



# WE ARE

SO BACK

After a rough previous season, the team made strides toward a comeback on multiple levels.

## ELEVEN PLAYING AS ONE

After each win, the MVP of the match places a "WIN" sticker on a poster in the locker room.

OPPONENT	LANCERS	RESULTS
MONTA VISTA	WIN	WIN
EVERGREEN VALLEY	WIN	WIN
SOBRATO	WIN	WIN
SACRED HEART PREP	WIN	WIN
PROSPECT	WIN	WIN
BRANHAM	TIE	TIE
BELLARMINÉ	LOSS	LOSS
SERRA	WIN	WIN
MITTY	TIE	TIE
BIORDAN	WIN	WIN
ST. IGNATIUS	WIN	WIN
SHOP	LOSS	LOSS
WALLEY CHRISTIAN	LOSS	LOSS
BELLARMINÉ	WIN	WIN
SERRA	WIN	WIN
MITTY	LOSS	LOSS
BIORDAN	LOSS	LOSS
ST. IGNATIUS	LOSS	LOSS
SHOP	WIN	WIN
WALLEY CHRISTIAN	WIN	WIN

"I got MVP, but I injured myself. I was supposed to put a sticker on the poster, but I was waiting for crutches. My teammate had to put it up instead. Seeing that poster, though, is an affirmation that my hard work is paying off."  
- DAVID LAWRENCE CHANG '26 (MVP v. Prospect)

"It was a really special game. We were down 2-0 halfway in the first half. Me and Erick came off the bench and we got three goals in 15 minutes. I had two assists, so I had a big impact. I see the sticker. I feel proud of myself, but I'm always looking forward."  
- ROBERT CEVASCO '26 (MVP v. Serra)

"It was really cool, seeing that collective team spirit. It was a good surprise. I started strong, and I finished strong that game. Seeing that sticker makes me feel proud. It's a good ticket to see time kind of pass on as more stickers are added."  
- NOAH MCINTOSH '26 (MVP v. Monta Vista)

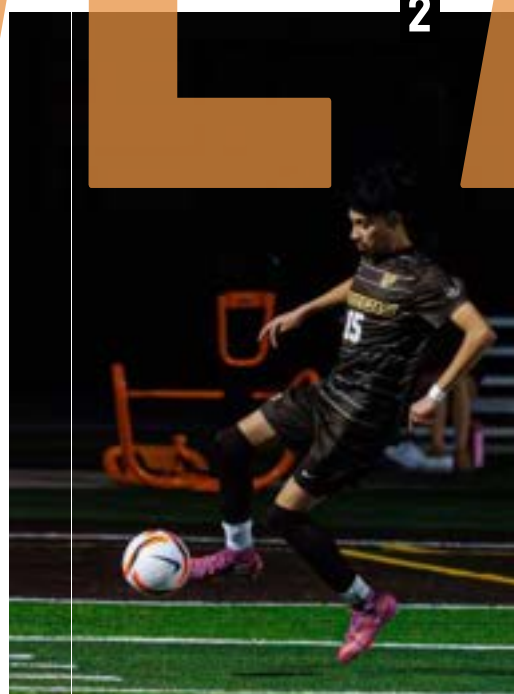
"I thought that was one of my best games of the year. That team was very big and physical but I was able to match that physicality. I won the ball a lot. I was extremely pleased that the result went our way and we won 4-1. Putting on the sticker is a moment I won't forget."  
- ROHAN GOHEL (MVP v. Sobrato)



**1 Stuck in the Middle** In a match against Bellarmine, **JADEN PEERCY '26** fights to keep the ball not only inbounds but also away from an opposing player. **CRISTIAN PIRES '26** locks his eyes onto the ball, tracking it. His pressure forced a pass, preventing the Bellarmine player from pushing further up. *photos by rshah anand*

**2 Saved by my Sole** A few inches off the ground, **JORDAN GARCIA '26** taps the ball, keeping it inbounds. After tapping the ball, he drove the ball down the line to Cristian Pires '26. **3 Hand Signals** Before a corner kick attempt, **ISAAC PEREZ '26** raises his hands to signal to teammates to be ready to score. He kicked the ball, hoping to set up his teammates for a header. "I just try to hit it in the same spot every time for

a little curve on it, back post for Jaden or Luis," Perez said. **4 Lock 'em Down** Pressuring an opposing player, **CRISTIAN PIRES '26** locks his eyes onto the ball, tracking it. His pressure forced a pass, preventing the Bellarmine player from pushing further up. *photos by rshah anand*



corner kick assist into a header pierced the goal. The bench erupted in cheers. Players sprung from their seats—players in blue jerseys. The other bench was silent, glued to their seats. Heads stared at the turf. On January 10 in the middle of the game, the scoreboard showed 2-0 in favor of Junipera Serra High School. In last year's season, the team had a losing record. 12 of this year's 14 seniors were on that team. "It was probably one of the worst seasons Saint Francis has had in history, and that just got in every returning player's head," team captain **MICHAEL SCAVOTTO '26** said. "I tell the boys and remind them that every game that we play from now on and forward, it's just very personal to us."

