



## **SASKIA WEBBER**

**A member of the legendary 1999 Women's World Cup championship team, Saskia Webber brings a soccer resume' heavy with successes from the high school level to the pinnacle of the game. As a pioneer of the woman's game in the United States, to coaching at the college level, to analysis for ESPN, Saskia Webber's contribution to soccer earns her induction into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.**

**A product of the Princeton youth sports programs, Saskia played multiple sports before finding her niche' as a goalkeeper for her club and high school teams. This was a path that would take her around the world as one of the best in the net. She travelled up Route One to the banks of the Raritan to become a four year starter Rutgers and setting multiple records for the Scarlet Knights. She led the Knights to three ECAC championships in four years while garnering All-American honors in 1992 along with being named Missouri Athletic Club Goalkeeper of the Year and was a finalist for the Herrmann Trophy as Player of the Year. She received the Sonny Werblin Award, the highest athletic award at Rutgers and was the first female soccer inductee into the Rutgers Athletic Hall of Fame in 1988.**

**Saskia's international career started while at Rutgers, when she was named to the U.S. National Team in 1992 for a match against Norway while becoming the starter in net through 1993. She was a member of the 1996 gold medal winning Olympic team that beat China in the first women's soccer competition in Olympic history. She continued with as a fan favorite with the 1999 Women's World Cup winners, sporting her famous red, white, and blue hairstyle.**

**Her professional career ran parallel to her international success. Saskia played for three years in Japan as a member of OKI F.C Wind from 1996 to 1998. She returned home to join the Philadelphia Charge in the fledgling Woman's United Soccer Association in 2001, later joining the New York Power before the WUSA folded in 2003. She moved into coaching as a goalkeeper coach at North Carolina, Rutgers, and UCLA, while being one of the founding investors in Angel City FC of the NWSL. She was named to Soccer America's Team of the 90's for her stellar career on the pitch.**

**Currently a host on Q Television's "On Q Live", Saskia Webber's place as a developer and advocate for the women's game in the United States along with her outstanding list of accomplishments both on and off of the field is unmatched and we welcome her into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.**