

PRIVATE SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION



2017 GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER SEASON PREVIEW

Portledge School Panthers

2016 Record: (10-0-2 PSAA/10-3-2 Overall)

Head Coach: Phil Hills, 2nd Year

Get on my back and I'll get you there. Junior Marissa Stanco's hat trick to win the PSAA Regular Season title followed by scoring all four goals in a 4-2 victory in the PSAA Championship Game propelled Portledge School to its 3rd consecutive PSAA Championship.

Key Losses: Jillian Narby, Senior (GK)

Key Players: PSAA Regular Season & PSAA Championships MVP Marissa Stanco, Senior; Alessandra Marciano, Senior; Arianna Marciano, Senior

Season Outlook: Is there room in the trophy case? Coach Phil Hills is focused on the "Quest for 4":

"We are going to do everything we can to win a fourth championship.....the mix we have is working well together so far and we're excited to see what the girls can do this season." - Phil Hills

Long Island Lutheran Crusaders

2016 Record: (8-2-2 PSAA/9-5-3 Overall)

Head Coach: 2016 PSAA Coach of the Year Vinny Longo, 3rd Season

A solid 2nd place finish behind senior leadership. They battled Portledge to two draws in the regular season only to fall in the title game for the third consecutive season.

Key Losses: Emma Pizenich, Senior (FB); Stephanie Rinaudo, Senior (GK)

Key Players: Christina Loizou, Senior (MF), Rhea Sahadath, Junior (F)

Season Outlook: For 3 consecutive seasons the Lady Crusaders have asked the same question, How do we stop Marissa Stanco? Figuring out the answer may lead them to their first championship since 2013.

"Between transfers and graduates we lost 15 players in one season. This year we need to play 100% as a single unit if we are to have success. The talent is there and we hope to gel quickly. If we do, the sky is the limit." - Vinny Longo

Staten Island Academy Tigers

2016 Record: (7-4-0 PSAA/10-6-0 Overall)

Head Coach: Andre Boulay, 1st Season

Five points separated 1st place Portledge from 3rd place Staten Island Academy. Lost to Long Island Lutheran in the semifinals after splitting with them in the regular season.

Key Losses: Yvonne Boulay, Senior (GK)

Key Players: Maria DiNicola, Senior (M); Taylor Taflin, Senior (F); Sophia Mostovoy, Junior (F); Abby Motley, Junior (D); Jenny Valero, Senior (M)

Season Outlook: Contender. Returns the heart of it's team that was not out of it's league against the top two teams. Which of the top three teams from last season will succeed in replacing their starting goalkeeper?

"We are a young team and we are in a rebuilding phase this year. We will need our seniors to lead with hard work and communication so the younger girls will gain confidence and become leaders themselves. Once we get some games behind us and the girls begin to gel I think we have a great chance to be contending for the league title once again this year." - Andre Boulay

Avenues World School Aviators

2016 Record: (2-8-1 PSAA/2-10-1 Overall)

Head Coach: Michelle Muldowney, 3rd Year

In 2016, the Aviators earned their first PSAA Championships berth in school history.

Key Players: Tallulah Bonay, Senior (D), Mickey Carton, Junior (F); Luca Leung, Senior (MF); Mercer Pipa, Senior (D); Lola Williams, Senior (MF),

Season Outlook: Rebuild & Reload is the mantra with with an infusion of youth to surround the returning players.

Waldorf School of Garden City Wolverines

2016 Record: (2-7-1 PSAA/2-7-1 Overall)

Head Coach: Kat Mendez, 2nd Year

Tied with Avenues School for 4th place but lost out on PSAA Championships qualifying via head to head record.

Key Players: Gilee Hershco, Junior (CD)

Season Outlook: Will battle Avenues World School and Lawrence Woodmere for a trip to the dance.

Lawrence Woodmere Academy Tigers

2016 Record: (1-9-0 PSAA/1-9-0 Overall)

Head Coach: Kareem Shabazz, 3rd Year

Playing in it's first full season in the PSAA, Lawrence Woodmere Academy finished four points out of a postseason berth in their first full season in the PSAA.

Key Losses: Alix Wright, Senior (MF); **Key Players:** Madison Leonard, Senior

Season Outlook: An improvement is in store in the Tigers 2nd full league season.