



PAUL MOTT JR.

Another local prep product joins the Hall tonight with the induction of Paul Mott Jr. A veteran of the North American Soccer League, Paul is a part of a Hall father-son inclusion and has been instrumental in growing soccer on the American professional level for many years. Congratulations to Paul Mott Jr. on his induction into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.

After years of honing his skills in the local youth soccer circles, Paul spent his high school years at Lawrenceville, where he was a three-year varsity starter. He was an All-Prep and All-State performer for the Big Red and was voted into the Lawrenceville Hall of Fame in 2011. Taking his talents to Dartmouth, he lettered all four years for the Big Green and, as a senior, he was named captain and team MVP. He earned first team All-Ivy honors in 1978 and 1979, also adding All-New England and All-American recognition in his final year. He was inducted into the Dartmouth Athletic Hall of Fame in 1984 as the program's 10th all-time leading scorer.

A first round pick of the MISL New York Arrows in 1980, Paul was also the first round selection of the Tampa Bay Rowdies of the NASL. Paul spent two indoor and one outdoor seasons with the Rowdies, making 13 appearances in the 1980 outdoor season and helping the Rowdies win the NASL indoor crown in 1979-1980. He finished his competitive soccer career with New York United of the American Soccer League.

After leaving the Rowdies after one year, Paul worked in college admissions before moving to Texas in 1985 to become the director of college counseling and varsity soccer coach at St. Mark's School, spending 11 years with the Lions. In 1996, he began his

career in professional sports administration, working with the Dallas Burn of MLS in a variety of executive roles, eventually becoming senior vice president. Defying expectations that he would become the franchise's president, Paul left the Burn to take the position of VP of Club Services for MLS, working to increase ticket sales across the league. He has also been the President of the New Orleans Hornets of the NBA, increasing season ticket sales by a third and guiding the franchise through the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina as well as working within the league office as the Director of Business Development.

Paul's involvement with soccer also saw him working as the field producer at the Dallas venue for the 1994 World Cup, fulfilling the same role at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games. He has worked with US Soccer assisting with the coordination for both men's and women's national team games and has been a part of the World Cup Dallas speaker's bureau.

As his involvement with soccer continues, we are honored to have Paul Mott Jr. included as a member of the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame, class of 2017.