



KNEELING: Albert Martin, Bob Tuccillo, Jim Kelly, Greg Sandusky, John Pasela, co-captain; Brian Murphy, co-captain; Tom Myslinski, Tom Bushar, Dave Janeczek, Fred Gould, Joe Zimmer. STANDING: Tom Converse, manager; Rich Debiec, Jim Carroll, John Zimmer, Tim Snyder, Greg Kowalski, Dan Bannister, Ed Sabisky, Bob Crine, Greg Molnar, Robert Lowthian, Gary Melillo, Mr. Angebrandt, coach.

1973 LAWRENCE BOYS SOCCER

There must have been something in the water in Mercer County in 1973 as we induct another local state champion in the form of the '73 Lawrence Boys Soccer team into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame. Led by legendary HOF coach Lou Angebrandt, the Cardinals, anchored by co-captains John Pasela and Brian Murphy, added another championship to their storied history in 1973 and tonight we welcome them into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame, Class of 2022.

Starting their season with an indifferent 3-3-1 record, the Cardinals rebounded in a huge fashion, tearing through their remaining regular season schedule undefeated, including a 4-0 win over fellow state champs St. Anthony and a 2-1 nail biter against local rivals Notre Dame. The state tournament had them avenge an early loss against Hightstown, 3-1, followed by a 3-2

win over another local team, Hopewell Valley, at home. In a hard-fought match against Shore Regional that ended up 1-1 after regulation, Lawrence was given the win based on a 5-4 advantage in corner kicks!

The state final, played at Mercer County Park, saw Angebrannt's side outclass a Garfield team 4-1 to bring home the Group II title. Ironically, it was the '75 team winning the state championship again against the same Garfield team. These titles are part of the eight that the school has won in soccer, tied for eighth overall of any program statewide. The '73 team ended their season on a 12-0 run and finished with an overall record of 15-3-1.

The post-season honors were many, with Pasela, Murphy, and Dave Janeczek all garnering All-State honors to go along with numerous local mentions, while Bob Crine, John Zimmer, Gary Mellilo, Bob Tuccillo, and Tom Myslinski were all named to All-County teams by the Trentonian and Trenton Times. No championship is ever won individually as seniors Tom Bushar, Jim Carroll, Fred Gould, Greg Kowalski, Greg Molnar all played their parts and graduated as winners. Juniors Dan Bannister, Rich Brbiec, Jim Kelly, Al Martin, Jim Price, Ed Sabisky, and Greg Sandusky, along with sophomores Rob Lowthian, Tim Snyder, and Joe Zimmer all carried the success into future seasons.

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