

Wisconsin Soccer Hall of Fame – Class of 2010 Bios



Dean Duerst, Player, Madison 56ers

Dean was born in Madison, WI in 1961. He currently resides in Ann Arbor, MI with his wife Nancy and children Jacob, Marley and Regina. Dean began playing youth soccer in Madison and was a skilled and talented player for his youth teams, at Madison Memorial High School, and for UW-Madison. At UW-Madison, Dean was selected Team Captain for two years and was an All Midwest selection in both 1982 and 1983.

Dean began playing for the Madison 56ers in 1977 at age 16 and led his youth teams to U19 (McQuire) Cup State Championships in 1978, 1980 and 1981. With the 56ers Major team from 1980 to 1996, he led the team to numerous Conference, Major Division, and National Cup State Championship. Twice he led 56er teams to the USSF Amateur Cup National Finals in 1990 and 1992, winning the Amateur Cup in 1992. He is the second leading goal scorer in Madison 56ers history with 136 goals. He played professionally for the Milwaukee Wave and the Fort Wayne Flames. An outstanding midfielder and team leader, Dean was one of the most recognized and respected players in Wisconsin during the 1980's and 90's.

Dean began coaching with UW-Madison as an Assistant for the men's team in 1985 and later as Assistant with the UW-Madison Women's Team. He was the WSA Women's Select Team Coach in 1988. In 1993 he was selected as an Assistant Coach with the U.S. Women's National Team and Head Coach of the National U20 Women's Team. He was the Women's ODP Head Coach from 1991 to 1997. In 1994 Dean became Head Coach for the UW-Madison Women's Team, until 2006. Since 2006 he has been involved with the U.S. Women's National Team program, coaching the U17 and U18 National Teams. He is currently the Associate Head Coach for the University of Michigan Women's Team and an assistant with the U23 Women's National Team.



Luka Gale, Overall, Croatian Eagles

Luka was born in Galici Bosnia in 1934, and attended school in Zagreb Croatia. In 1954, he traveled to Austria and played for FC Kufstin. He came to the USA in 1957 and settled in Milwaukee. He currently resides in Goodyear, AZ with his wife Annette. He has four grown children, Iva, Lisa, Tony, Luka Jr., and three grand children.

Luka joined the Croatian Eagles SC soon after his arrival in Milwaukee and became a life long member. While initially a valued player for 12 years, Luka eventually took on responsibility for many of the necessary administrative tasks needed for operating a successful soccer club, including team manager, Grounds Keeper, Treasurer, Vice-President, and President; positions he held for many years. He also coached youth from age 12 to 23, including his son Luka.

In addition to his ongoing club responsibilities, Luka also served for many years on a number of WSA committees, often at the request of the WSA President, and had an important role in assisting the WSA President and Commissioners in administering the sport of soccer in Wisconsin. Luka was an early member and long serving member of the WSA Hall of Fame Committee where his knowledge about Wisconsin soccer was a valuable asset.



David Hodgson, Player, Bavarian/United Serbian

Dave was born in Milwaukee, WI in 1959. Currently resides in Hubertus, WI with his wife Jamie. Dave has two daughters, Sonya and Katrina. His youth soccer experience, like many others started with the Salvation Army where he began his journey of soccer success. He was a key player for both Milwaukee Madison High School and then Marquette University. Dave had a long and successful playing career with the Milwaukee Bavarians and the United Serbians. He also played professionally with the Milwaukee Wave. He was one of Wisconsin soccer's most prolific goal scorers for many years. His talents were recognized by his selection to three National Sports Festivals teams and as a member of the U.S. Olympic Team from 1982 to 1984.

Dave has since had an extensive coaching career with youth teams in Cedarburg and with the Milwaukee Bavarians. As a club coach with the United Serbians and as a high school coach at Cedarburg High School.



Kris Kelderman, Player, Paper Valley SC/MLS teams

Currently resides in Leawood, KS with his wife Ellen and children Jake and Josie. Kris was born in Appleton, WI in 1968. He played youth soccer in Neenah with the Paper Valley SC and Fox City SC and later played with the Milwaukee Kickers. Led Neenah High School to considerable success before going to the University of Virginia where he became one of their top-ten all-time leading scorers. He was an All-ACC selection in 1988 and 1989, plus winning an NCAA National Championship in 1989. In 1985, Kris was selected to the U.S. U17 National Team for the U17 Youth World Cup in China.

After college, Kris was a member of the 1991 World University Team in South Korea. Also in 1991 he started his professional career as a member of the Milwaukee Wave. After the Wave, Kris played for the Wisconsin Rampage, the Buffalo Blizzard, the Tampa Bay Terror, the St. Louis Ambush, and in 1996 signed with the MLS DC United. He was selected in the 1998 MLS expansion draft by the Miami Fusion FC, and then went to the New England Revolution in 1999. Kris returned to Wisconsin in 2000 to play for both the Milwaukee Rampage and the Milwaukee Wave, where in 2001 his playing career ended after a knee injury.

Kris began coaching while still a player. He has coached youth with the Wauwatosa SC, high school at Neenah and at Dover Massachusetts, college as an assistant at both the University of Virginia and George Mason University. He is currently an Assistant Coach for the MLS Kansas City Wizards.



