

Wes Jones

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Wes began soccer at the ripe old age of seven in Redondo Beach California and literally ran with it! Wes continues to do his part to spread his love and development for the beautiful game. His name has become synonymous with soccer in Oklahoma. Wes may well be one of Oklahoma Soccer Associations longest registered players; playing from 1973-2000 in OSA leagues.

Coming of age at a time when soccer was just beginning to germinate in Oklahoma, Wes can claim many firsts on his long and accomplished soccer resume.

- First soccer style football place kicker in Oklahoma (All-State, 1975)
- First GCSA player to play overseas (Crystal Palace F.C., 1976)
- First GCSA player to play college soccer (Gettysburg College, 1976-1978 University of Tulsa 1980-1981)
- First father and son duo inducted into the OSA Hall of Fame (father Don Jones, Class of 2004, credited with laying the foundation for GCSA and Oklahoma Soccer)

After graduating college Wes continued to play in adult leagues as well as carry on the family tradition of contributing to the growth and development of soccer. He acted as Coach/Player for the Tulsa Gunners Men's (1980-1989) team and won two State Championships. He was also Coach/Player/Captain of the over 30 TER Jaguars (5 time state champions and won Regionals in 1989). Many of the players Wes coached went on to coach their own teams or become soccer referees.

As an administrator Wes held the office of NEOASA President (1985-1988. While serving as President he conceived and developed the annual Adult Soccer Tournament, Soktoberfest, which continues to be a huge annual event.

Wes has made many acquaintances and friendships through his involvement in soccer. Perhaps none so memorable as his interaction with the famed Brazilian soccer player Pele in 1976! Pele was brought to Tulsa for a clinic (one of only 3 US cities he visited that year).

Wes was chosen to demonstrate techniques and skills for the nearly 2-hour clinic.

Wes resides in Tulsa with his wife Beth. They have 6 adult children (Calista, Ashley, Daniel, Michaelanne, Katherine, Kersey) and 12 grandchildren.

Wes' philosophy? "If you enjoyed the game as much as I did, show it to your teammates and friends. Go coach, referee, be an administrator."

Pass your passion on.