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Rich Posipanko inducted into the York County Soccer Hall of Fame Class of 2023

Announced today by the YCSHOF Board, Rich Posipanko's selection for induction into the York County Soccer Hall of Fame Class of 2023. The York County Soccer Hall of Fame will hold its annual dinner and induction ceremony August 31, 2023.

Posipanko served 40 years as a college soccer coach at three universities. Already a member of three Hall of Fames, he was inducted into the Winthrop University Hall of Fame in 2017. He worked for the Charlotte Independence Professional Soccer Club for the past seven years and is currently the Athletic Director at Legion Collegiate Academy, Rock Hill, SC. He has been involved in York County soccer for the past 30 years. Both he and Winthrop University have played a major role in the growth and development of soccer in York County over this time.

The 1991, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2012 and 2015 Big South Conference Coach of the Year has compiled a career record of 396-270-59 and has a Winthrop mark of 275-221-37. Posipanko is ranked seventh among NCAA Division I coaches in total victories. He is also ranked 21st on the All-Time list for victories in all divisions. He is the winningest coach in Winthrop University history with 275 wins. Posipanko is also the winningest coach in Longwood University history with 117 wins and is the All-Time winningest coach in Big South Conference history with 275 total victories. During the 2007 season, Posipanko reached the 300-career win mark and joined an elite group of only 52 coaches in NCAA history (all divisions) and 25 coaches at the Div. I level to reach this plateau. During his career he has won 12 championships and made 8 NCAA tournament appearances.

In addition to his college coaching experience, Posipanko coached professionally, serving as assistant coach of the Houston Dynamo in 1984-85. Posipanko is dedicated to soccer and spent much of his free time trying to improve the game and give back to the local community with his many summer soccer camps and clinics that he conducted while at Winthrop. He has always been active on the fundraising front and has helped raise over \$320,000 for Cancer Research through his annual Kicks Against Cancer Game, Champions Night and The Carolinas Kickin It Challenge. He has raised over \$250,000 through the years for the soccer program including many of the upgrades to Eagle Field, enhanced scholarship funding and helped increase the operational budget.

During his 37 years as a collegiate head coach he's had 169 All-Conference players, 73 All-Region selections, 16 All-Americans, four Olympic team players, four Freshmen of the Year, five Player of the Year, 41 Academic All-Americans, six national team members and a Lowes Senior Award Top 10 finalist and Walter Byers Scholarship Winner. Over the years, 18 of his players have also gone on to play at the professional level.

The York County Soccer Hall of Fame will hold its annual dinner and induction ceremony Thursday, August 31, 2023 at the Courtyard Marriott (Kingsley) in Ft. Mill, SC. Tickets are \$55 per person and can be purchased online at www.yorkcountysoccerhof.com Get your tickets today as past years have sold out. The Ceremony will begin at 6:00 PM with a cocktail social (cash bar) followed by dinner at 6:45 PM with induction speeches and teams of distinction beginning at 7:30 PM.

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