

# THE ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR



For nine seniors, seven of whom had played together since the inception of SJP, the 2014 season was the culmination of a determined, driven and goal-oriented journey they had been on since their sophomore year. The season was marked by solid victories and close defeats; along the way, the girls maintained their unique bond as a family—celebrating wins together and supporting each other through any set-backs or losses.

In the final week of play, they defeated Marian 3-1 in a battle for second place in the league, followed by a senior game win over Pope John XXIII the next day. Goals by Fatima St. Hilaire '15, Maryellen Robinson '15 and Rachel Sansone '15 in this 3-0 victory confirmed that Saint Joseph Prep would finish the regular season ranked second in the Catholic Central League of small schools.

With an 11-7-0 record and a 6th place seeding in the bracket of 16 teams, the girls played 11th seed New Mission at home in the first round of the tournament. SJP came out strong, dominating early in the match, which ultimately ended in a 7-0 rout of the Titans. Hannah Burke '17, Hannah Sansone '18 and JoJo Duplan '17 had a goal apiece, while St. Hilaire scored her second hat trick of the season. The final goal came off a deflected shot by Vanessa Alvarado '16. This win vaulted the Lady Phoenix into the Quarter Final round of the D4 North Tournament.

Being the higher seeded team, SJP played Mystic Valley at home; just 12 minutes into the game, Mystic Valley scored first, but the Phoenix were not deterred. In the 36th minute, SJP responded with a lofting shot by Burke off St. Hilaire's assist to tie the game. Just three minutes later, St. Hilaire broke free of the defense to bury the game-winning goal from Duplan's assist. With a scoreless second half, the Lady Phoenix prevailed, advancing further than any other team in SJP history to the Semi-final game of the Division 4 North bracket.

Facing Georgetown—a team that had appeared in three of the past four championships (winning two of them)—SJP had a battle on their hands. They lost, but holding the juggernaut to one goal was a major success!



# SETTING THE PACE

Saint Joseph Prep added a new sport to their athletic offerings this year, partnering with Matignon High School to create a Varsity Swim Team. Thanks to the initiative and commitment of our students and the coaching efforts of Matignon's Amy Boyden and SJP's Ashley Gabriel, the Saint Joseph Prep Swim Team was off and... well, swimming!

Teammates Nina Forcellati '15 (captain), Gianluca Giani '16 (captain), Cara Qiu '16, Vova Quigley '17, and Jackie Joyce '17, had the opportunity to swim and compete from late November to February. Our swimmers excelled in a number of events, including the 50-meter freestyle and the 100-meter freestyle in which Vova and Luca placed first or second multiple times. Nina and Cara achieved personal best times in the 200-meter freestyle and the 100-meter breast stroke, respectively.

Most impressively, Jackie Joyce (pictured on this page) qualified as a swimmer in the 400-meter and the 200-meter freestyle relay for the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) State Tournament. She swam in these events at the EMASS Girls' Sectional Swim Meet on Sunday, February 8 at Wellesley College, where according to SJP coach Ashley Gabriel, "All of the girls swam well and both relays had their best times of the season. We are so proud of all that our swimmers have accomplished this season."

Just prior to the start of the meet, the MIAA recognized the Matignon/Saint Joseph Prep Co-op Swim Team with the Boys' and Girls' 2014-15 North Division II Swimming & Diving Sportsmanship Award. The presenting MIAA official said, "Congratulations to the Heads of School, to the Principals and Athletic Directors, and most especially to the student-athletes from Saint Joseph Prep and Matignon. This award is the 'granddaddy' of them all—it is one of the most prestigious awards we give. You should be tremendously proud of this wonderful accomplishment because it is about character and sportsmanship. You are a great credit to your communities, and we commend you for representing your schools so well."



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SJP Girls' Soccer advances to the D4 North Semi-finals in a solid 2-1 win over Mystic Valley! #sjpgirlssoccer #lovethesegirls #proudcoach



Beginning with the first day of pre-season, Coach Shiner posted a daily Instagram photo of the team throughout their entire storied season. **Top right:** the team prepares to run full field sprints at practice. **Above:** the girls celebrate after a key win advances them further in the State Tournament than any team in SJP's history.