

## **NICK WIENER JR.**

**Adding to the father-son combinations in the Hall, Nick Wiener Jr. epitomizes the spirit of soccer in Mercer County. As an outstanding player, coach, and current driving force behind the German American Kickers program, "Klaus" has dedicated his life to the Beautiful Game and we welcome him into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.**

**Like many others, Nick started his life in soccer in the Hamilton Youth Soccer leagues, leading GAK to winning multiple championships and being named to several all-star teams, including being named to the All-Tournament team as a 15 year old in the Hamilton Thanksgiving Tournament. High school saw Nick continue his success as he was a three-year starter at Hamilton West, a sophomore starter for the 1976 Group IV State Champions, garnered All-County honors in 1977 and 1978, and 1<sup>st</sup> team All-State in 1978. He was a tri-captain of the Hornets his senior season. Showing his versatility, he was also an All-County and All-Area selection for the Hornets baseball team in 1979.**

**As a lifelong member of the fabled GAK program, Nick was the captain of the 1979 GAK Gold team who won the Mercer County Junior League championship, following up that honor by converting the winning penalty kick that gave GAK the 1979 Junior State Cup.**

**After a year as a freshman starter for the University of Maryland, Nick came closer to home when he transferred to Temple University where he was a three year starter, was named to the Philadelphia All Soccer Seven team for both his junior and senior seasons and all Tri-State in his senior year. He combined with local product Joe Donigan to captain the Owls for their senior campaign, garnering team MVP honors and received awards for his spirit, dedication, and loyalty.**

**For over a decade, Nick continued playing for GAK, winning the State Cup, NJ State League Champions Cup, and the Garden State League Semi-Pro division three times and the NJ Open Cup once. He continued in the Mercer County Over-30's League for a number of years before stepping away from active playing at the age of 40. Pulled out of retirement, he has played for the Mercer Union Over-40's side and the Trenton Power Over-50's powerhouse for the last three years.**

**A trainer and coach of local teams for over 20 years, Nick has been the Soccer Chairman at the German American Club for the past 13 years, following in the footsteps of his father and fellow Hall of Famer, Nick Wiener Sr. A 2007 inductee into the Hamilton West Athletic Hall of Fame, Nick Wiener Jr. is a worthy inductee into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.**