

Dustin Sheppard

Dustin Sheppard is a 1997 graduate of Hillsborough High School.

Dustin is one of Hillsborough High School's most productive and most successful soccer players. From 1994-1997, Dustin was a varsity starter. In his freshman and sophomore years, he was the leading goal scorer with 6 and 17 goals respectively. In his junior and senior years, Dustin was captain of the team as well as an All-Skyland Conference, All-Somerset County, and All-State player. After thirty years of Raider Soccer, he is currently ranked #2 on the all-time point winner list with 158 points: 61 goals and 31 assists. He was MVP his senior year, scoring 28 goals and assisting on 16 and helped the team win the Group IV Central Jersey Sectional State Championship and a #12 ranking in the state.



Outside of HHS, Dustin was a member of the US Under-17 Youth National Team from 1994-1997. He attended the inaugural Adidas Elite Soccer Program camp for the top 125 players in the nation in 1997. He was a member of the US Youth Soccer New Jersey Olympic Development Team as well as the Region I Olympic Development Team from 1994-1999. He was also a six-time US Youth Soccer Region I Champion at both the club team and state team levels.



After HHS, Dustin attended Rutgers University on athletic scholarship from 1998-2001 where he continued to be a standout player. He was a four-year starter in both midfield and forward and set two records: for "Games Played", he is 6th all-time with 87 games and on the "Game Wining Goals" list he is 15th all-time with 5. Dustin collected 56 total points (21 goals, 14 assists) over his four-year career at Rutgers, helping to lead the team to the NCAA Sweet 16 in 2000. During his junior season in 2001, Dustin notched 12 goals and four assists (28 points), leading the Scarlet Knights in scoring and earning All-Big East Conference second-team honors. He was also named Big East Offensive

Player of the Week five times over a four-year career.

After Rutgers, Dustin became the only HHS player to go on to play soccer professionally. In 2002, the NY/NJ Metro Stars of Major League Soccer signed Dustin, and he made his professional debut against the Chicago Fire on July 27, 2002.

The Hall of Fame Committee is proud to welcome Dustin to the 2008 class of the HHS Athletic Hall of Fame.