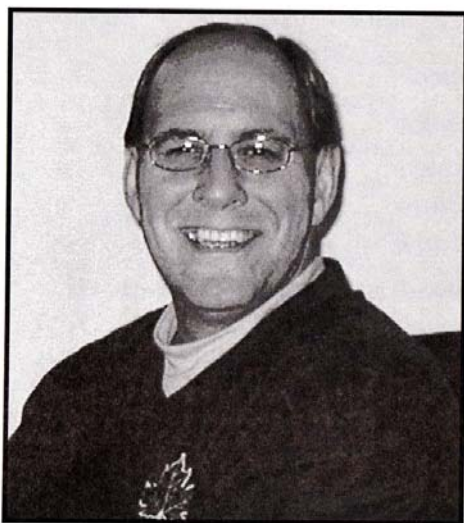


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IN THE LATE 1970'S, THE NORTH OLMSTED SOCCER PROGRAM WAS ROLLING ALONG QUITE WELL WITH CERTAINLY NO SHORTAGE OF OUTSTANDING PLAYERS. ONE OF THESE OUTSTANDING PLAYERS WAS GOALKEEPER JONATHAN KOVACH. THE GOALKEEPER FOR THE 1976, 1977, AND 1978 DISTRICT CHAMPIONS, JONATHAN RECORDED SHUTOUTS IN ALMOST HALF THE GAMES IN WHICH HE PLAYED AS THE NORTH OLMSTED GOALKEEPER. ALONG WITH THE ABOVE MENTIONED DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS, THE EAGLES ALSO GARNERED A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1977 WITH JONATHAN IN GOAL.

WITH HIS OUTSTANDING PLAY IN GOAL, JONATHAN EARNED ALL NORTHEASTERN OHIO WESTERN DIVISION FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS IN 1977 AND 1978. FOR HIS PLAY DURING THE 1978 SEASON, JONATHAN EARNED ALL-OHIO FIRST TEAM HONORS.

UPON HIS GRADUATION FROM NORTH OLMSTED HIGH SCHOOL, JONATHAN ATTENDED KENT STATE UNIVERSITY WHERE HE PLAYED SOCCER FOR TWO YEARS BEFORE THE SPORT WAS DROPPED FROM THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM. THROUGHOUT THE 1980'S AND 1990'S, JONATHAN CONTINUED WITH HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE SPORT OF SOCCER BY OFFICIATING MANY COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER GAMES. AS A RESULT OF HIS OUTSTANDING OFFICIATING, JONATHAN WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 1992 COLLEGE NAIA WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.

JONATHAN HAS VERY FOND MEMORIES OF COACH TOM HATFIELD AND HIS LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS THE OUTSTANDING SCIENCE EDUCATION HE RECEIVED AT NORTH OLMSTED HIGH SCHOOL.