



Donald Cogsville

Another member of the Mercer County prep school ranks joins the Hall tonight. Donald Cogsville brings a successful career that he continues as a mentor for young players in underserved communities. For his past glories and his continued involvement with the game, we induct Donald Cogsville into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.

Another product of the West End program in Ewing, Donald started early with success, winning a state championship in 1977 while continuing his development that eventually brought him to Princeton Day School, where he put his stamp on the NJ soccer scene. A three time All-Prep and All-Mercer selection, he was the top scorer in Mercer County in 1984, when he netted an incredible forty goals. He was named as one of the Top Eleven High school players in NJ by the Star Ledger in 1984 while being named All-State. Representing the Prep B champions, Donald was invited to participate in the Senior Bowl and, in 1977, he was a member of the inaugural class of the Princeton Day School Athletic Hall of Fame.

He travelled south to the University of North Carolina, where he was the only player in ACC history to be named to the First Team All-ACC team as both a forward and defender in different years. He was also a two-time a All-South first team selection

and led the Tarheels to a Final Four appearance in 1987 as ACC champions. In 2020, he was voted as one of the top 22 All-Time Players at UNC and was the first UNC player to be selected to the US National Team, also becoming one of the first Black players to be included.

With the National Team, he earned six caps in 1988, making his debut against Guatemala before joining the professional ranks as a member of the San Diego Sockers of the Major Indoor Soccer League as a first-round draft pick. The 1989 season saw the Sockers win the league title while Donald was named Rookie of the Year for the champions. Playing two years for the Sockers, a career-ending knee injury saw his professional career come to a close.

Don is now a board member of Harlem FC, a program that offers opportunities for youth through soccer in less fortunate communities. With an enviable resume and for his continued commitment to the growth of the game, we are honored to induct Donald Cogsville into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame, Class of 2025.