



1973 STEINERT BOYS SOCCER

The parade of players and teams from Steinert joining the Hall continues with the induction of the 1973 edition of the Boys Soccer team. Regarded as one of the greatest in school history, the team wrapped up an undefeated season with a state championship. We welcome the 1973 Steinert State Champs into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.

Under the legendary coach Mario “Goose” Laurenti, the team vowed to not repeat the previous, which was the only team that did not win a state title for Laurenti in his five seasons as the Spartan coach. They started the season with an eight game winning streak, scoring two or more goals in each match before an epic draw against local rivals and fellow inductees St. Anthony’s. The Spartans would then go on a twelve game tear, culminating the season with a win over Paterson Kennedy in soggy conditions to bring home the state championship to Klockner Road.

The team, led by four future Hall members, ended their season with a 20-0-1 record, outscored their opponents by a staggering 85 goals to their oppositions 13 tallies and posted 12 shutouts. They won the Mercer County championship on their way to the top. They went through the state tournament outscoring the opposition by a margin of 22 goals while allowing a mere four tallies while shutting out their last three opponents, more than earning their #1 ranking in the state polls.

Players on this powerhouse included Bob Matthews, Henry Picatagi, Ed Kerner, George Caruso, Jim Fink, Jim McKeown, Dave Timko, Art Napolitano, Kenan McCoy, Terry Smith, Nick Stephan, Jim McNellis, Mark Cubberly, Tom Elliot, John McDowell, Ed Fuchs, Frank Hess, Jim Leigh, Rich Zimmerman, Jim Migliaccio, Ken Muha and Greg Robb.

Earning their place as one of Mercer County's greatest high school sides, the 1973 Steinert boys soccer team is welcomed into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame, Class of 2022.