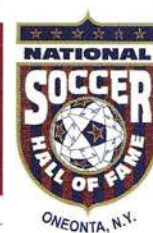


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A New Era

The National Soccer Hall of Fame truly entered a new era with Induction 2004. Not only were the first MLS players inducted into the Hall, but the proceedings were broadcast via Fox Sports World. It also marked the first annual MLS Hall of Fame Game, televised live and played this year between the Chicago Fire and the MetroStars. And the gods were smiling on Oneonta because the fall foliage chose induction weekend to burst into flame.

The activities commenced on Saturday, October 9th with The Liars' Retreat, for Hall of Famers. Then, on Sunday morning, the traditional Memorial Service was held for recently departed Hall of Famers and others from the soccer world. Memorialized this year were Gene Ringsdorf '79 and Philip Slone '86 along with Lolly Keys former Chief Communications Officer for AYSO.

Sunday afternoon featured the Annual Hall of Fame Golf Tournament at the Oneonta Country Club, which had a record turnout. That evening there was a well-attended public reception in the Hall atrium followed by The President's Dinner, which was staged in the museum itself. The dinner was emceed by popular Fox Sports World broadcasters Max Bretos and Allen Hopkins, and among the guest speakers were Doug Willies, Chairman of the Board and Will Lunn, President and CEO. The keynote speech was given by Don Garber, MLS Commissioner. From their studio in Los Angeles, John Harkes and Sean Wheelock of "MLS Wrap" hosted videotapes of each of the inductees during their playing days. Of particular significance was a special videotaped tribute to Michelle Akers from Sepp Blatter, President of FIFA, marking the international recognition the National Soccer Hall of Fame is now receiving.

But Monday was the big day. The induction ceremonies started at 11am with the introduction of returning Hall of Famers and inductees, who arrived at the Hall in vintage cars to be greeted as they entered into the Hall atrium, one by one, by a crowd of some 600 fans, many of whom overflowed into the museum and watched the

ceremonies on the video wall. Opening remarks were made by CEO Will Lunn and NY State Senator Jim Seward. The proceedings were emceed by veteran broadcaster Seamus Malin. The first order of business was recognition of Hall Historian, Colin Jose by Lynn Berling-Manuel, publisher of Soccer America. The Colin Jose Media Award, named in his honor, was presented for the first time. The first recipient was journalist Jerry Trecker, who received his plaque from Colin Jose himself.



L to R Paul Caligiuri, Michelle Akers, Eric Wynalda, Michael Windischmann

Induction 2004 also marked the beginning of a new tradition – the red jacket. Along with the Hall of Fame ring, each inductee was presented with a red jacket symbolizing having reached the pinnacle of their career in soccer. They join an exclusive group, since only 109 other players have been inducted into the Hall of Fame since its inception in 1950. Michelle Akers was introduced by her former national team coach Anson Dorrance, himself a recipient of the Hall's Medal of Honor. Paul Caligiuri was introduced by MLS Commissioner Don Garber; Mike Windischmann by Hall of Famer Rick Davis, and Eric Wynalda by a young friend, 14 year old Jonathan Decker. By the luck of the alphabet the honor of being the first MLS player ever to be inducted into the Hall of Fame fell to Paul Caligiuri.

The weekend was capped by the internationally televised game between the Chicago Fire and the MetroStars, which was won by the MetroStars 2-0, in front of a crowd of over 2,000.



DEDICATED TO THE SPORT OF SOCCER IN AMERICA...



Major League Soccer and the Hall

Don Garber is the Commissioner of Major League Soccer. He was instrumental in arranging the MLS Hall of Fame Game between the MetroStars and Chicago Fire and was the keynote speaker at the President's Dinner held in the museum on the night before inductions. The following are excerpts from his speech.

"At Major League Soccer, we're trying to do for this country what you have done for the people of the region and that is to create a place where people of all backgrounds, ethnicities and ages come together to celebrate our great game... You have built a permanent tribute to honor all those who helped establish a foundation for soccer in America... Our sport has such an amazing and storied history... We at MLS are committed through all means necessary to continue building the great history showcased here in the Hall and build a future all of us can be proud of."



MLS Commissioner Don Garber

Garber praised the achievements and contributions of the new inductees saying, for example "Michelle Akers was a pioneer and role model, not just for a team, but for an entire sport... Mike Windischmann captained the first World Cup team in 40 years and was an example for the generation of players to follow."

