the last 2 seasons) looks to reload and make run at a division championship.

### **Heschel Heat**

**2016 Record:** (7-2-0 PSAA-D2/7-2-0 Overall)

**Head Coach:** Alexander Gabovich; 7<sup>th</sup> Year

A 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish secured Heschel's first postseason appearance since 2013.

**Key Losses:** Heschel School graduated seven seniors

**Key Players:** Ben Besthof, Senior (CM); Rafa Rosen, Junior (CM)

**Season Outlook:** "Our team is going through a transformation. Our expectations include making the PSAA Championships but also aim for an understanding among teammates on and off the field. We want to develop creative and attacking style of play and for our team to thoroughly enjoy the game" - Alex Gabovich

## **Staten Island Academy Tigers**

**2016 Record:** (7-2-1 PSAA-D2/10-6-1 Overall)

**Head Coach:** Anthony Pisciotano; 1<sup>st</sup> Year

The Tigers avenged their only league loss of the regular season with a 2-0 semifinal win over Heschel School, but couldn't best Avenues School in the Championship Game.

**Key Losses:** Matt Pelosi, Senior (D); Vin Savino, Senior (F)

**Key Players:** Liam Frascati, Senior (D); Mike Kost, Senior (MF); Nick Calcagno, Senior (F)

**Season Outlook:** Compare this team to brewing coffee in a percolator, bold and consistent, earning a postseason berth every year. Eight freshmen arrive to join a trio of seniors looking towards their first title since 2010.

"With eight freshmen arriving this year, we will have our work cut out for us. But we are excited with the talent the young players have brought to the squad. Hopefully we can hold up physically." - Anthony Pisciotano

## **Martin Luther Cougars**

**2016 Record:** (4-4-1 PSAA-D2/5-5-1 Overall)

**Head Coach:** Charles Ciccione, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

A five game winning streak to end the regular season secured a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish and 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive playoff berth.

**Key Losses:** Cristiano Grimaldi; Senior (MF); Sabino Grimaldi; Senior (ST)

**Key Players:** Stephanie Jaramillo, Sophomore (ST); Adam Sadov, Sophomore (ST)

**Season Outlook:** "We are very young and in the rebuilding stages of the soccer program. We look forward to a season of growing pains but the future will be bright with this group of young kids." - Charles Ciccione

## **Kew-Forest Jaguars**

**2016 Record:** (0-7-1 PSAA-D2/0-7-1 Overall)

**Head Coach:** Brandon Yotagri 1<sup>st</sup> Year

**Key Players:** Daeden Archer; Sophomore (MF), Aliya Stubenbord; Sophomore (MF)

**Season Outlook:** Development and Improvement. The loss of one-quarter of the team through graduation will test the resolve of the young Jags.

## **St. Demetrios Knights**

**2016 Record:** (2-8-0 PSAA-D1/2-8-0 Overall)

**Head Coach:** Steve Boulis

**Key Losses:** Andy Efrim, Senior (ST); Alex Rupanur, Senior (RB)

**Key Players:**

**Season Outlook:** A shift to the West Division looks to assist The Knights in regaining the form which led to back to back PSAA Championships in 2012-2013.