

John C. Rath

Athlete - Soccer

Shawnee High School Class of 1995



During his high school career, John Rath was a four-year varsity athlete in the Shawnee Soccer program. His freshman season was cut short due to a torn ACL, but he went on to become a Soccer superstar and wrapped up his senior year as Team Captain. John's personal athletic accomplishments included three year totals of 56 goals and 59 assists, Burlington County Times 1st Team Selection ('92, '93, '94), the first Midfield player in Courier Post Selection history to achieve the Courier Post All South Jersey 1st Team Selection ('92, '93, '94), Philadelphia Inquirer All South Jersey 1st Team Selection ('92, '93, '94), Courier Post "**Player of the Year**" ('92, '93), Burlington County Times "**Player of the Year**" ('93, '94), South Jersey Coaches Association "**Player of the Year**" (Offensive '93, Midfield '94), Philadelphia Inquirer "**Player of the Year**" ('94), Group IV All State 3rd Team ('92), Associated Press All State 1st Team ('93, '94), NCSA/Umbro NJ "**Player of the Year**" ('94), NSCAA/Umbro All American Team ('94), Garden State Games Championship Team ('93, '94), and Garden State Games "**Governors Cup MVP**" (93).

John not only saw great individual success at Shawnee, but his leadership and talents on the field were instrumental in his team seeing a 38-game unbeaten streak ('92, '93) and achieving the following championships: Burlco-Liberty Division ('92, '93, '94), SJ Group IV ('93, '94), Regional Group IV ('93, '94), State Group IV ('93, '94), SJ Coaches Soccer Tournament ('92, '93), Courier Post Champions ('93, '94), three-year record of 65-5-2 (48-2 between the '92 and '93 seasons) and national rankings of #17 in 1993 and #6 in 1994.



Being named the "**1998 South Jersey Soccer Coaches College Player of the Year,**" was the culmination of John's four-year varsity Soccer career at Rutgers University. Playing the positions of Midfield and Center Back, John's accomplishments at Rutgers included 2nd Team All Big East ('97), 1st Team All Big East ('98), and 1st Team All Mid-Atlantic All-American ('98). John was also 2-time Captain ('97, '98), 2-time NCAA Tournament Participant ('96, '97), and Captained his team to the 1st Big East Championship in school history. John graduated Rutgers in 1999, with a degree in Administration of Justice.

John's accolades did not stop upon his graduation from Rutgers University. His accomplishments were recognized post-college when he was named the **Courier Post All Century 1st Team** as Shawnee Midfielder ('99), the Star Ledger **Top Ten New Jersey Soccer Players of the Decade – '90's** as Shawnee Midfielder, and his 2012 induction into the *South Jersey Soccer Hall of Fame*. In honor of Rutgers Coach Reasso's 20th season, a "20 Year Team" was selected to represent the top players under Reasso, and John was selected to the 2nd team as a Defender. John currently works in the printing, promotional products and custom apparel industry as President of J & C Rath, LLC, dba "Safeguard Business Systems" and lives in the area with his wife Corrie and children Julia and Christopher.

-Congratulations on your induction, John!