

# Top 50 Long Island girls soccer players for 2017

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Bay Shore's Talani Barnett before a girls soccer game on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016. (Credit: Kathleen Malone-Van Dyke)

With the fall breeze already approaching Long Island, it means the high school girls soccer season is set to kickoff. Here's a look at the top 50 high school girls soccer players this season, listed in alphabetical order.

**Talani Barnett, Bay Shore, M, Senior:** The Ohio State commit plays with an unselfish style. She controls the middle of the field, sets up teammates for goals while striking some of her

own.

**Sarah Bayer, Mepham, F, Senior:** Committed to Loyola (Maryland). She had five goals and four assists last year.

**Grace Bernardi, Massapequa, M, Junior:** One of Long Island's best ball-control midfielders, Bernardi will create nightmare matchups offensively and defensively for opponents. Had one goal and seven assists last season.

**Tiffany Bernot, Wheatley, M, Junior:** Helped Wildcats reach their first state semifinal since 2006. Had 12 goals and 12 assists and is entering her fourth varsity season.

**Christina Biscardi, Sacred Heart, M, Junior:** Dangerous two-way midfielder, helped Spartans to its their state CHSAA championship since 2008.

**Jennifer Bonifazio, St. Anthony's, CM, Senior:** Potent player with the ball, looking to lead Friars on another deep playoff run.

**Erika Breitfeller, Lindenhurst, F, Senior:** Had 16 goals and four assists last season, committed to Fairfield and looks to lead Bulldogs to the playoffs.

**Ellen Byrnes, Sacred Heart, D, Senior:** One of the anchors of a championship-quality defense.

**Morgan Camarda, Massapequa, D/F, Senior:** Versatile player will take on a larger role this season for the four-time defending Nassau AA champion. Very athletic, she made the switch from offense to defense with ease last season. Will likely play both this year.

**Alex Chruma, South Side, M, Junior:** Will take on a larger role for a perennial Long Island power program. Had six goals and two assists last season.

**Victoria Colatosti, Northport, F, Senior:** Always attracting the attention of opposing defenses, she had 20 goals and eight assists for the Suffolk AA champions last year.

**Julia Conforti, Northport, F, Senior:** Conforti, who sets up herself and others, totaled 11 goals and 11 assists last season.

**Annie Coogan, Calhoun, F, Senior:** Led the Nassau AA runners-up with eight goals and three assists last season, including the winning goal against Port Washington in the semifinals.

**Taylor D'Alessandro, West Hempstead, D, Senior:** Committed to play at Iona, D'Alessandro is a defender who strikes fear into opposing players.

**Kasey Dorney, Deer Park, F, Senior:** Had 13 goals and three assists for a Falcons team that reached the Suffolk AA semifinals last season.

**Selena Fortich, North Shore, M, Senior:** Committed to University of Miami, Fortich is one of the most dynamic players on Long Island. Athletic, dual-threat midfielder had four goals and seven assists last year.

**Hannah Franco, Islip, M, Senior:** With the ability to raise her play in the biggest games, the returning All-Long Island selection looks to lead Buccaneers to another deep playoff run. Had 12 goals, 12 assists last season.

**Jessica Garziano, Half Hollow Hills East, M, Junior:** Dynamic midfielder looks to lead Thunderbirds to the playoffs in Suffolk III.

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**Izzy Glennon, North Shore, F, Senior:** Terrific around the goal, Glennon had 18 goals and eight assists last season.

**Gina Giovinco, Lynbrook, M, Senior:** Committed to University of South Carolina, Giovinco leads an experienced team after totaling five goals and three assists last year.

**Samantha Hogan, Kings Park, M/F, Junior:** Versatile player lines up all around the field, had seven goals and three assists last season.

**Kelsey Innes, North Babylon, M, Senior:** With 11 goals and eight assists during her varsity tenure, Innes helps set the tone from midfield.

**Danielle Jonas, Hicksville, M, Senior:** Taking on a larger role this season, Jonas supplied a strong defensive presence last season, but may be more of an offensive player this year.

