



ARTIE KEARNS

Artie began his career in the same Hamnetts league where his brother Cliff coached. Moving to the Little and Little Bigger Leagues, Art's teams won the Little Bigger national titles in both 1964 and 1965, while the Junior team with Artie leading the charge finished 2nd in the national tournament.

His high school career saw him become a standout at Notre Dame High School, leading the Irish to back to back state titles in 1967 and 1968. He was named to both the All-County and All-State Teams for his outstanding accomplishments at Notre Dame. He moved on to Mercer County Community College, where the 1968 team won the national title with a roster comprised of all Mercer County players with Artie being named to the All Region 15 team. The 1970 team placed 3rd in the country with Artie once again garnering Region 15 honors. He continued to make his name on the local scene, playing for the legendary Extension Tavern teams following college.

Artie is equally well-known for his career in softball, enjoying a long tenure as the head coach for the Notre Dame girl's program, winning numerous state titles. He was named the Coach of the Decade for the 2000's by the Trentonian and was inducted into the Notre Dame Hall of Fame as well as the Trenton Softball Hall of Fame for his efforts on the diamond.

Along with his brother Cliff, their combined outstanding accomplishments are numerous and indicative of what makes the history of Mercer County soccer one of the most accomplished in the country. We welcome Artie Kearns into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.