



# SOCCER SEASON

THE GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM IS READY TO START SPRING OFF WITH A KICK

**S**pring is just around the corner and so are spring sports. Girls' soccer will be starting soon and the team has been eagerly waiting for their turn to have the spotlight. One player on the team is sophomore Jaya Dern.

"I feel very excited about this season coming up, I am very excited for the games especially the night ones. I am just really excited for a new change from club season to high school," Dern said.

The girls are determined to do great this season. They have been practicing since last season ended.

"We've been practicing and doing a lot of preseason stuff like indoor games, futsal, weights, conditioning. Since tryouts are only one day, a good majority of what team you get on is based on preseason so I've been trying to go to as much practice as I can," Dern said.

The girls need to have really good chemistry and teamwork with each other to play well this season and have success.

"I practice with my team effectively by just being nice to each other. I think that's a really big part of highschool season. When the people I play with on the field are the same people I'm at school with all day, I just try to be friendly to everyone because I'm with them so much it just makes being on a successful team even more successful," Dern said.

The team has high hopes for the season and want to keep their streak of constant victory going.

"I'm hoping we'll be pretty successful this year. The past two years our varsity team has made it to playoffs so I'm hopeful that this year we can continue that streak and this time make it farther than we have in the past," Dern said.

The team is confident in their ability to have another great season with a lot of success and victory.

"I think this team could definitely achieve this goal. This year we have a lot of talent and some good senior leaders. I also think our team is pretty young and has a lot of potential this year and years to come," said Dern.

The team isn't perfect all round but they can get the job done. They still have the passion and heart to have a great season.

"I think for the most part we can work well together on the field. However there are still disagreements and people you aren't going to like. But for the most part I think everyone can get along when it comes to working together as a team on the field and ultimately winning games," Dern said.

Dern and the rest of her team have high hopes and energy for the greatest season in the school's history.

**SLIDING SAVE:** Freshman Elly Bowers slides to stop a shot in a scrimmage against the boys' varsity soccer team on Mar. 27. As practice for their upcoming season, the girls' team played the boys in a competitive match of 11 on 11.

**CLEARING OUT:** Sophomore Jaya Dern clears the ball out of the defensive zone in a scrimmage at the Miller Activity Complex on Mar 27. Dern helped her team compete against the boys' varsity soccer team by getting multiple steals and playing strong defense.

**BREAKAWAY:** On Mar. 27, junior Benetly Hill dribbles the ball up the field in an attempt to score a goal in a scrimmage against the boys' varsity team. Hill had multiple breakaways and used her dribbling skills to get past multiple defenders.

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