**Caitlin Kennedy, Sacred Heart, F, Junior:** Returning All-Long Island selection led CHSAA with 26 goals and helped Spartans win their first CHSAA state championship since 2008.

**Lydia Kessel, Shoreham-Wading River, G, Senior:** One of the top goaltenders on Long Island and committed to University of Vermont, Kessel is entering her fourth season in net for the Wildcats.

**Julianna King, Wantagh, G, Senior:** Her strong play helped the Warriors reach the Nassau A semifinals last season.

**Olivia Maldonado, Babylon, M, Senior:** Had 13 goals and five assists for the Suffolk B champions.

**Lauren Maline, Commack, D, Senior:** Tremendous athlete leads Commack's backline, and has also backline goal-scoring ability.

**Jill Mapley, Westhampton, M, Senior:** Excellent vision and playmaking ability, Mapley is committed to Villanova. She had 13 goals and eight assists last year.

**Caroline McCarthy, Port Washington, F, Senior:** Returning from ACL surgery, McCarthy hopes to help lead the Vikings to a deep playoff run.

**Emily McNelis, Northport, M, Senior:** Athletic midfielder looking to help Tigers win another Suffolk AA title. Had six goals and eight assists last season and scored the winning goal in the 2017 season-opener against Ward Melville.

**Emily Mendel, Comsewogue, D, Junior:** One of Suffolk's toughest defenders to beat on the ball.

**Jackie Morris, Garden City, D, Senior:** Key fixture returning from the Class A champions' dominant defense.

**Kayla Multer, Islip, D, Senior:** Started every game since joining varsity and is one of the top sweepers on Long Island.

**Halle Palmedo, Manhasset, F, Senior:** Looking to end her senior season on a high note, Palmedo leads a team looking for a deep playoff run. Had six goals and nine assists last year.

**Brianna Passaro, St. Anthony's, F, Junior:** Had five goals and three assists last season and will be a key finisher near the net this season.

**Haylee Poltorak, Massapequa, G, Senior:** Returns in net for the winner of the last five Nassau AA championships. One of the leaders for a team that reached the Class AA state final last year.

**Skylar Prendergast, St. John the Baptist, M, Senior:** Committed to UConn, controls the middle of the field.

**Taylor Regensburger, Newfield, D/F, Senior:** Switching from offense to defense sometimes multiple times a game, Regensburger had 13 goals and four assists for an improved team.

**Emily Rose, Holy Trinity, M/F, Senior:** Committed to Hofstra, Rose's playmaking ability led to a 12-goal, six-assist season.

**Rebecca Rosen, Port Washington, F, Senior:** Had seven goals and three assists as Vikings reached the Nassau AA semifinals last season.

**Alexis Saladino, Newfield, GK, Senior:** As Newfield's starting goalie since the middle of her eighth grade season, Saladino has been the focal point of a program improving every season. Athletic goaltender hopes to lead Wolverines on a deep playoff run.

**Caiya Schuster, Mount Sinai, M, Senior:** She started as goalie last season for the Suffolk A champions and will move back to her natural midfield position this year.

**Nicole Scudero, Hauppauge, M, Senior:** Had six goals and five assists last season and will be key for a team moving from Suffolk AA to A this season.

**Allison Seidman, Commack, F, Senior:** Eight goals and six assists for a dangerous team looking for a deep postseason run.

**Stephanie Sparkowski, East Meadow, G, Sophomore:** Verbally committed to Michigan, Sparkowski is already one of the Jets' leaders despite only being a sophomore.

**Marissa Stanco, Portledge, F, Senior:** Committed to Fordham, Stanco is capable of scoring whenever she touches the ball.

**Stephanie Tsangaris, Glenn, F, Senior:** With 13 goals and 12 assists last season, Tsangaris is no easy matchup for any defender.

**Olivia Wesch, Manhasset, D, Senior:** Defensive anchor of a team looking to make a strong playoff run.

**Kayla Winicki, Ward Melville, D, Senior:** One of the toughest defenders on Long Island, Winicki can keep the most potent opponents in check.

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