

Oakville's St. John Paul II enjoys undefeated soccer season

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The St. John Paul II Saints won four tournaments and went undefeated in 22 games this season. - Photo submitted

The St. John Paul II Saints soccer team won its fourth tournament of the year to cap a season in which it went undefeated in 22 games.

Jason Soares and Mauro Lulli each scored twice in an 8-1 win over St. Catherine in the final of the North Oakville Senior Invitational. Alex Del Monte, Kwabena Asamadu, Charlie Francuz and Lucas Cacciaccarro also scored in the win.

St. John Paul II scored 23 goals in four games to qualify for the final. The Saints won three other tournaments this season, taking the titles at the St. John Paul II Senior Invitational, the Loyola Cup Senior Tournament and the Ascentrick Senior Invitational.

In the tournament hosted by St. John Paul II, the Saints won five straight games before Lulli scored all three of his team's goals in a 3-1 semifinal win. St. John Paul II then won the championship of the 32-team tournament by blanking St. Christopher 4-0. Lulli and Lucas Russo each scored a pair of goals.

It was the fourth straight year St. John Paul II had won the tournament, extending its winning streak at the event to 26 games.

St. John Paul defended its title at the Loyola Cup, winning four straight games, including a 4-0 win over St. Mary in the final. Del Monte and Lulli each scored twice for the Saints.

Russo scored four goals and Lulli and Del Monte added singles in a 6-2 win over Our Lady of Fatima in the final of the Ascentrick tournament. St. John Paul II won all six of its games at the tournament.

“It has been such an incredible experience to coach Saints FC for the past six years,” said coach Matthew Aslett. “These players have worked really hard and truly inspire those around them to strive for excellence. I look forward to hopefully continuing our pursuit for excellence next season, with half of our senior squad returning.”

Other members of the team are: Francesco Caputi, Marko Cepo, Nicholas Filice, Alex Del Vecchio, Nicholas Zanatta, Jack Francuz, Nicolas Lopac, Matthew Nearing, Noah Nishizaki, Rodrigo Noblecilla, Billy Raitt, Emilio Saenger-Gomez, Luke Spano, Matthew Zanatta, Jervais Boisson, Lukas Del Vecchio, Michael Filice, Aidan Moulton, Sam Turchet, assistant coach Majd Shoufany and manager Tony Ceelen.

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