Wisconsin Soccer Hall of Fame – Class of 2008 Bios

Jimmy Banks, Player, Bavarian SC



He was born in Milwaukee in 1964. His successful playing career in Wisconsin began with the Salvation Army, and included the Milwaukee Brewers, the Milwaukee Kickers, and the Milwaukee Bavarians Soccer Clubs. Jimmy was a High School All-American with Custer High School and a College All-American selection at UW-Parkside as a freshman and sophomore and an All-Midwest selection at UW-Milwaukee as a junior and senior. In 1987 he join the Milwaukee Wave indoor professional team. He continued a successful professional career as a member of the Milwaukee Wave from 1987 to 1993, including an All-Star selection in 1990. His playing skills were widely recognized as he was selected as a U.S. National Team member from 1987 to 1993, which included participation in the 1990 World Cup. Jimmy's leadership skill were evident through his selection as the Milwaukee Wave Team Captain from 1990 to 1993. He was a leader on the field with his superlative skills and an example and role model for those who saw him play. In addition to being a player, Jimmy has ALSO made an impact as a soccer coach. He has obtained an "A" License and coached at Concordia College and currently coaches at MSOE. He is an Olympic Development Program (ODP) regional coach and is currently coaching with the Milwaukee Kickers Academy. To expand the growth of soccer in the City of Milwaukee, Jimmy founded, with the Boys & Girls Club, the Jimmy Banks Soccer League in 1990.

Jimmy Banks passed away in 2019. He is survived by his three sons Demetrius, JC, and Jordan.

lan Davies, Player, Madison 56ers



Currently resides in Madison, WI with his wife Marta and son Jonathon. Ian was born in London, England in 1962. As a youth player, Ian was a London Schoolboys Select Team member. As a University player he was a London University Select Team choice. He played in the Amateur Football Association (AFA) and won two championships in 1979 and 1981. Ian played professionally for three years with Woking Town and Sutton United in the Isthmian Senior League from 1981 to 1984. In 1984 he moved to Madison, Wisconsin to attend graduate school at UW-Madison where he obtain his Doctorate Degree. He joined the Madison 56ers Soccer Club Major Team that year and embarked on a tremendously successful twelve year playing career, until retiring in 1996. Ian led the Madison 56ers to eleven consecutive WSA State finals, winning three Wisconsin Major Division titles, four State Open Cup Championships, and two State Amateur Cup titles in 1990 and 1992. The 56ers won the Region 2 Amateur titles both those years and advanced to the USSF national finals. In 1992, Ian was instrumental in the 56ers winning the USSF National Amateur Championship. He led them to three consecutive Region 2 Tournament of Champions titles in 1988, 1989, and 1990. In addition to playing, Ian coached the Madison 56ers Major team from 1989 to 1996. He coached at soccer camps for the UW-Madison and was a Region 2 Women's Regional Camp Coach from 1990 to 1992.

Joe Krzyzaniak, Referee, WSA Referee Unit



He currently resides in Greenfield, WI with his wife Dani. Joe was born in Milwaukee in 1955. He played soccer in Milwaukee area leagues as a youth and adult. In 1987 he became a USSF registered referee and as a State Level Referee he served for eleven years, until 1998 when he attained "National" level status. As a National referee Joe officiated professional games for five years. He retired as a referee in 2003 to assume the responsibility of State Referee Administrator, a position he currently holds. Joe served as a National Referee Assessor for Major League Soccer officials. He also continues to serve as the Lead Assessor at National Tournaments throughout the county. Joe has been instrumental in the growth and development of referee ranks in Wisconsin with 20 years of service in the administration, training and assessment of Wisconsin's game officials.





