

## **John Carmignani**

John Carmignani has been a fixture on the local soccer scene since his start in the Hamilton Rec Leagues at age 8. He continues to play today and is a respected referee at the high school and men's level locally. We welcome John Carmignani into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.

From his start under Hall of Fame coach John Wagner, John was noticed as a standout player, eventually moving up to the Little Bigger League. He experienced great success at the junior level on teams such as Post 313, GAK, and Peter Green, contributing to three state championships over the years. He truly blossomed during his high school years at Hamilton High West under another Hall of Fame coach, Jack Ball.

A three-year starter, his senior year was a defining moment in John's soccer career when, as a co-captain, he helped guide the Hornets to the NJ Group Four State Championship. The accolades poured in as he was named All-County, All-Area, All-State and was recognized as Mercer County Soccer Player of the Year.

John went onto Rider College where he enjoyed a four year varsity career while continuing to win a number of State Championships with local amateur teams GAK and Trenton Azzuri. As of late, John has been a part of the Trenton Power Over-50's squad that has won several National Hall-of Fame titles.

He also continues on the field as a referee for local high school games and in the Mercer Men's League. The Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame is proud to induct John Carmignani for his accomplishments in the Beautiful Game.