



West End Soccer Association

Well known not only in Mercer County but around the state, West End Soccer Association had produced thousands of soccer players, many of whom have reached high levels of success in the game. We welcome West End Soccer Association into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.

The West End Soccer Association has been in existence for over 50 years. With the help and support of gentlemen like Art Leckie, Carl Pico, Frank Kemo, John Cipriano, Hans Bergman and John Steinmann, the League started playing games in the West End section of Trenton at Parkside Avenue and West State Street. Over the years, as the league grew, so did the list of volunteers and the fields on which games were played. The League moved from its original location to a field behind the United Auto Workers Union Hall on Parkway Avenue. This location is still in use today and has been expanded to include several small sided fields. There is also a training facility where the game of soccer is introduced to the next generation of Soccer Stars.

West End has had the distinction of having several teams win the New Jersey State Cup. Among those teams was the West End 67's, a team on which Hall of Fame inductee Drew Fallon played, the West End 72's under Coach John Robbins also captured the Cup and the West End Green Lightning II (81's) won in 1996. The West End Warriors (83's) won several state cups and a regional title under Coach John Riley. Other honors with which the League has been blessed are the Induction into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame of several gentlemen from West End, Art and Dave Leckie, who is still playing today.

West End is committed to providing the best possible experience for its young players, not only in the area of soccer, but also in the area of everyday life. The League believes in the "whole child" method of training, encouraging teamwork, fair play, and sportsmanship, and it teaches by example and by positive reinforcement. The League hopes that the children come away from their years in West End with many happy memories, good soccer skills, and the tools needed for success and personal fulfillment in life. Many of the league volunteers are Alumni of the West End Program. The Association has had, on several occasions, Fathers and Sons coaching teams together.

The West End Soccer Association is grateful for the dedication and commitment that all of its volunteers have given to the youth of Ewing Township. That sense of volunteerism toward the community has allowed the West End Soccer Association to continue to provide a positive soccer environment for the children of Ewing for over 50 years.