



Rob Steward

Mercer's prep schools are making a huge showing this year with Rob Steward joining the ranks this year. From youth leagues to high school and college accolades and culminating with national team honors, Rob epitomizes the best of Mercer County soccer, we are happy to induct him into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.

Like many others, Rob is a product of the Tom Hamnett league, winning a state title at the age of eleven, also being named to the Mercer Select team as he progressed. He was a student at the Lawrenceville School, where he was the team captain in his junior and senior years, winning several state Prep A titles and being named All-Prep, All-County, and All-State in 1981 as well as a Parade All-American team member.

After L'ville, he joined the University of Virginia soccer program under heralded head coach Bruce Arena and future Princeton head coach Bob Bradley, garnering honors from the start of his time in Charlottesville. He was an All-ACC 2nd team pick in 1983, where they went to the Final Four, following with 1st team honors in 1984 and 1985 as conference champions for three years running. Not limited to the soccer field, he was also a member of the ACC All-Academic team in 1984 and 1985. He was named the University of Virginia Male Student Athlete of the Year for 1985-1986.

Internationally, Rob also made his mark. In 1983, he was a part of a Junior National team that participated in a tournament in Leningrad USSR, as well as being a part of the U-19 World Cup set-up in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Like many others, Rob continued to play in adult leagues until the age of 45 as well as being a youth coach for years. With his brother Scott, and for his outstanding career with the Beautiful Game, we welcome Rob Steward into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame, Class of 2025