



Jim Finnerty

James Finnerty is currently the head coach of both Girls and Boys soccer teams at Legion Collegiate Academy. He is a director with Charlotte Soccer Academy working with the top U9 Pre ECNL groups. Jim played collegiate soccer with Fredonia State. During his college career he went 35-6-1, including a 18-2-0 in the SUNYAC. The team made two consecutive NCAA post-season appearances. They were ranked number 1 in the country two seasons in a row. The Blue Devils won four in-season tournaments and Finnerty was instrumental in those wins. He was chosen MVP of the Four Points Sheraton Tournament and made the Virginia Wesleyan All-Tournament team. He was first team All SUNYAC player and First Team All-Region two years in a row. He was named SUNYAC Defender of the Year and played in the Senior Select College All-Star Game.

He was named first team All-American twice during his college career. Jim went on to play professionally in New York and North Carolina. Jim has over 25 years of coaching experience. During that time, he has worked at the collegiate level, with multiple local clubs, local high school teams and has run his own soccer club. Jim has taken many club teams to tournament championships and to state cup final fours. He has had multiple high school teams with a number 1 rank in the state of SC and has recently had an unbeaten season with the Legion Collegiate Academy Lancers men's soccer team who finished last year's season ranked number 1 in the state.

Jim was the coach for the Fort Mill High School girls' program where he went 73-18-8. They won 4 straight Region 3-4A titles. His team went 43-0 in the region during that time and they played in the Upper State Semifinals three years in a row. During that time, they made it to the finals where they lost 4-3 in triple overtime. Jim is a member of the West Seneca Hall of Fame where he grew up and also in the Fredonia State University Hall of Fame. Jim has been married to his wife Lori for 28 years and has a son, Keegan, and a daughter, Rayna.