



## DUANE ROBINSON

A powerful striker who scored at every level, Duane Robinson made his mark from the fields of West End to the international stage, leaving discouraged keepers in his wake. A former #1 NPSL draft pick and winner of 10 caps with the U-20 National Team, we induct Duane Robinson into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.

Starting his young career as a striker/defender for the West End 68's, Duane got his first taste of high-level competition, touring along the east coast in the early years of travel soccer. It was when he enrolled at Notre Dame that he exploded. Leading the Irish to two Parochial A titles in 1984 and 1985, he scored 24 goals during his senior campaign and garnered All-County and All-state honors.

He was a member of the Union Lancers side that was three-time state champions from U-15 through U17, and was the McGuire Cup winner in 1987 as the national U-17 champions, a team coached by Manny Schellscheidt and Bob Bradley. He contributed four goals and two assists to help the Lancers to the title. During that time, he also represented the U.S in qualifying play for the Youth World Cup, played again for Schellscheidt on the NJ Select team for four years, and was a member of the Region One Select team.

At Adelphi University, Duane continued to show his scoring touch, scoring 55 goals and 26 assists over his four year career and is still the program's all-time leading points and

scoring leader. He was named All-American twice, and was MVP of the Senior Bowl to culminate an stellar college campaign. Leaving Long Island, he turned out for the Penn-Jersey Spirit in the APSL before becoming the first pick of the Illinois Thunder of the NPSL in 1991. He moved on to the North Jersey Imperials, being named to the All-Star team three times while leading the league in scoring in 1995. He continued his career with overseas and with the NJ Stallions of the USISL while also coaching. He was the head men's coach at Union County College in 1995, spent time as the head coach at Teaneck High School, and was an assistant coach at Rider from 1990 to 1994.

A member of the Adelphi University Hall of Fame and a youth soccer coach, Duane is an administrator at Steinert and a father of five children. For his celebrated career on the field and off, we induct Duane Robinson into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.