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Ian Davidson Inducted into the Inaugural Class of the York County Soccer Hall of Fame.

York County, SC—The York County Soccer Hall of Fame announced Ian Davidson as one of the inductees for the inaugural class, which will be officially inducted into the Hall of Fame August 31, 2019.

Davidson played a large role growing the game of soccer in Rock Hill and York County in the early 1970's and 1980's. Davidson worked in close partnership with Robert Hope and the YMCA to create a series of youth-sponsored day camps and was also vital in the creation of the first adult soccer club in Rock Hill. Former Winthrop men's soccer coach Dr. Jim Casada and some of his players at the time directed the camps at the YMCA but Casada says it was "Davidson's brain child and he was the man that made things happen."

He was a moving force behind the ongoing advances of soccer in York County as he was known to arrange matches, maintain facilities, oversee travel and in general just made things happen. While introducing the area to the game of soccer, Davidson was known to go to great lengths such as building a field from scratch and organizing a group of neighborhood boys involved in the sport. This began as one team that became four, then to a dozen youth teams and on to exponential growth to the point of where soccer stands in York County today.

In the early 1980's Davidson helped facilitate with local officials to field an under-19 travel team which went on to win a state championship in its first year of existence. Davidson wasn't only interested in finding willing participants to compete but also locating individuals interested in coaching the sport of soccer.

Davidson took a key and pivotal role in forming a soccer committee within the community that worked closely with local officials to make the sport a part of the community. He pushed tirelessly and successfully to get soccer as a sport in the local high schools.

The York County Soccer Hall of Fame will hold its dinner and induction ceremony Saturday, August 31 at the Courtyard Marriott at Kingsley in Ft. Mill, SC. There will be a cocktail hour starting at 6:00 PM followed by dinner at 6:45 with hall of fame induction speeches and Teams of Distinction recognition starting around 7:30 PM. Anyone interested in attending can purchase your tickets online at www.YorkCountySoccerHOF.com or by calling 803-524-2501.