

SCOTT GRZENDA

One of two coaches being inducted into the hall this year, Scott Grzenda is a true pioneer in college soccer. The only coach in University of Delaware women's soccer history, he just passed his 25th year at the helm of the Blue Hens. A standout player as well as a respected coach, we welcome Scott Grzenda into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.

An alumni of the West End program, Scott earned early accolades as a member of the State Cup winning West End Green Machine. Moving on to such local club stalwarts such as GAK, Hibernians, and Trenton Panorama during his high school years, he brought his talents to Steinert under HOF coaches Paul Tessein and Rich Giallella as a starter for the Spartans as a sophomore. A soccer and baseball standout while at Steinert, Scott was a team captain as a center midfielder in 1983 and was elected Spartan of the Year.

A 1987 graduate of Delaware, he was a three-time All-East Coast Conference selection at midfield and earned regional All-American honors during his playing days. He was named captain in both his junior and senior years and still ranks in the top ten in goals and overall points for UD.

Moving to the sidelines, he spent three years as an assistant coach for the Lynchburg women's and men's teams before being named the first varsity women's soccer coach at Delaware in 1990, building the program from the ground-up and leading the Blue Hens to an impressive 14-2-1 record in his rookie campaign. In his 25 years as head coach, Scott's teams have experienced success in the America East Conference, North Atlantic Conference, and Colonial Athletic Association. He has posted 15 winning seasons, has had ten or more wins eleven times, and has been named Colonial Athletic Association Coach of the Year on three separate occasions. He has led his teams to post-season play twelve times over the quarter century he has been at the helm of the Blue Hens. Several of his players have moved into the coaching ranks as well, including Jessica Reynolds, women's head coach at St. Joseph's University.

Scott also is involved on the youth level, working with the Delaware Olympic Developmental Program and the Delaware Youth Soccer Association as well as running a well-respected summer camp for up-and-coming players. He was inducted into the Steinert Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012 in recognition of his outstanding years representing the Spartans and for his on-going association with the Beautiful Game, we welcome Scott Grzenda into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.