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CLASS OF 1980

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THROUGHOUT THE TRADITION RICH HISTORY OF THE NORTH OLMSTED SOCCER PROGRAM, MANY OUTSTANDING PLAYERS HAVE MADE US PROUD. JIM BECKER IS ONE WHO STOOD OUT AMONG ALL THESE GREAT PLAYERS. A THREE YEAR STARTER ON THE NORTH OLMSTED HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM, JIM PLAYED AN INTEGRAL ROLE ON THE TEAM FROM 1977 THROUGH 1979. AS A SOPHOMORE IN 1977, JIM STARTED ALL TWENTY- ONE GAMES ON THIS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM AND SCORED TWENTY- ONE GOALS AS WELL.

IN 1978, JIM EARNED FIRST TEAM ALL- WESTERN DIVISION AND WAS VOTED THE TEAM'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AS A JUNIOR. HE SCORED EIGHTEEN OF HIS TEAMS THIRTY- EIGHT GOALS AND HAD SEVERAL MULTIPLE GOAL GAMES IN LEADING HIS TEAM TO A 9-2-5 RECORD.

HIS SENIOR SEASON WAS NOTHING SHORT OF INCREDIBLE. IN TWENTY- ONE GAMES, JIM SCORED THIRTY- SEVEN GOALS, HAD SEVENTEEN ASSISTS, SCORED A SCHOOL RECORD OF EIGHT GOALS IN ONE GAME AND SCORED A SCHOOL RECORD OF TEN POINTS IN A SINGLE GAME. THE 1979 EAGLES WENT ON TO A 13-3-5 RECORD AND JIM'S FIFTY-FOUR SEASON POINTS LED ALL NORTHEASTERN OHIO PLAYERS. POSTSEASON HONORS FOR JIM IN 1979 INCLUDED ALL- CONFERENCE, ALL-STATE, ALL-MIDWEST AND ALL AMERICAN. JIM WAS ALSO SELECTED TO PLAY IN THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC NATIONAL SPORTS FESTIVAL IN COLORADO SPRINGS WHERE HIS TEAM WON THE GOLD MEDAL.

SOME OF JIM'S MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS AT NORTH OLMSTED HIGH SCHOOL WERE WINNING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1977 AND THE STRONG INFLUENCE OF COACH TOM HATFIELD.