



1982 Notre Dame Girls Soccer State Co-Champions

For a program that only started in 1977, it didn't take long for the Notre Dame Girls to make their mark on New Jersey soccer. In recognition of their 1982 New Jersey Co-Champion season, we welcome the members of the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame the members of the 1982 Notre Dame Girls Soccer State Co-Champions.

Started by coach and 2012 Hall inductee Sandy Koschek , the Irish progressed quickly. The 1981 team, with six freshmen, compiled a 14-6 record. The 1982 team, with twelve returning players, were determined to make their mark. Scoring an amazing ninety-two goals over the season while only allowing twenty-one goals in twenty-three games, including eleven shutouts, success was sure to follow.

Several times through the season, Notre Dame was the top ranked team in the county. Running through the regular season and tying Ewing for the MCT title, they moved to the state Parochial tournament, beating Holy Cross, 4-1 before meeting St. Thomas Aquinas, beating them 4-2 to win the Parochial South title. Meeting Paramus Catholic in the state title game, the two teams fought to a 1-1 tie, sharing the state

Parochial crown. Notre Dame ended up the season with a 18-3-2 record, the best recorded since the beginning of the program.

The honors were many for the team. Joanne Ramke, Stephanie Mahler, Diane Kelly, Julie Meagher, and Kris Veale all garnered All-County Honors while Kelly and Ramke also were named All-State. Kelly scored an amazing forty-two goals and Ramke recorded eleven shutouts. But it wasn't without help.

Up front, returning players Nancy Hines, Debbie Runowicz, Debbie Bannister, and the late Bridget Corrado all worked to make the Irish an offensive powerhouse. In the midfield with Kelly, Theresa Liedtka, and Julie Franceshini secured the link between the lines, while Monica Stockman, Colleen Flynn, Meagher, and Mahler anchored the defense. A host of newcomers made significant contributions, such as Joanne Ramke, Karen Dey, Amy Masonis, Diane Runowicz, Carmel O'Donovan, Sue O'Donovan, Tina McStravick, Stephanie Flores, and Lisa Samestrelli.

The Irish ended their season as the co-#1 team in the county with Ewing, who suffered their only loss to the Lawrence Road school. For an impressive season full of success, we welcome the 1982 Notre Dame Girls Soccer State Co-Champions into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame, Class of 2025.