



Frank Kemo

Already a Hall of Famer at Appalachian State University, Frank Kemo represents the best in Mercer County soccer. From the fields of Ewing to the mountains of North Carolina, his prowess on the field showed what it was to be a player from Mercer County. We welcome Frank Kemo into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.

A product of the storied West End soccer programs, Frank was a member of one of the first U10 travel teams in the area. Eventually moving to the Post 313 team in Hamilton, he teamed up with Hall members Tim Murphy and Bill Gazonas to win the prestigious Robbie Invitational Tournament in Toronto, Canada. He was a member of the first Trenton Extension junior team under Al Innocenzi, who travelled to Chicago to compete in the National Junior Cup championship.

As a member of Andy Greener's Ewing High school teams, he was selected for second team All-County and All-Area honors as a junior with first team honors for both as a senior. Upon graduation and after receiving over 100 college letters of interest and a coach's selection at the US Air Force Academy, he decided to attend Appalachian State University in Boone, NC.

Appalachian, coached by Vaughn Christian, was then the two-time Southern Conference champion. Frank was a starter from day one and received first team All-Conference honors all four years. His junior year, the team finished with a 12-0 regular season record while he led the team in assists and second in scoring with 10 goals. The team was ranked fourth in the South, which gave them their first invitation to the Regional Tournament. Frank captained the Mountaineers in both his junior and senior years and received All-South honors both years. The team won three more conference championships while he was with the team. The culmination of his Appalachian career was being inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014.

After graduation Frank coached high school ball at Providence Day School in Charlotte, NC while playing on several semi-pro teams with talented players that he competed against in college. He also coached his three sons in rec and state competitions.

Frenk Kemo competed during what many say was one of the golden eras of Mercer County soccer. His quality throughout his career brings him here tonight and we welcome Frank Kemo into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame, Class of 2025