

Dan Kapsalis inducted into Indiana Soccer Hall of Fame, January 30, 2010.

When Dan Kapsalis accepted his current position as the first Soccer Director for Pike Youth Soccer Club, he said, *“It’s an honor for me to help guide Pike Youth Soccer Club. My passion and drive over the years lies with teaching kids and building opportunities for them while teaching life lessons along the way. I am on a mission to positively change the culture of youth soccer and youth sports in general. I have found a Club that will provide me the privilege and the opportunity to do just that. I am extremely thankful.”*

Dan Kapsalis lives and breathes soccer every day and has for almost 40 years! As a player, coach, father, administrator, volunteer and professional, Dan has coached over 20,000 players from youth to professional levels. He has traveled to ten different countries around the world “studying” the game since 1985. He has enhanced and improved the sport by developing an online coaching education program for player development while working with physically challenged youth in the “Soccer Start” and “TOPSoccer” programs. In addition, he managed a charity golf event for Indiana Youth Soccer that raised thousands of dollars to support programs for challenged youth. Dan Kapsalis is Pike Soccer Club’s Soccer Director.



With 39 years of Soccer involvement Dan Kapsalis’ contributions include:

AS A PLAYER:

1977 – 1983 – participated as a soccer player in Club, High School, Collegiate and Professional levels winning over 40 championships.

AS A COACH, in the past 21 years Dan has trained and developed:

- Three “Mr. Soccer” Indiana High School Players of the Year.
- Four NCSAA All-Americans.
- 10 NSCAA All-Midwest Regional Players.
- Two National Team Members.
- An Indianapolis Star Super Team Player of the Year.
- Two Gatorade Circle of Champions Players of the Year.
- Two *Parade* Magazine All-Americans.
- 50 Indiana All-State Players.
- 25 *Indianapolis Star* All-North Team Players.
- 10 Indianapolis Super Team Players.
- 102 Indiana All-Academic Student-Athletes.
- Three NSCAA Academic All-Americans.
- 70 All-District and All-Conference Players.
- A Carmel High School Mental Attitude Award Winner.
- An IHSAA Mental Attitude Award Winner.
- Over 80 players have graduated high school and participated on collegiate teams nationwide.

In addition Dan has:

- Won over 50 Coaching Championships at the Club, and High School levels.
- Instituted the first freshman program and training team program at Carmel H.S.
- Founder, President and Director of Coaching for Indianapolis United S.C. (1990 –2001).
- Won 16 Club State Championships with Indianapolis United S.C. from 1991 – 1999.
- Over the past 20 years, has won over 600 championships at the Club and High School levels.

- In 1996, was awarded the “*Good of Youth Soccer*” Service Award from Indiana Youth Soccer.
- In 2006, was awarded the ISCA President’s Award for long-term service to Indiana high school soccer.

AS AN ADMINISTRATOR Dan has...

- Served as the Deputy Executive Director of Indiana Youth Soccer State Association.
- Served as Director of the State Olympic Development and Coaching Education Programs.
- Served as Indiana Youth Soccer State Director of Coaching.
- 20 year active member of the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association (ISCA) 1985-2005.
- In 1993, assisted in the restructuring of ISCA when soccer was officially sanctioned by the IHSAA.
- Served as Vice-President of ISCA (seven years involvement).
- Currently serves as the All-State Chairman for the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association selection process (nine-year involvement).
- Currently serves as a District Representative for the ISCA (nine years involvement).
- Currently serves as the Chairman of the ISCA Rules Committee to propose changes to the IHSAA (nine years involvement).
- Helped implement and promote the ISCA Junior /Senior College Showcase.
- Twenty-year member of the National Soccer Coaches Association of the U.S. Soccer Federation.
- Currently serves as the Regional Chairman for the NSCAA All-American Committee (six years involvement).
- Co-Owner Soccer Unlimited retail stores 1985 –1995 (voted No. 1 Soccer Store in the country by the U.S. Soccer Federation).
- Served as the Director of Soccer Unlimited Training Camps for 20 years.
- Contributed to the design, funding and building of Brian Murray Memorial Stadium located in Carmel, Indiana.