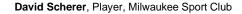
Currently resides in Brookfield, WI with his wife Biljana. Rade was born in Milwaukee in 1959. He began his playing career as a youth player for the Milwaukee Serbian Soccer Club and eventually with their Major Division team. Rade also played for Marquette University from 1978 to 1981 With the Milwaukee Serbian's, Rade led them to three Wisconsin Major Division in 1984, 1986 and 1987 and four Wisconsin Challenge Cup Championships in 1978, 1987, 1992 and 1998 and Indoor Championship in 1977 as well as National Open Cup guarter final in 1984

He was widely recognized by his peers for his playing skills and was selection to the Wisconsin All-Star Team for nine years from 1982 to 1990. Rade was also selected four times as a Wisconsin representative to the North team at the U.S. Sports Festival from 1984 to 1987.



Miroslav Rokvic, Player, United Serbian

He currently resides in Muskego, WI. Mr. Rokic was born in Drvar, Yugoslavia in 1954 and where he began playing youth soccer. "Miro" immigrated to Wisconsin and attended UW-Milwaukee from 1973 to 1977. He was instrumental in reviving the UW-Milwaukee soccer program. He also began playing for the United Serbians S.C. in 1973, where he played for the Major Division team for 16 years. As a prolific goal scorer, Miro led the United Serbians to numerous Wisconsin Challenge Cup championships, indoor titles, and State Championships in 1973 and 1980. Miro's skills as a forward were widely recognized and he was selected as a Wisconsin All-Star six times.





He currently resides in Germantown, WI with his wife Lana and sons David and Michael. David was born in Milwaukee in 1958. He began his youth playing career with the Brewers S.C. from the age of 8 to 17. He played for James Madison High School from 1973 to 1976, which he led to a city conference championship in 1975. In 1974 and 1975 he was the team MVP and All Conference selection. During this period David, David played with the Milwaukee Bavarians on both the U19 and Major Division teams. As a Bavarian, he helped win four state championships and a Midwest Championship in 1977. David was a four-year starter for UW-Milwaukee, from 1976 to 1980. He was selected Team Captain, and defensive MVP as a senior. In 1979 David began an eleven-year association with the Milwaukee Sport Club, where he Captain the Major team for seven years. His leadership brought the club State Amateur and Open championships. His skills and tireless work rate was recognized by his peers with multiple Major Division All-Star selections. David started coaching soccer with Shorewood High School in 1980 as the Varsity Head Coach for the boys until 1990 and girls from 1981 to 1982. He became the Wauwatosa West High School Varsity Head Coach for both the Boys and Girls in 1993 through 2006. David's Wauwatosa West teams have won seven Boys Woodland Conference championship and five Girls conference championship.



Nick Schimpf, Overall, Milwaukee Sport Club

Currently resides in Dousman, WI with his wife Helen. Nick was born in the Croatia, in then Yugoslavia in 1928. He began his playing career there and later in Linz, Austria, where he developed a life long love for the sport of soccer. Injury prematurely ended Nick's playing career but not his passion for the sport. He brought his love of soccer to Wisconsin in the early 1950's and in 1953 joined the new Milwaukee Sport Club, where he has been an officer and member for 53 years. Mr. Schimpf was instrumental in the development and success of the Milwaukee Rampage A-League professional team and

assumed sole ownership of the franchise in 2000. He has been a generous sponsor and supporter of the growth and development of the sport, with the Milwaukee Sport Club and with the Waukesha County Rampage.



Fritz Weiler, Player, Bavarian SC

He resided in Milwaukee, WI with his wife Marise. Mr. Weiler was born in Ubstadt, Germany in 1950 where he played youth soccer with F.V. Ubstadt. Fritz immigrated to Waukesha in 1964 after the death of his parents, where he played youth soccer for the Waukesha Continentals. In 1968, he joined the Milwaukee Bavarians' Major team where he played for 17 years. As a midfielder for the Bavarians, Fritz led them to numerous Major Division, State Amateur and Open Cup championships and in 1976 to the USSF National Amateur Championship. Fritz was widely recognized for his tremendous work rate and tireless running in midfield and his ability to enable his teammates to maximize their effectiveness.