Of Caligiuri and Wynalda he said, in part "We are particularly proud and honored to have the first two players from the MLS enshrined in the National Soccer Hall of Fame... they were two of the first pillars for Major League Soccer and are the legends who will continue to inspire young players and legions of fans... Each of them has inspired today's stars, and passed the torch on to others... But 2004 is only the beginning. In years to come, the people who have left an indelible mark on the women's game, Major League Soccer and the sport in America will continue to be immortalized here at the National Soccer Hall of Fame. And MLS is proud to forever be a part of this great monument for the sport in America..."

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This is a new era for the relationship between MLS and the Hall... The annual induction ceremony will become an integral part of MLS tradition and so will the Hall of Fame Game. The current and future stars of America's top professional league will visit Oneonta every year to pay homage to the pioneers and visionaries of the sport. This makes the game more than just an exhibition. It will be a celebration of our sport's history."

CLASS OF 2004 - HALL OF FAMER TIMELINE

This historic timeline gives a brief glimpse of the impact that the Class of 2004 had over the last 20 years

- 1984** – Caligiuri and Windischmann win their first caps
- 1985** – Akers scores first goal in US Women's National Team history
- 1988** – Windischmann begins record stretch of 34 consecutive starts for the national team
- 1989** – Caligiuri propels the US Men's National Team into the first World Cup in 40 years by scoring the winning goal against Trinidad & Tobago
- 1990** – Wynalda scores first international goal in his first start. Windischmann captains the US World Cup team. Windischmann plays last game for the national team with a then-record 51 caps
- 1991** – Akers leads national team to the first FIFA Women's World Championship. Caligiuri and Wynalda lead national team to the CONCACAF Gold Cup title
- 1994** – Caligiuri and Wynalda lead national team to the World Cup round of 16
- 1995** – Caligiuri and Wynalda become founding MLS players. Caligiuri wins 100th cap
- 1996** – Wynalda begins MLS career with the San Jose Clash and scores the first goal in MLS history. Caligiuri begins MLS career with the Columbus Crew later signing with the LA Galaxy. Akers leads national team to an Olympic Gold Medal. Akers wins 100th cap
- 1997** – Caligiuri retires from international competition
- 1998** – Wynalda wins 100th cap
- 1999** – Akers leads national team to its second World Cup title. Akers scores 100th international goal
- 2000** – Wynalda retires from international competition. Akers honored with the FIFA Women's Player of the Century Award. Akers retires
- 2001** – Akers receives Medal of Honor from the National Soccer Hall of Fame. Caligiuri wins the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup with the LA Galaxy. Caligiuri and Wynalda retire
- 2004** – Akers, Caligiuri, Windischmann and Wynalda are inducted into the National Soccer Hall Fame



MetroStars 2 – Chicago Fire 0



The MetroStars defeated the Chicago Fire in the inaugural MLS Hall of Fame game, the first-ever MLS match, which was held at the At-A-Glance field. It was an entertaining exhibition game, played by teams in the last weekend of the regular season and with playoff games just around the corner. It was televised live, with commentary by MLS broadcasters Max Bretos and Allen Hopkins.



Pablo Brenes scoring the first goal in the first MLS Hall of Fame Game

Both of the goals came in the first half, as Metros midfielder Pablo Brenes struck two minutes before the end of the first half and forward Fabian Taylor pounded home a left-footed shot in stoppage time. Goal-keeper Zack Thornton, just back from a stint with Benfica of Portugal, entered the game for the Fire in the second half.

Newly inducted Hall of Famer Eric Wynalda made a guest appearance for his old team, the Chicago Fire, entering the game in the 73rd minute. He had, perhaps, the Fire's best chance of the game when he broke away in the closing minutes only to push his shot just wide of the goal.



Even at his advanced age they still have to grab Wynalda's shirt to stop him



An exhibition game?

The shirts worn by Brenes and Taylor in this inaugural match were presented to the Hall to mark the historic first goals scored in the first MLS Hall of Fame game.

Another First for Akers



Gene Olaff describing to Michelle Akers and husband Steve Eichenblatt what it was like playing in the 40s

Michelle Akers has done it again. She became the first female Hall of Famer to attend The Liars' Retreat when she joined the 5th annual gathering on October 9th. Close to 50 years in age separated her from Ray "Granny" Kraft '84, who at age 85 was the oldest Hall of Famer in attendance. In addition to new inductees Michelle Akers, Paul Caligiuri and Mike Windischmann, other first-time attendees were Clay Berling '95, Reinhold Spath '97 and Frank Borghi '76.

