

# North Dakota Soccer Hall of Fame 2010

## Dave Ripley



Dave Ripley's first exposure to soccer was in 1965 in the Peace Corps. Dave organized a village team in Kibi, Ghana, West Africa that played other village teams in the area (1965-67).

Dave's soccer coaching career began in 1979 and continues through 2015. He coached 11 recreational teams (ages from 5 to 17) from 1979 to 1987. He coached Junior high and middle school teams from 1984 to 1992 and in 1999. He coached 17 summer club teams (boys and girls) from

1985 to 2007. He coached 5 regional qualifiers in 1988, 1991, 1993, 1998, and 1999. He was an assistant girl's High School coach for 10 years from 2001 to 2010, five of those teams were state champions. Dave coached the Olympic Development (ODP) teams in 1991, 1992, 1993, 1999, 2000, and 2001. He was head coach for the University of Mary Men's soccer team in 1995 and 1996. Dave also has been the University of Mary Men's soccer team assistant coach from 2008 to 2015.

Dave was involved from the very beginning of soccer in Bismarck area in the organizing the Bismarck Soccer League (BSL) in 1978. Dave was the first president of BSL in 1979-80. In 1985 he helped Bob Ohman start the Capital City Soccer Club (CCSC). In 2007-2008 Dave participated in the establishment of the Dakota United Soccer Club. Dave organized and presided over Soccer Associations of Bismarck (SAB) from 1990 until 1995. SAB coordinated the activities of the numerous soccer organizations in Bismarck. Dave was soccer's representative to the Bismarck

Recreational Council (BRC) from 1990 to 2008. In 1984 Dave helped start the Bismarck Junior High soccer program. In 1987 he helped start the High School program in Bismarck Public Schools. In 1995 Dave started the Men's soccer program at the University of Mary.

In 1988 Dave negotiated the purchase of the property that became Cottonwood Park, which included the soccer complex and Reichert Field. In 1989 Dave was the chairman of the Cottonwood '90 fundraiser that raised the funds to develop the 89-acre park that is now over 160 acres in size.

In 1983 Dave helped start the Bis/Man Soccer Referee Association (BMSRA). Dave was the referee instructor and coordinator for BSL from 1979 to 1984. He coordinated referee recruitment and assignments for CCSC tournaments from 1985 until the early/mid 1990's. Dave refereed recreational, junior high & middle school, high school, and competitive matches from 1979 to 1995. He was FIFA certified from 1984 to 1995. He was certified as a FIFA referee instructor in 1985, and instructed until 1995. He refereed at Olympic Development camps, and refereed at 4 regional tournaments.

He served in many position's at the state level for the North Dakota Youth Soccer Association (NDYSA): Secretary (1985), Treasurer (1987), Boy's and Girl's ODP Administrator (1991-95), Director of Referee Assessment (1993-95). He attended numerous regional and 4 national meetings for NDYSA, including subbing as state president at some meetings. In 1990 he started the North Dakota boy's and girl's Olympic Development programs (ODP).

Over the years Dave has helped other soccer organizations in Bismarck and Mandan with coaching or referee training and with organizational aspects. He has also traveled to Wilton, Wing, Beulah, and Aberdeen to help other communities try to get soccer programs started.

### **Organization starts**

- 1978-79 Started Bismarck Soccer League with Steve Hoetzer, Paul Finstad, Kurt Weinberg, and Dan Schmaltz
- 1983 Started Bismarck/Mandan Referee Assoc. (BMSRA) with Paul Stubbs
- 1984 Started Bismarck Junior High School Soccer (BJHSS) with Dick Karlgaard
- 1985 Helped Bob Ohman start Capital City Soccer Club (CCSC)
- 1987 Helped start High School Soccer Boosters of Bismarck (HSSBB)
- 1989 Founded Cottonwood '90 (fundraiser for Cottonwood Park) with Bismarck Park District

- 1990 Helped start Soccer Association of Bismarck (SAB)
- 1990 Began Olympic Development Programs (ODP) for North Dakota
- 1995 Started Men's Soccer program at the University of Mary
- 2007-08 Helped formulate Dakota United Soccer Club

### **Administrative**

- 1979-80 President, BSL
- 1979-84 Coordinator, BSL Referees
- 1983-89 Secretary/Treasurer, BMSRA
- 1984 Secretary, North Dakota Youth Soccer Assoc. (NDYSA)
- 1987 Treasurer, NDYSA
- 1989-91 Chairman, Cottonwood '90
- 1989-94 Head Referee, BMSRA
- 1990-95 President, SAB
- 1990-2008 Soccer Representative, Bismarck Recreational Council (BRC)
- 1991-95 Administrator, Boys and Girls ODP
- 1993-95 Director of Referee Assessment, NDYSA

### **Coach**

- 1979-87 Eleven recreational teams from 5 to 19 yrs old
- 1984-92 Nine jr high/middle school teams
- 1986-2002 Sixteen summer competitive teams (boys or girls, U-12 to U-19)
- 1993-95 Three ODP teams (U-16, U-17, and U-15)
- 1995-97 Two University of Mary Men's teams
- 1999-2000 Assisted, two girls ODP teams
- 2001-2010 Assisted, ten girl's High School teams (Century)
- 2008-2015 Assisted, seven University of Mary Men's teams

### **Referee**

- 1979-88 Recreational soccer, U-5 to U-17
- 1984-95 Junior High and Middle School soccer
- 1985-95 Summer competitive soccer
- 1987-95 High School soccer
- 1988-93 Regional Tournaments in 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, and 1993