Jim Launder, Coach, Milwaukee Kickers/Madison 56ers

He was born in Milwaukee, WI in 1952. Jim currently resides in Madison, WI. He has a son, Mario and a daughter, Sonia. He played youth and amateur soccer in Milwaukee, starting with the Salvation Army. He played for Custer High School and UW-Milwaukee.

Jim's coaching career started in 1974 as an Assistant Coach at UW-Milwaukee. He started coaching club teams in 1975. In 1979 he moved to Madison and held the dual roles of Head Coach for the UW Women's team until 1981 and Assistant Coach for the UW Men. In 1982 he took the UW Men's Head Coach position until 1997, including an NCAA Championship in 1995. Jim has a remarkable coaching record that includes professional teams, the MLS Columbus Crew and A-League Milwaukee Rampage, and Head Coach at the University of Dayton from 1998 to 1999; as a club coach for the Chicago Cobras (W-League) and Chicago Sockers (PDL), and since 2004 with the Madison 56ers (NPSL). Jim was for 10 years the Region 2 Boys Olympic Development Head Coach. He has been a member of the U.S. Soccer National Coaching Staff since 1995 and was Head Coach of the Under 16 National Team at the U16 World Cup in France in 1996. Jim is currently the Coaching Director for the Wisconsin Youth Soccer

Association (WYSA). He received his USSF A Coach License in 1984.

Jim was selected the NSCAA Region IV Coach of the Year in 1989, NSCAA Region IV Coach of the Year and Big-10 Coach of the Year in 1991, NCAA National Coach of the Year, NSCAA Region IV Coach of the Year, and Big-10 Coach of the Year in 1995. In addition to the WSA Hall of Fame, Jim was inducted into the UW-Milwaukee Hall of Fame in 1998, the Madison Area Soccer Hall of Fame in November 2009 and is also being inducted into the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association Hall of Fame on February 20, 2010.



Wilfried Masek, Player, Milwaukee Sport Club

Wilfried currently resides in Pewaukee, WI with his wife Anna. He has three sons, Mike, Darin, and Ryan. Wilfried was born in Duesseldorf, Germany in 1946 where he began his playing career as a youth. After arriving in Milwaukee, he joined the Milwaukee Sports Club and had a distinguished 20-year playing career with the Milwaukee Sports Club in the Wisconsin Major Division, leading his team to numerous tournament and cup championships. An outstanding center forward, Wilfried was one of the top scorers in the Major Division every year during his career. In recognition of his skills and scoring prowess, he was selected to be a member of the Wisconsin All-Star Team for 15 years.



Paul Smith, Overall, Racine Spartans

He currently resides in Wauwatosa, WI with his wife Caroline. Paul was born in Racine, WI in 1961 and graduated from Case H.S. in 1978. He was a latecomer to the sport of soccer, not playing until he was a sophomore at Carthage College. He quickly became a soccer enthusiast and led his team in scoring his junior year. In his senior year he was co-captain, set several scoring records and was named MVP after the season. He began playing for the Racine Soccer Club in 1980, where he played for 20 years.

He served as club representative to the WSA for 15 years. Paul's work with the WSA, his knowledge of WSA issues, and his willingness to contribute to the administration of the WSA, led in 1991 to his selection to the WSA State Board of Directors. He quickly became an important Board member, often called upon by then President Mike Kabanica to take a leadership role to address many of the challenges the organization faced. Among other roles, he was U-23 Commissioner, Over-30 Commissioner and State Cup Commissioner. His leadership abilities led in 1994, when the WSA was reorganized, to his election as a WASA Director. A position he held until 2008. In 2000 Paul was the unanimous selection for WSA President, where he served until 2003.

Paul's many years of service to the WSA, in the most challenging positions, dealing with many of the most contentious issues, has been invaluable to the sport of soccer in Wisconsin.



Boro Sucevic, Player, Serbian SC Milwaukee/WC Rampage

He currently resides in Elm Grove, WI with his wife Elizabeth. Mr. Sucevic has two children, Elizabeth Mira and Thomas. He was born in Yugoslavia in 1961. "Boro" has an incredible resume, both as a player and as a coach.

In the Wisconsin Soccer Association he played for the Milwaukee Serbians, United Serbians, Milwaukee Sports Club, Milwaukee Bavarians, Reinders SC and the Waukesha County Rampage. He led his teams to three Major Division and two Challenge Cup championships. He was selected to the Wisconsin All-Star Team from 1981 to 1989. Professionally he played in the NASL with the Chicago Sting and the San Jose Earthquakes; in the ASL with the Oklahoma City Slickers; in the MISL with the

Phoenix Inferno/Pride; in the SSL with the St. Petersburg Thunderbolts; and in the indoor NPSL with Milwaukee Wave, Columbus Capitals, Memphis Storm, Hershey Impact and Chicago Power.

Boro has a USSF A Coaching License. He has coached at the high school level at Homestead HS and Dominican HS; college at Ripon and Marquette; amateur with the PDL Wisconsin Rebels; professional teams with the Chicago Power and Milwaukee Rampage; and youth soccer as the Director of Coaching for the Milwaukee Kickers and the Elm Grove Youth Soccer Club, where he is currently Elm Grove Fire JR Director of Coaching. He was selected as the WSA Head Coach from 1990 to 1993 and also as the Region II Head Coach in 1993.

