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**HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM**

**HONORED ON MAXPREPS TOUR OF CHAMPIONS**

*Harborwomen cap 21-0 season with State Championship Win*

 HINGHAM Ma., Jan. 10, 2017— The Hingham High School girls’ varsity soccer team finished No. 6 nationally for their 2016 season. The announcement was made by MaxPreps, the online high school sports leader and a CBSSports.com site. MaxPreps ranks over 16,000 girls’ varsity soccer teams each fall.

Hingham capped their 21-0 season with a 2-1 overtime win on Saturday, November 19th to win the Eastern Mass Division 2 Girls Soccer State Championship over Arlington. The 2016 title is the soccer teams third championship in school history. The Harborwomen are also ranked No. 1 in Massachusetts. Hingham High School girls’ varsity soccer team is being honored on the 12th annual MaxPreps Tour of Champions presented by the Army National Guard, which is in its sixth year honoring soccer.

"Each fall, nearly thirty-four thousand varsity soccer teams take the field in hopes of being champions.  The MaxPreps Tour of Champions and the Army National Guard honor the most outstanding teams in the nation for their state championship performance and elite national level ranking," said Andy Beal, president and founder of MaxPreps. "Congratulations to the Hingham High School Harborwomen players, coaches and fans for an amazing year and for earning the Army National Guard's national rankings trophy."

“With all of the hype and accolades around the team leading up to the championship run, the girls’ maturity and experience really came through. From the beginning of the season the girls had their minds set on winning a state championship and that’s what they did,” said Hingham’s head girls’ soccer coach Ryan Puntiri. “We were thrilled and shocked to have been chosen to be honored on the Tour of Champions. It is an honor to have two entities such as MaxPreps and the Army National Guard honor the girls.”

Massachusetts Army National Guard Sergeant First Class Geoffrey Allen presented Coach Puntiri and the team with the Army National Guard national ranking trophy on Tuesday evening during the halftime of a boys’ basketball game. The team also received a banner for their accomplishment.

 “Courage, commitment and unity are just a few qualities that superior athletes, along with the men and women of the Army National Guard, have in common,” said Sergeant First Class Michael Semeja of the Army National Guard. “On behalf of the National Guard, I am privileged to recognize this nationally ranked championship team for their dedication, leadership and teamwork.”

MaxPreps Computer Rankings are used to determine team rank for the Tour of Champions. The system utilizes the huge number of game results stored in the MaxPreps database. Generally, the more a team wins the higher the ranking, but the system takes into account quality wins (against other highly ranked opponents), margin of victory, and strength of schedule. Playoff games are weighted 2.1 times a regular season game.

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