

## **Tom Bartolino**

**Another product of the Lawrence Township soccer machine, Tom Bartolino's soccer pedigree both on the club and school level rivals the greats and certainly qualifies him for induction into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.**

**A product of the always strong Lawrence Hamnetts program, Tom blossomed as a youth player for the Hamnetts, culminating in a State Cup final against local powerhouse side Extension Tavern. Tom moved on to Lawrence High under legendary coach Lou Angebranntt where he played two years of varsity soccer, winning the Group II state title in 1970-71 where he scored the winning goal against Shore Regional. He followed that success with a repeat Group II state championship in 1971-72 as a co-captain of the Cardinals, winning All- Mercer County and All-Area honors in the process.**

**A particular highlight of Tom's early career was as a member of the NJ Junior Select team in 1971. Under the guidance of current Seton Hall coach and fellow Hall member Manny Schellscheidt, Tom and the Select team spent August of that year touring Germany and Belgium, playing top talent and cementing his place as one of Mercer County's best young players.**

**He headed to Philadelphia for college, matriculating at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was the co-captain of the freshman team in 1972-73. He moved on to the varsity team, playing three years as a starting midfielder, co-captain in 1975-76 and was named to the All-Ivy Honorable Mention team for two successive years.**

**A dedicated father and businessman in the area, Tom Bartolino is heartily welcomed into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.**