Special guests included Colin Jose, Roger Allaway and David Litterer, co-authors of "The Encyclopedia of American Soccer History", along with its publisher David Biesel. Despite the difference in their ages, Mike Windischmann, Willy Schaller '95 and Clarkie Souza '76 found common ground because they spent much of their careers in the German American Soccer League in New York. A shared memory was playing at Metropolitan Oval in Brooklyn, with no grass on the field, iron railing two feet away from the touchline and chain link nets on the goals. Ah the good old days!

As usual, it was a wonderful gathering full of fond memories and shared experiences. But the presence of the new inductees has caused a major problem. The name of the gathering is The Liars' Retreat (which says it all) but unfortunately, according to Hall Historian Colin Jose, the new inductees' stories were all true. We have decided to give it a few years and see how their stories change. The Liars' Retreat was supposed to end at 7pm but many stayed on to watch the US beat El Salvador in the World Cup Qualifier. The gathering finally broke up at midnight after much post-game analysis.

Other Hall of Famers who attended inductions but arrived too late for The Liars' Retreat were: Walter Bahr '76, Rick Davis '01, Karl-Heinz Granitz '03, Ted Howard '03, Lee Stern '03, Eric Wynalda and Manny Schellscheidt '90.



L to R - Frank Borghi, Paul Caligiuri and Clarkie Souza



Willy Schaller, Harry Keough and Michael Windischmann

Induction Weekend



Don Garber (L) with Paul Caligiuri

"We are all fortunate to have a place like the Hall of Fame to honor and enshrine those individuals who have truly made a difference in our sport...Paul Caligiuri had one of the most storied careers in US soccer history...we build Halls of Fame for people like Paul...a man whose determination and love of the game changed the course of soccer history."

Right: Jerry Trecker receiving the first Colin Jose Media Award

"American soccer has now earned the respect of the world...it is because of players like those who are being inducted today that writers like me had subject matter worthy of the best possible treatment...in receiving this award today I only hope that I have done them justice"

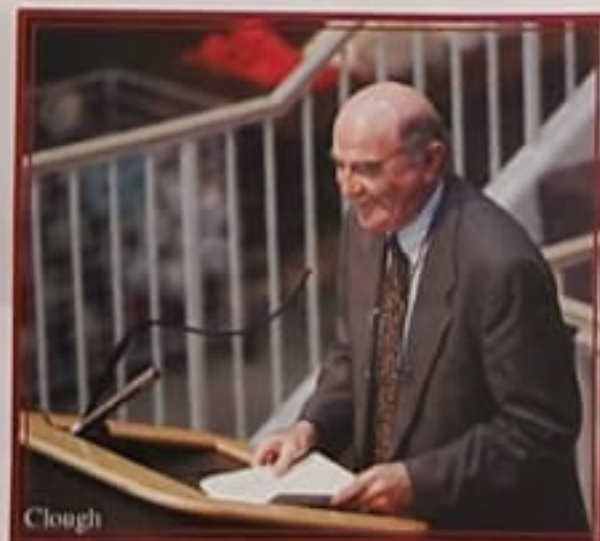


Right: Jonathan Decker introducing Eric Wynalda

"On behalf of thousands of youth players it is my honor to introduce one of the greatest players of all time."



Above: In the audience, L to R Sunil Gulati, VP US Soccer, Alexi Lalas, Mike Burns



Left: State Senator Jim Seward

"I am very proud to be the State Senator representing Oneonta, Soccertown USA...not only do we promote and honor soccer here, this hall of fame and museum is a very important part of our economic engine in this area...an excellent investment not only of public funds but of the private funds that are behind it as well...I've been honored from time to time to direct funding for this building and ongoing operations"

(Editor's note: The Senator's comment re funding is a masterpiece of understatement).



Left: Caligiuri presents the Hall's Jack Huckel with the shoes he wore when scoring his historic goal.

"I have cherished these cleats for the last 15 years...the ones I wore on November 19, 1989 when I scored the goal that beat Trinidad & Tobago and is now described as one of the most significant goals in US soccer history...The Hall of Fame is forever, representing the past, the present and the future. Between these walls are so many memories, so many stories...I'm privileged to add my story...Today I coach, I dream of tomorrow, and forever this game is my life."



