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Sam Tucker to be Inducted into Inaugural Class of the York County Soccer Hall of Fame.

York County, SC—The York County Soccer Hall of Fame announced Sam Tucker as the final inductee for the inaugural class, which will be officially inducted into the Hall of Fame Aug. 31, 2019.

Tucker spent decades serving as a referee in York County for high school, club and collegiate games as well as the lead assignor for those levels in the area. Believed to be one of the first assignors in the area, he not only took care of the local games but was involved statewide as an assignor and official. Tucker worked and assigned several state championship games for club and high school and regional collegiate games. It wasn't just refereeing Tucker enjoyed, he also spent some time coaching the game with Discoveries Soccer Club.

As the game of soccer started to become a part of York County, Tucker was one of the few referees in the area and his face became quite familiar to players, coaches and parents. When not working his full-time job, Tucker put a lot of effort into seeking out local middle school, high school and collegiate players in the area to try and build a solid base of officials. He is often mentioned as one of a handful of people in the area that has helped keep the game alive in the area and helped it grow as much as it has over the years. Some people feel he could have easily jumped the border to Charlotte but focused his efforts of growing the game in York County. It wasn't just about making sure he had a large number of officials to fill games, Tucker was known for always pushing his officials to be better and can be credited for the success of some of the highest levels of the game.

The persistence shown by Tucker through the years to not only populate his pool of officials, but to work with them and push them to improve and strive to become top level officials paid off as several went on to referee collegiate and professional contests. The reach of referees mentored by Tucker stretches to the NCAA level including multiple College Cups (Final Four), American professional level such as A-League, USL, and MLS (Major League Soccer) and even the international level.

The York County Soccer Hall of Fame will hold it's 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.