AS A PROMOTER OF THE SPORT:

- Wrote and produced an award-winning sports motivational film for kids - “Attitude Is Everything” that was distributed nationwide in 1997.
- Produced an original line of scenic motivational photographic images currently in national distribution.
- Is a featured writer and speaker for local, state and national publications and organizations.
- For three years, was Radio and TV sports commentator for Indiana Twisters and Blast Professional Soccer Teams.

Dan’s Coaching Accomplishments, Awards, Championships and Records:

- ✓ Holds highest level of U.S.S.F. National and State Coaching Licenses.
- ✓ Holds highest level and National Youth Coaching License with U.S. Youth Soccer.
- ✓ Has Received 34 different Coach of the Year Awards from various organizations which include: NSCAA/Adidas Midwest Regional Coach of the Year – 2006 (National Coach of the Year nominee).
- ✓ Two-Time Indiana Soccer Coaches Association Men’s High School Coach of the Year – 2005 & 2006.
- ✓ Two-Time Recipient of Large School Coach of the Year from Two National Organizations (NSCAA & NFHS).
- ✓ Nine-Time ISCA District Coach of the Year.
- ✓ Seven-Time MIC Conference Coach of the Year.
- ✓ Three-Time Indianapolis Star North Coach of the Year – 2001, 2005 & 2006.
- ✓ Two-Time Indianapolis Star Super Team Coach of the Year - 2005 & 2006.
- ✓ Seven-Time Hamilton County Coach of the Year.

- ✓ Three- Time Senior All-Star Game Head Coach.
- ✓ Seven Time ISCA Jr./Sr. College Showcase Coach.
- ✓ Won his 200th game as Carmel Head Coach in 2005. The only coach in school history with this accolade.
- ✓ Won 25 Team Championships at Carmel in 14 years (*includes... Conference, Sectional, Regional, State, National*).
- ✓ Two Undefeated Regular Seasons (2001, 2006).
- ✓ Recorded 1st overall perfect record in school history (2006 – 23-0-0).
- ✓ 21 out of 21 consecutive winning seasons averaging 16 victories per year.
- ✓ Recorded over 340 wins in high school career.
- ✓ NSCAA Public School National Champions – Ranked #1 in 2006.
- ✓ National Runner-Up in 2006 - Finished second overall in combined categories. (Public & Private Schools) in National Polls (NSCAA & Student Sports).
- ✓ One State Championship – Undefeated 23-0-0...Named Best Season in State History in 2006. (Beat #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 & 10th Ranked Teams in State Tournament to win fourth School State Title...and first under IHSAA).
- ✓ Named NSCAA Midwest Regional Champions in 2006.
- ✓ Four State Championship Appearances.
- ✓ Four Final Four Appearances.
- ✓ Three Semi-State Championships.
- ✓ Five Regional Championships.
- ✓ Seven Sectional Championships.
- ✓ Nine Conference Championships.
- ✓ Recorded 50th School Team Championships in program history attaining a fourth State Title 2006.
- ✓ State Ranked in the top three every year since 1990 (ranked #1 nine times).
- ✓ Nationally ranked five Times (2000, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006).
- ✓ Led Carmel H.S to highest NSCAA Nationally Ranked Boys Program in State History.
- ✓ Holds Carmel H.S. record for most Varsity victories in a season (23) (1993 & 2006).
- ✓ The “winningest” Men’s Coach in Carmel H.S. history with 230 victories in 14 years.
- ✓ In 2006, the entire program (freshman, JV and Varsity teams) went undefeated for first time.
- ✓ Entire program (freshman, JV and Varsity teams) completed a record five seasons consecutively without receiving a Red Card violation from the 2002-2006 seasons.
- ✓ Entire Carmel H.S. team received the Carmel H.S. Team Scholar Award ten years consecutively (1997 – 2006).

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