



TED KINTNER

Napolitano. Tessein. Fink. Bowen. All names that are synonymous with the successful Steinert HS soccer program in the 70's and 80's. Yet if the name Ted Kinter was mentioned in that group, only a select few would know the significance and his role in helping to establish the Spartans as a state powerhouse during the 1970's and 80's. As the Junior Varsity coach for 12 years, Ted Kinter quietly groomed those players who went on to win multiple state titles with a winning percentage that few could match. We welcome Ted Kinter into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.

Ted's athletic career started not on the soccer field, but on the baseball diamond, where he was an all-star in both the Hamilton Little League and Little Bigger Leagues. He was also a standout in the Hamilton Rec League in both baseball and basketball. He stood out in college as a three year varsity player at Western Maryland College from 1957-1959. He returned to the area after graduation to begin a 37 year long teaching career at both the middle and high school level, including 27 years at Steinert. It was at the Klockner Road school that he began a coaching career in 1971, taking over the head coaching reigns of the junior varsity program.

Under Ted's guiding hand, the Spartan JV program saw some of the best players in Mercer County compete for playing time while he provided the training and groundwork for players who, for varsity Hall of Fame coach Paul Tessein, won four Boys Varsity State Championships during the 1970's, including the dominant 1977 side. For his 13 year career as JV coach, Ted compiled a remarkable 172-29-17 record with a winning percentage of .789, mentoring players who would go on to garner recognition at the local, state and national level.

Like other accomplished coaches in the area, Ted was an instructor at Bronco Soccer Camp and also coached in the Hamilton Recreation League. A sportsman on many levels, Ted is a dedicated outdoorsman, numbering surf fishing, boating, and shooting as some of his pursuits. Truly an unsung hero in helping to establish Steinert as one of the most respected soccer programs in the state, we welcome Ted Kintner into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.