

Ohio North Hall of Fame Class of 2018



Erich Haller

(His son's, Dan Haller and Erich Haller pictured - far left and far right)

Thomas Turner

Klaas de Boer

Erich Haller
Player/Coach/Referee

Introduction By:
Dan Haller



Erich learned and honed his soccer skills in Germany before coming to America in 1956. He played with the Concordia Senior Team for almost twenty five years. Erich also played a few years with the semi-professional team, The Cleveland Cobras.

After the start of a junior soccer team in the Cleveland area. Throughout the many years that he played soccer, Erich helped with coaching kids and refereeing all levels and age brackets.

Erich was invited in 1963 to play with the United States Olympic team in Chicago, Illinois. He has taken teams of all levels to tournaments in Ohio and many other states. For over 10 years Erich held the position of Junior Soccer Coordinator at Concordia Soccer Club.

Erich coached at North Royalton High School for 12 years and was the head coach for the last four years.

In 1998, Erich won the Coach of the Year Award in the Cleveland Conference. With his love of the sport, Erich has also been a high school soccer referee for over 30 years.

Klaas de Boer

Coach

Introduction By:
Jay Hoffman



Klaas de Boer came to the United States in 1956 as a 14 year-old from the Kollum, in the Netherlands. He played high school soccer at Holland Christian and collegiate soccer at Michigan State. In 1972, he was appointed Head Coach of Cleveland State University while continuing his playing career as a member of the Cleveland Stars, later known as the Cleveland Cobras. He retired from playing in 1976.

De Boer's tenure at Cleveland State was one of the most successful in school history. Over six seasons, his teams went 61-29-7, climaxed by a 3-2 double-overtime loss to SIU-Edwardsville on a frozen Lenau Park in the NCAA quarter finals in 1977. On the heels of that memorable 1977 season, De Boer was named NSCAA Collegiate Coach of the Year. Between 1972 and 1977, his CSU teams recorded two wins over St. Louis, three over Akron and four over Indiana. De Boer was inducted into the CSU Hall of Fame in 2007.

In 1978, de Boer returned closer to his home in "Holland" Michigan to become the assistant coach of the Detroit Express under Ken Furphy. Amongst the players on the roster was Trevor Francis, who was to become England's first million pound player when he was transferred from Birmingham City to Nottingham Forest in 1979. De Boer also served as an assistant coach of the Los Angeles Aztecs before returning to Detroit in 1979 as Head Coach of the Detroit Lightning of the Major Indoor Soccer League.

In 1984, he returned to Ohio as Head Coach of the Canton Invaders, who he led to successive league championships and Coach of the Year honors.

De Boer founded the Midwest Soccer Academy and the All-Ohio Soccer School, the first residential camp in northern Ohio, was a founding member of the North Ridgeville Soccer Club, has served as a U.S. Soccer Instructor and the Director of Coaching for Michigan and he is currently a U.S. Soccer Youth National Team scout and a Technical Advisor to the Detroit City Football Club.

Thomas Turner

Player/Coach/Technical Director



Introduction By:
Timo Liekoski

Tom Turner was recruited from Scotland to Cleveland State University by Klaas de Boer. In Scotland he played for Scotland Schoolboys and was offered professional contracts by Rangers, Celtic and Clydebank.

In 1984, Turner began teaching at North Olmsted, where he helped the school to two state finals and a 25-0 Division I State Championship in 1985. Ohio North State Coach Steve Parker recruited Turner to the ODP Staff in the spring of 1985. He began coaching state level courses in 1987.

Turner was hired to coach at CSU in 1987. He earned his "A" license and joined the Region II Boys ODP Staff in 1990. In 1993, on the recommendation of Timo Liekoski and Jay Hoffman, Turner was asked to serve on the U.S. Soccer National Instructional Staff. In 1994, he was appointed by Bob Gansler to the World Cup Technical Report staff. He succeeded Timo Liekoski as part-time State Director of Coaching in 1993 and coached at Hawken School from 1993 to 2000, taking the school to four final four and three state final appearances in seven seasons.

Turner served as Girls Regional ODP Head Coach from 1994 to 2004 and Boys Regional ODP Head Coach from 2008 to 2011. He served as assistant coach to April Heinrichs with the USA U16 WNT at the 1997 Sports Festival and assistant coach to Jay Hoffman with U-20 WNT at the 1999 Pan American Games.

Turner left Hawken School in 2000 after earning a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from Kent State University. At Ohio North, he has served as Commissioner of the State league and a member of the Region II Coaches Committee, the Region II Coaches Symposium Committee, the Midwest Regional League Committee, the U.S. Youth Soccer National League Committee, U.S. Youth Soccer Committee for Strategic Excellence, the U.S. Youth Soccer National Coaching Committee, and the U.S. Soccer Grassroots Coaching Education Task Force.