



**Rich Alito**

**An accomplished player from an early age, Rich Alito's career saw him gain recognition thru his college years and we are proud to have him join the ranks of the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.**

**Rich's playing days started in the Hamilton recreational leagues, but it was during his high school years at Hamilton West when the Mercer County soccer community took notice of his considerable talents. In 1975 he was named to both the All-County and All- State teams but his best was yet to come. 1976 saw him leading the Hornets to the Group IV State Championship and again he was named All-County and All-State, but this time adding a 1<sup>st</sup> team High School All-American honor to his growing resume. His high school accolades culminated with Rich being named to the Honorable Mention New Jersey All-70's team by the Newark Star Ledger.**

**Rich then joined fellow Hall of Famers Jim and John Bowen at Princeton University under coach Bill Muse. At Princeton, he was a three-time letter winner and three times he was named to the All-Ivy squad.**

**Rich's long career also saw him playing for a number of excellent local club teams, such as Post 313, GAK, Mercer County Juniors under Hall of Fame coach George Cimore, and the Trenton Italians. He recently played for the Trenton Power side that won the Cranbury Over 50's Tournament and continues to play for Cranbury in the Mercer Mens League.**

**Currently the V.P. of Construction for V.J Scozzari and Sons, we welcome Rich Alito to the ranks of the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.**