



MOST OUTSTANDING
BREAKTHROUGH ATHLETE OF THE FALL

ALIYAH EL-NAGGAR – SOCCER
FRESHMAN DEFENDER

STARTED EVERY GAME – 19 GAMES
DEFENSE HELD FOR 14 SHUTOUTS
DEFENSE ALLOWED 6 GOALS ALL YEAR

COACHES THOUGHTS

“AT MASON, IT IS VERY UNUSUAL FOR A FRESHMAN TO MAKE THE VARSITY SOCCER TEAM AND EVEN MORE UNUSUAL FOR A FRESHMAN TO MAKE AS GREAT AN IMPACT AS ALIYAH DID. GOING INTO THE YEAR, WE EXPECTED ALIYAH TO BE A GOOD PLAYER FOR US AND ONE THAT WE RELIED ON TO HELP FROM THE FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON. WE NEVER COULD HAVE IMAGINED THAT SHE WOULD BE A KEY COG IN A FORMATION SWITCH THAT PRETTY MUCH REVIVED OUR SEASON. WITHOUT ALIYAH'S TALENT AND WILLINGNESS TO DO WHATEVER WE ASKED, OUR TEAM WOULD HAVE STRUGGLED TO DEFEND AT THE LEVEL WE DID. SHE BROKE THROUGH IN SUCH AN EMPHATIC MANNER THAT ALL THE COACHES CAN TALK ABOUT WHEN WE DISCUSS NEXT YEAR IS HOW FORMATIONS AND TACTICS WILL IMPACT OUR ABILITY TO FEATURE ALIYAH. WE WILL BUILD OUR SYSTEM OF PLAY AROUND HER UNIQUE AND SPECIAL TALENTS.”

MASON HIGH SCHOOL EXCELLENCE IN SPORT YEARLY AWARD