

Jason Ring

2003 Soccer, Basketball & Track



“He’s always looking to get everyone involved. Always puts the good of the team ahead of himself and that may be his most endearing quality. He’s very focused, relaxed, and poised out there, and that’s why he’s so good,” said Coach Jim Carino. Smart, competitive, focused, and influential are just a few of the additional adjectives used to describe 2003 SHS grad Jason Ring.

In the fall of 2001, Jason was one of a few underclassmen on a senior-laden soccer team. After beating Ipswich 1-0 in the Division 3 North Semifinals, Stoneham fell to Wayland in the finals 3-1, the farthest an SHS team had ever advanced. Jason scored goals against Tyngsboro and Wayland and stepped up his game during the tournament.

At the halfway point of the 2002 season, a young Stoneham team trailed first place Winchester by six points. After giving up three quick goals to Winchester, Co-Captain Jason and a couple of seniors called a players-only team meeting. They never lost another game. Going 10-0-1 down the Middlesex League stretch, they beat Reading in the final league game and overtook Winchester by 1 point to win the Middlesex League title for the first time in the team’s 34-year history. In the league-clinching 3-1 win, Jason scored two goals and had an assist. He led the league in scoring with 20 goals and 15 assists. Stoneham ended the season with a 13-1-4 Middlesex League record and went 18-1-5 overall, including going 15-0-3 after that team meeting.

In the D3 North tournament, Jason scored one of the shootout goals to defeat Wayland 2-1 (in a 4-2 shootout) and helped set up the winning goal in a come-from-behind 2-1 victory over Bedford. That win sent them to play Medway in the Division Final, a 1-0 Stoneham victory. The title game with Sutton was called a 1-1 draw by MIAA rules after two 10-minute sudden-death overtime periods, 100 minutes of play. The rest is history with Stoneham sharing the Division 3 State Soccer Championship. Ring was named Middlesex League MVP, Division 3 Player of the Year, All-Scholastic, and All New England.

Jason also participated in track, baseball, and basketball. As co-captain he was an unselfish point guard who recorded many assists. He was a member of the National Honor Society and went on to Brandeis University where he played soccer. Jason currently resides in Malden.