With a longing to take back a reputation which had been lost, the season kicked off with the return of **JADEN PEERCY '26**—a former player who due to club soccer was not able to play in the previous season. "People have said that I brought the level up and that I was the heart of the team. It means a lot to me to be able to have an impact on this team," Peercy said. With last year's season cemented in the past, the team exploded through the field, displaying a five game win streak. However, the team still dealt with multiple obstacles

THERE'S A MASSIVE PART IN TEAM ENERGY AND POSITIVITY IN THE GAME. IT'S REALLY HYPE TO WIN AND COME BACK.

throughout the season, namely injuries. Due to injuries, multiple players—such as **JORDAN GARCIA '26** and **JAMIE RAMPRASHAD '26**—fought and made their own individual comebacks, maintaining the momentum of the team's season. "I wanted to play every minute of every game, so being hurt not only hurt physically but also mentally," Garcia said. "I wanted to get back not just for myself but for the team."

For every goal made, there was an assist to set it up or a kick from the corner. For every drive to the opposing goal, there was a player who tripped and chose to get up and continue fighting for ball control. For every second the ball was on the opponent's side, there was a goalie getting hands on every ball to deny the opposing team any momentum—this was

not their comeback. "Sophomore year was the dream team. 22-2-2," goalkeeper **TOMAS SANTA GADEA '26** said. So just getting back to where it all started for me, just getting to those finals again. That's sort of the pressure to exceed those expectations." On January 10, a ball struck through the goal. The bench lit up—a bench of white jerseys. Eight minutes later, a shot skimmed past the goalie's gloves into the bottom corner of the goal. All eight players, both coaches, and junior **LUIS ANGULO**'s little brother Rodri jumped up and celebrated. Tied game. Two minutes went by. The bench erupted. Coach **RUSTY**

## now it's BUSINESS

The team ignited a tradition of wearing ties on game days to "deal with business."

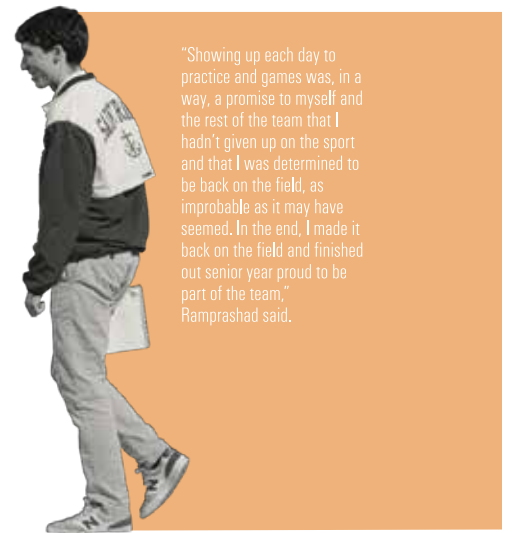
"Matter of fact, I go beyond the tie. I put a bow tie. We want to show up as one cohesive family. Even though we might wear different color shirts, the tie is an identifiable garment that makes us, us."  
- ERICK FERNANDEZ '26

"I can't pass up an opportunity to get all tidy and everything. I just think it means putting your best self forward, showing other people that you care about the it, that you're committed to the team."  
- JAMIE RAMPRASHAD '26

"I was for the ties. It just gets us in that right mindset to go out and just play our game. We don't care about what other people think. We just do our thing."  
- ANKETH REDDY '26

"I remember when Michael texted about the ties some of the kids were saying no at first. All of us come to school wearing the same thing to show we're all part of a family and team culture."  
- JACKSON SCHEUER '26

"I think it's classy. When one guy's not wearing the tie, it kind of throws everyone off. I never was able to find a tie. I've been borrowing my dad's tie for every game."  
- CRISTIAN PIRES '26



"Showing up each day to practice and games was, in a way, a promise to myself and the rest of the team that I hadn't given up on the sport and that I was determined to be back on the field, as improbable as it may have seemed. In the end, I made it back on the field and finished out senior year proud to be part of the team," Ramprashad said.

## BET YOU didn't know

"I was born in New York, but I lived in London for six years."  
- OM NAGRE '28

"I go to Mexico every summer 'cause it's my family's favorite vacation spot."  
- LANDON MILLARD '29

"I'm committed to the game. You know, if I put my mind to something, I'll go get it."  
- LUIS ANGULO '27

"People don't know I'm a barber. j.blendzz\_ on Instagram."  
- JOSUE PELAEZ '27

"I like to golf for fun. My local course is Santa Teresa. I'm okay at Top Golf though."  
- JULIAN HOYT '29

"I can do the worm. Somebody told me to do it and I just did."  
- LUCA D'ERRICO '27

"I'm actually Salvadorian. Most people assume that I am Mexican, but I'm not and they are very different."  
- JACOB CABRERA '29

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