

The 1985 Mynderse Academy girls' soccer traveled where no other team from Mynderse Academy had ever gone before. The girls advanced to the State Class C Championship at Cortland State University. They had to survive the very difficult regular season in playing perennial soccer powers like Victor, Canandaigua and Penn Yan. The team did more than survive. They outscored and defeated their opponents by a total of 50 to 6. In non-league play, the team more impressively outscored their opponents by a total of 35 to 1. The local coaches were so impressed with the team that they selected 9 players to the all-league first or second team: Cherrie Barrett, Chris Amidon, Jackie Amidon, Kari Boynton, Lisa Caraccilo, Loraine Faina, Lee Ann Loucks, Missy Hurlburt, and Maria Scialdone.

The Finger Lakes East-Central league was totally dominated by the MA girls who won the Championship with a perfect 12 and 0 record. Their non-league opponents would also experience Mynderse dominance with a perfect 5-0 record.

The girls moved through the Sectional tournament by shutting out Sodus and Byron Bergen and advancing to the finals against perennial power Williamson. In the Williamson game, the team was scored on for the first time in six games, but the girls squeezed out a 2-1 victory and captured the Section V Class C Championship for the second year in a row.

The previous years' team had advanced to the State Semi-finals before falling to the eventual State Champions Marcellus. The '85 team began their charge by defeating HAC 3-0 in the B/C qualifier with, once again, a dominating performance. Their next step was against an undefeated Tully. Tully had one of the States' leading scorers, but she was blanked the whole game getting off only one shot. The States' all-time leading scorer, High School & College All-American Lisa Caraccilo, scored her 143rd and 144th goals to lead Mynderse to a 2-0 victory giving Maria Scialdone and her defensive mates their 15th shut-out.

The Lady Blue Devils ended their season with a trip to the State finals against the strong Cold Springs Harbor SeaHawks. The game started in a horrific ice and sleet storm that caused all of the other State final games to be cancelled. The Blue Devils score came on a four-girl effort. Jackie Amidon brought the ball downfield and passed it off to Loraine Faina, who laid a perfect pass to Lisa Caraccilo. Lisa then drew 4 defenders, pushed the ball off to Wendy Hurlburt who scored with a beautiful shot from about 15 yards out. The weather continued to be the major factor with one of the officials suffering from the cold and being unable to continue. Some believe this change may have cost the Lady Blue Devils a goal. Many people felt that a Mynderse shot got by the Seahawks goalie into the corner of the goal. The Seahawk goalie was very dejected, but the remaining official called the shot wide and cancelled the goal. The ball, according to some, went under the net giving the official the impression that the shot was wide. The game ended in a 1-1 tie, pushing the game into two overtime periods. The Seahawks scored with about 4 minutes left in the second overtime. Final score: Cold Springs Harbor 2, Mynderse Academy 1. Although the State Championship was denied them, no one can deny that the girls from Mynderse Academy are Champions in the hearts and minds of the Seneca Falls Community.