



STEVE TOTTEN

Once again the local preps supply the Hall with its next inductee. Steve Totten was a standout performer for the Peddie School and has helped guide the Princeton Tigers men's program to multiple NCAA appearances. We welcome Steve Totten in to the ranks of the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.

An Allentown native, Steve started playing in the East Windsor PAL program and eventually joined Princeton United, coached by former Princeton University coach Bob Bradley. Entering high school, he quickly made his name known on the Peddie campus with a huge sophomore season when he connected for a school-record 29 goals. His breakout performance earned him the Trenton Times Player of the Year honors as well as his first of three All-American nods from the National Soccer Coaches of America Association. Playing for Hall-of-Fame coach Steve "Coach" Collis, Steve also played for the US National Team at the U-17 level while being named to two further NSCAA All-American teams as well as the Parade All-American team. The Trenton Times honored him as their Player of the Decade for the 1990's and he was inducted into the Peddie Athletic Hall of Fame in 2013

Steve matriculated at the University of Virginia, where he was a four year letter winner and a three year captain for the Cavaliers. He collected team MVP awards in his sophomore and junior years while leading the team to three NCAA quarter final appearances and the 2001 ACC regular season championship, a team that went undefeated in the conference and didn't allow a single goal in the regular season, the only team in ACC history to achieve this mark. He ranks in the top-ten in games played and culminated his outstanding career in Charlottesville by being selected by the Chicago Fire in the 2002 MLS SuperDraft.

Steve's transition onto the sidelines began as the head coach for Yorktown High School in Virginia where, over three seasons, the Patriots won several league championships. He moved onto American University's sidelines where, as an assistant coach under Todd West, he helped produce an American

side that was one of the elite in the Patriot League. He has also worked extensively in the youth soccer world in the Maryland/DC/Virginia area.

He finally ventured back to New Jersey and joined Jim Barlow's staff at Princeton University in 2008. Working with fellow Hall member Barlow, Steve has been instrumental in helping the Tigers to three NCAA appearances, three Ivy League titles, and recognition for the coaching staff as the 2018 NCAA Northern Regional Coaching Staff of the Year. Since he joined the Princeton staff, the Tigers have produced nine All-Region players, Ivy Player and Rookies of the Year, and over 60 players have received All-Ivy League honors. Prior to the 2017 season, Steve was named associate head coach and continues to help lead the Orange and Black to greater successes.

With an enviable resume' that continues to grow, we are honored to induct Steve Totten to the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.