Left: Anson Dorrance introduces Michelle Akers

"Her presence dominates this inner sanctum just as her play dominated the world stage...extraordinary in the air, ferocious in her strike, confident and creative in her dribble, clever in her passing, violent in her tackling, relentless in her work ethic and so courageous and reckless...the greatest woman soccer player of all time."



Mike Windischmann "When I received the telephone call informing me of my induction I thought it was a prank being pulled by one of my old teammates...This is a great honor...The greatest feeling I ever had was playing with the US team...today is an unbelievable experience"

Rick Davis described Windischmann as "a player's captain...the guy that players wanted to be their leader...simple, quiet, thoughtful, but when he spoke it was powerful."



Michelle Akers "Growing up as a rugrat in Seattle my dream was to become a Pittsburgh Steeler...this apparently reflected later on in my soccer career...In order to appreciate the present and look into the future you really have to understand where you have come from in the past, and to meet all these Hall of Famers made it really special."



Eric Wynalda "It means a lot to me to be part of the history of this game...it's a wonderful history with a great future...I've always been a dreamer. If I wasn't a dreamer I would not be here today"



Above: Great Action

Left: Emcee Seamus Malin chuckles while describing Eric Wynalda's ESPN answer to Ryan Seacrest

Will Lunn, President and CEO "Today we are starting a new era, a new chapter...a chapter that will see a new generation of stars...we welcome them with open arms...we welcome them to their new home."

Seamus Malin "This is a place that teaches, entertains, that inspires, and especially remembers."



Back Row L to R - Souza, Brown, Berling, Spath, Olaff (partially hidden), Chacurian, Schaller, Kraft, Windischmann, Keough and Ely. Front row kneeling - Oliver, Akers and Borghi (typical goalkeeper, he had to touch the ball)

Bourbon Street Blast

Cajun revelry was the order of the day for the 5th Annual Big 3 Enshrinement Ceremonies held at the National Soccer Hall of Fame on August 14th. It was a colorful occasion in more ways than one, as AYSO, NISOA and the NSCAA gathered to honor their respective inductees. Before the ceremonies the guests were treated to rides in two brightly colored hot air balloons which were tethered just outside the museum. And, upon entering the museum for the pre-ceremony reception, the guests were handed glittering paper crowns and colorful bead necklaces, which they wore in keeping with the New Orleans theme. It really looked like "Fat Monday" on Bourbon Street.



Emcee Ken Andres, NISOA President

Ken Andres, President of NISOA, served as emcee and opened up the ceremonies saying "Tonight we are privileged to honor nine individuals who have given so much to our sport and who are very deserving to be honored in this shrine to soccer in the United States." After a welcome by Hall President/ CEO, Will Lunn, the ceremonies commenced with the NSCAA enshrinements.

Opening remarks were made by Jim Thieser, NSCAA Past President followed by Jack Huckel, NSCAA Hall of Fame Chair, who had the honor of enshrining John McKeon and Tim Schum. Dr. McKeon's daughter Kate Cilurso accepted on behalf of her father who passed away last year. In a touching gesture, his grandson Stephen was presented with his grandfather's NSCAA Hall of Fame ring, sized for him to wear.



Autograph session

Pete MacPhail, AYSO National President made opening remarks, followed by Fred Gregory, AYSO Hall of Fame Chair, who formally enshrined, in the AYSO Hall of Fame, John Enroth, Bill McLean and Carin Jennings-

Gabarra (who was inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame in 2000). Gregory also paid tribute to Lolly Keys, the former Chief Communications Officer for AYSO who recently passed away. A plaque in her honor has been placed in the AYSO exhibit.

NISOA enshrined a total of four – Brian Hall, Joseph Manfre, Paul Tamberino and Donald Wilbur. Past President Dan Keohane had the honor of formally introducing and enshrining the honorees.

"Each year I marvel at the depth and breadth of the talent in these three organizations," said Hall President, Will Lunn "When you consider the hundreds of thousands of volunteers these organizations represent, to be chosen for induction into their respective Halls of Fame is a mark of exceptional achievement."

