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Standing in the top-seeded Lady Tigers way was second-seeded Sutton, who had won back-to-back Division 5 state titles before moving up to Division 4 this year. The Suzies made it three state titles in a row with a 2-1 victory over the Lady Tigers at historic Doyle Field in Leominster, last Saturday.

“The girls had a great season. They played great today, left it all on the field,” South Hadley head coach Rich Marjanski said. “We talked about it at halftime, it was just going to take one shot either way. Obviously, we didn’t come out on the right side of the win, but we had a great season all around.”

The Lady Tigers, who made their third appearance in the state finals, finished the 2023 campaign with a 20-3-1 overall record. Pope Francis was the only other team to defeat South Hadley.

“This is definitely not how we wanted our season to end, but we had a great season,” said senior Lauren Marjanski, who’ll go into the history books as one of the Lady Tigers best soccer players. “We’re a very close team and we had a lot of fun playing together this year. Sutton is a very good team and they’re very similar to Pope Francis. They’re both very good possession teams.”

Sutton (18-4-2), who didn’t have any seniors in the starting lineup, won its 11th state title since 1991. The Suzies last three championships came against Western Mass. opponents. They defeated Palmer in 2021 and Monson last year. The final score of those two contests was 3-2.

Lauren Marjanski is one of the seven seniors listed on the Lady Tigers varsity soccer roster.

The other seniors, who played in their final high school soccer match against Sutton, are Gracie Deren, Kaleigh Houle, Madelyn McArdle, Gianna Roy, Rachel Yabra, and Drew Alley, who was the starting goalkeeper.

“All of the seniors are great leaders,” coach Marjanski said. “I think they’ll remember playing in this game for the rest of their lives. It’s going to be hard not seeing them at practice tomorrow.”

Lauren Marjanski, who only had three shots on goals against Sutton, finished her high school career with a total of 112 goals and 38 assists for a total of 150 points. She’s followed in the footsteps of her two older sisters, Paige and Lindsay, who were members of the 2019 championship team.

Rich Marjanski enjoyed coaching all three of his daughters.



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Drew Alley punts the ball away.



“All three of them gave me excellent effort, Lauren especially,” Rich Marjanski said. “She’s the last of the girls, so just to be a part of it with them, and share the experience of the tournaments, the wins, the state championship, the state finals, it’s surreal. It’s awesome.”

Sutton took a 1-0 lead during the tenth minute of the first half when junior Anna Joseph knocked home a rebound shot for an unassisted goal.

Eight minutes later, Marjanski delivered a pass to sophomore Allison Fleury, who fired a breakaway shot into the right corner of the net past sophomore goalie Maddie Nunnemacher.

“We do have a lot of younger players on this year’s team,” coach Marjanski said. “This was a very good learning experience for them.”

Fleury, who’ll be taking over the scoring duties from Marjanski next year, finished her sophomore season with 16 goals and 11 assists for a total of 27 points.

Fleury and Marjanski combined to score 59 of the Lady Tigers’ 78 goals this fall. No other player scored more than five goals.

The only goal of the second half was scored by Sutton junior Addy Jerome during the 68th minute.

It turned out to be the difference maker.

The returning South Hadley varsity soccer players will be looking to play in another state title next year.

Katherine McArdle is in full strides as she goes after the ball.

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TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Commission will hold a Public Meeting pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Local Wetlands Bylaw to consider a Request for Determination filed by Aaron Stewart to demo an existing garage within buffer zone at 18 Garden St. (Map 28, Parcel 127 & 128). The project proposes to build a new prefab metal structure on the footprint of the existing garage.

The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 6**

at 6:00pm virtually. Login information will be provided with the posted agenda on the Town website.

A copy of the Request for Determination is on file in the Conservation Commission office, Room U6, in the Town Hall, and is available to the public for inspection between the hours of 8:30 - 4:00 P.M. Mon thru Fri. Plans are also available online at www.southhadley.org/603/Project-Plans.

Any person interested or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.

Neva Tolopko
Conservation Chair
11/24/2023

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