



1988 STEINERT GIRLS STATE CHAMPIONS

1988 brought trophies and recognition once again to Steinert soccer. With a balanced representation from senior down to freshman, the Spartan girls soccer team avenged two losses in past trips to the finals to bring home the Group III title in 1988. We tonight welcome the 1988 Steinert Girls State Champions into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame, Class of 2024.

Led by Hall of Fame coach Bob “Pivo” Pivovarnick and assistant coaches Elyse Eichman and Joe Moffo, the lady Spartans rampaged through the season with ease, compiling a 23-1-3 record and announced themselves after the regular season as a serious candidate for post-season honors. With team captains Valiere Frantzeskos at stopper and Laura Cesaro in midfield leading the way, goals were not hard to find, as striker Sue Scheer found the net an impressive thirty-one times, joined by Terri Hart on the line. Nancy Dutko joined a strong defensive unit at fullback along with Lisa Griffs, who dished out ten assists as an offensive-minded defender. Goalies Tracey Hourihan, Janice Reeves, and Maria Vasta limited their opponents to a stingy thirteen goals over the season, while defenders Brenna Jobes, Jessica Fort, Gretchen Hartigan, and Kim Derrico closed down the opponent’s offense. Midfielders Amy Nemeth, Amy McGrath, Kristen Vigorito, and Michelle Ackerman helped to start the offence while Dawn Garton, Lisa Cesaro and Alicia Nemeth contributed to the team outscoring their

opponents 80 to 13. Adding to the post-season depth were Tricia Cole, Carlyne Dilts, Tina Zauner, and Carrie Lynch.

It was not easy task reaching the final, playing four tournament games, including a double overtime victory, before defeating Indian Hills for the title after losing to them in the final previously in 1980 and 1981 and, for the first time in Group III history, both boys and girls titles were won by the same school in the same season. "Pivo" saw his career wins boosted to 338 victories while building a team known for their dedication, determination, and a family-like atmosphere. For their fine season, we welcome the 1988 Steinert Girls Soccer State Champions into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame, Class of 2024