

Barry Pelletteri

Successful as both a player and coach, Barry Pelletteri prowess in and love of the Beautiful Game make him an ideal inductee into the Hall of Fame

Starting his playing career at the age of 4 years old, Barry played in the Hamilton Township youth leagues, Little Bigger and Junior leagues before arriving at St. Anthony's, where he teamed with fellow Hall of Famers Billy Gazonas and Dennis Kinney. His skill on the field saw him awarded All-County, All-State, and All-American honors for his stellar play during his time playing for the Iron Mikes.

A versatile athlete, he accepted a full scholarship for baseball and soccer at Rider College after high school. Choosing to concentrate on soccer for Rider, Barry had a notable career for the Broncs where he was captain and team MVP during his senior year in 1976. He continued to get recognized for his skills, being named to All-State and All ECAC teams. He also had the honor of being chosen to try out for the U.S. Olympic Team. Joining fellow inductee Jim McKeown and a host of Hall-of Famers, Barry played for a powerful Trenton Extension side that was runner-up in the 1976 US National Amateur Cup.

Barry continued his playing career after college, receiving invites to the 1977 NASL/ASL draft and turning out for many local club sides, including the inaugural year of the vaunted Cranbury Kickers under the guidance of the legendary Steve Collis.

Moving into coaching after a successful playing career, Barry has worked with the Flemington and Hunterdon United clubs to offer both team and individual instruction for many Hunterdon Central and Hillsborough High School teams. His philosophy of stressing the fundamentals, understanding the laws of the game, and working to build instinctive play echoes his own play over the years. We are honored to add Barry Pelletteri to the ranks of the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.