To Our Donors

We would like to express our appreciation to all those who have shown their support since our new annual fund, the Hall of Fame Society, was founded in 2003. Virtually everyone listed below, including a number who wish to remain anonymous, generously contributed at least \$1,000. Said Will Lunn, President and CEO "As with every museum and educational institution in the country we rely on contributions to support our mission. We have many who support us, at various levels, on an annual basis and we can't thank them enough." For more information on the Hall of Fame Society please contact Ellen Selig, Development Manager, at 607 432 3351 or email Ellen@soccerhall.org.

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Editor's Corner

George Brown

Note the new name for this column. It's not ego. Readers complained that the column would occasionally say things like "I had the pleasure of" and they didn't know who "I" referred to. So now they'll know. Also, as a general rule, any article in the newsletter that has no attribution was written by me.

Congratulations to the Hall's regular staff of only 7...with the help of interns and a handful of volunteers they pulled off one of the most successful inductions ever...Wonderful collections were received from **Thom Meredith** and **Jim Trecker**...now being inventoried and carefully archived...also a steady stream of memorabilia coming in from **MLS**...**Nike** representatives were recently at the Hall poring over old photos and archival material...**HBO** has also asked for research material...**Dr. Shawn Ladda** presented the Hall with her dissertation entitled "The History of Intercollegiate Women's Soccer in the United States", which is now in the archive library...**LLOYD MONSEN HF'94**...flew up from Florida but unable to attend the inductions...daughter-in-law in a terrible accident but hopefully on the road to recovery...**GENE OLAFF HF'71**...made a substantial donation to the Hall...name was inadvertently spelled Olaf on the donor board...grandson Gary suggested I tell him he should donate another few thousand \$\$\$ to have it corrected...I did...he didn't...we'll correct the spelling anyway...Board member, **Scott Blackmun**, COO of Anschutz Entertainment Group, showed true dedication, joining the Board meeting via teleconference from Los Angeles...8.30am our time...5.30am his time...**Mark Simonson**, local Oneonta author and historian just published book entitled "Soccer in Oneonta"...great retrospective on the Hall included...available at the Hall gift shop...**Alexi Lalas** GM of the San Jose Earthquake and **Mike Burns** of the New England Revolution were in the induction audience...Burns will be eligible in 2005 and Lalas in 2006...There is another wave of future Hall of Famers on the way - **MICHAEL WINDISCHMANN HF'04**...wife Naomi had first child - Michael Windischmann...a "preemie", he now weighs 9lbs...**MICHELLE AKERS HF'04**...3 months pregnant...she looks game-fit...**ERIC WYNALDA HF'04**...wife Amy just had 3rd child - Tatem Milan....Best line of the weekend - Wynalda being told to warm up before his guest appearance with Chicago "How do you warm up scar tissue?"

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Hildebrandt Elected to Board



A. Thomas Hildebrandt, President of the Hillside and Crestwood Children's Foundations has been elected to the National Soccer Hall of Fame Board of Directors. Hildebrandt, a CPA, holds degrees from Wittenberg University and Rochester Institute of Technology. In his current position he is responsible for all aspects of philanthropic cultivation and solicitation. Prior to this he was an Audit Partner at Deloitte & Touche.

Hildebrandt is a life-long soccer enthusiast both as a player and coach and he continues to play to this day. He is currently President of Still Sporting Club in Rochester, NY.

"Tom's passion for soccer and experience in philanthropy, from both the giving and the soliciting side, is an asset to the Hall of Fame," President/CEO Will Lunn stated "I look forward to working with Tom to build support in the Rochester area. His help, along with that of our other board members, will be a key element as we continue to evolve into a nationally recognized institution."

Policy Changes

At the meeting held on October 11, 2004, the Board of Directors approved two recommendations submitted by the Eligibility & Awards Committee (E&A). This 14-member committee has responsibility for policies governing induction into the Hall and other existing or proposed awards bestowed by the Hall. The changes, which will be effective with the 2005 elections, are as follows:

- All Hall of Famers are now eligible to cast votes in all three categories - Players, Veterans and Builders. Heretofore all Hall of Famers could only vote in the Veterans category, and only Hall of Famer Builders could vote in the Builder category. Hall of Famers did not vote in the Players category.
- In the event of a tie among the top vote-getters in any given category, all tied will be inducted.

Said George Brown, Chair of the E&A Committee "Allowing all Hall of Famers to vote in all categories will add a knowledgeable group of individuals to the voter base and further enhance the credibility of the elections. The provision for ties was deemed necessary in the event of such an occurrence."

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