

## Sweet Laramie

“Three and thirty-two!” Coach Scott Laramie would always say to us. For two years our team record was three and thirty-two. “We can do better!” And this season we surely have done considerably better. This year, our soccer team and program has flourished under its new leadership. This year our record has beaten our previous two years combined. This year we even went to the second round of states. It was truly an achievement for us. Next year, coach will be yelling a better and bigger number. Next year our coach will be yelling Seven, Nine, and Three!

Our first victory was against our most heated rival, Swampscott, with a final score of Three and Two in our favor with a senior captain, Josh Beloff, scoring the tie-breaking goal with mere minutes left on the clock. This was the one win that really sparked our fire. And for it to be against our greatest rival made it that much better. It was the hard work, the dedication, and the work ethic that paid off. “Soccer is a sport of running,” said Coach, and we sure did. We learned basics from scratch to form a basis for later in the season that would really pay off.

Our last win of the season, our first playoff game, against Reading was quite the sight to see. The game was tied zero to zero all the way through the game. Both teams were putting every ounce of their energy into playing that game, and boy was it rough. The rain along with the forty-five degree weather made it a frigid night out on the field. The game eventually went to sudden death overtime. It's two ten minute halves and the first team to score wins. Around five minutes in OT, Cole Guyre hit a header off of a corner kick from our other senior captain, Brett LeBlanc. After bouncing off an opposing player, the ball took its rightful place at the back of their net. For our team, there has never been a bigger celebration. On one side of the field there was a massive pig pile on Cole. And on the other side of the field we were carrying our starting goalie, Maximilian Walther, across the field. It was an emotional moment for many of us. A moment and a night that none of us should forget.

On the Sunday after, we played an even more physical and rough game against Wilmington. This game was not the glorious victory that the previous was. The final score for this game was Four to Zero, favoring Wilmington. It was a strong end to a great season. As one of our senior captains Josh Beloff said, “I will always look back on this memory and I'm thankful for being the captain of this amazing team.” And also goes on to say “This team is one of the best teams I ever had the chance to play the beautiful game with. I want to thank this team for making my last season a great success and I will always remember you guys as one of the greatest.” We will all hold this this season high in our hearts and go on to the next hungry for more.