

Dominic Lombardo

A well-known name in Mercer County soccer circles, Dominic Lombardo's career as a player and coach spanned over four decades and make him a most worthy addition to the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.

Beginning as a 9 year old in a fledgling East Trenton program, Dominic's progression as a player brought him to play for St. Michael's at age 14 and he followed that with three successful years at Lawrence Junior High. Matriculating at Trenton High, he played three years of varsity soccer where he was named All-County and voted as captain for his senior year. While at Trenton, he led the Tornados to two Group IV state titles, a feat that has yet to duplicated

After graduation, Dominic stayed local and continued his success on the field at Trenton State College where he helped the Lions win the 1965-66 NAIA National Championship as a freshman. He earned All-American honors in both his sophomore and junior years and was again voted as captain. An injury during his senior campaign saw him move from midfield to striker but his prowess was noticed by Hall of Fame coach Med Schmid, who tapped Dominic as a demonstrator for Coach Schmid's instructional book on soccer.

He continued his career with local sides such as the Italian Americans and GAK before moving to the sidelines as a coach. Starting at Junior One and Four, he eventually moved back to Trenton High, where he coached into the 1990's and was named Coach of the Year twice in an impressive 17 years as coach of his alma mater.

We are proud to honor Dominic Lombardo and welcome him into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.