

# **Loren Green**

## **Soccer**

### **Class of 1970**

Even though his time at Nyack High School was brief, Loren Green certainly made the most of his NHS career. After growing up in Port Limon, Costa Rica, Loren moved here at age 17, and played two seasons with Nyack's powerhouse Boys Soccer team. In those two seasons, “The Costa Rica Kid” helped lead Nyack to two Rockland County PSAL titles and two Section 9 titles as the team went 26-2-1. Green was named a First Team All-County forward both seasons, and he tallied an impressive 37 goals and 21 assists in just two years. Despite being too old to play for NHS as a senior, he went on to play successfully at the collegiate level at SUNY Morrisville and even played professionally. Loren then embarked on a remarkable tenure as a soccer coach at Rockland Community College, leading the team to several championships and developing many award winning players.

In his first season with Nyack soccer as a sophomore in 1967, Green helped lead a team that had had a losing record the year before to County and Section titles. Loren finished tied for 4th in overall scoring and 2nd in overall assists among Rockland players, and had an assist in Nyack's 4-3 win in the Section title game. In 1968, Green missed a penalty shot in the team's only loss, but bounced back with several clutch performances in big games. Loren had a hat trick in a PSAL title-clinching win over North Rockland, another hat trick in a section semifinal victory, and 2 goals and 2 assists in a 4-3 section championship win. Fellow NHSAHOF athlete Homer Wanamaker (2018) shared in the title win. Green finished 2nd overall in goals and assists on his way to being named Rockland County Player of the Year.

At SUNY Morrisville, Green twice earned Junior College All-American honors. Loren also played for the Eastern Olympic Team in a recruiting tournament for the 1976 Olympics. He played professionally for the Washington Diplomats, competing against stars like Pele. Green also played for the New York Apollo, winning the 1978 American Soccer League title.

After working as an assistant for two years, Green became the head Men's Soccer at RCC in 1984. Loren went on to enjoy a very successful 32-year run as head coach, leading his teams to several conference and region titles and reaching the NJCAA DIII National Tournament in 1993. The team was ranked in the top 20 nationally in the 1990s for five straight years, and nine of his players were named Junior College All-Americans.

Above all, Loren Green has earned the respect of many throughout his playing and coaching career. In high school Green was an unselfish player who was called “a most beautiful

player to watch” by Coach Frank Nelson. Loren's college coach described him as “very coachable and a very fine citizen of our campus," and he was well regarded by his RCC players and other coaches in the area. Since his high school days, Loren has been tutoring and developing players of various ages as he gives back to a grateful soccer community.