



DR. BILL HAWKEY & PAT MURPHY

The Pennington School has a long history of success on the soccer field for both the boys and girls programs. Much of that success is due to the coaching team of Dr. Bill Hawkey and Pat Murphy. For 40 years, Bill and Pat have turned out All-American players both on the field and in the classroom. Going in to the 2017 season, the duo had a 342-51-36 record. For the dedication shown in maintaining the high standards that has made Pennington girls soccer into one of the most successful programs in the nation, we welcome Dr. Bill Hawkey and Pat Murphy into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.

Their coaching journey began with Pat, a standout player for Pennington in his high school days. He was the head coach of the boys program from 1986 to 1993, delivering appearances in five prep state championships, including winning three titles in a row. In 1994, Bill made his debut on the sidelines, guiding the girls programs to several state prep championships and starting what has become one of the finest girls programs in the state, one that has also garnered national recognition on many occasions. In 1997, the two joined forces and have together consistently fielded some of the most dominant girls teams in Mercer County history while producing several players who have graduated to the professional ranks both nationally and internationally.

The results of their work are many and impressive. Fourteen state prep championships, six Mercer County championships, and numerous Coaches of the Year honors. They have had countless players earn local, state, and national honors over the years, including two Parade All-Americans, three Gatorade State Players of the Year and over 20 Academic All-Americans. In 2008, the Pennington girls were ranked the #1 team in the nation by the NSCAA and ESPN RISE with an 18-0 record. A most impressive fact about the program is that no fewer than sixteen former players went on to captain their college sides. In 2017, they were once again Prep State Champions, losing only one game while winning fourteen and tying one.

Bill is the headmaster of the 180 year old institution while Pat serves as the Associate Director of Athletics for the Red Raiders. Few girls programs can boast of the success that has been achieved at Pennington and for their excellence both past and present, we induct Dr. Bill Hawkey and Pat Murphy into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.