



As undoubtedly one of the best soccer midfielders in the history of Shawnee High School, and earning four varsity letters in boys' soccer, Jamie Franks led the Renegades to a 99-4-3 record during his time at Shawnee. While earning four varsity letters in soccer from 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004, Jamie was instrumental in leading his team to win both the Coaches Cup Championship and Olympic Conference Championships, simultaneously, for four consecutive years. Jamie led the Renegades to Sectional Championships in 2001, 2002, and 2003, and State Championships in 2001, and again in 2003. In his first season (2001,) Jamie was named South Jersey Newcomer of the Year. Other accolades included NSCAA Adidas High School All-American, and United States Men's National Team U-18 player, with an impressive seventy-two goals and fifty-six assists during his high school career. Jamie's all-star recognition included First Team All-State in 2002, 2003, and 2004; NSCAA Gatorade New Jersey Player of the Year 2004, First Team All-South Jersey 2002, 2003, 2004, three-time SJSCA Player of the Year, Second Team All-South Jersey 2001, All-County 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004; Burlington County Times Player of the Year 2004, and All-Conference in 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004.



Jamie entered Wake Forest University in the fall of 2005 as a Communications major, and continued his soccer career. While playing at Wake Forest, Jamie earned four varsity letters and competed in 95 matches (the 5th-highest played matches in Wake Forest History,) helping lead his team to multiple championships - two Atlantic Coast Conference Championships, three College Cups (2006, 2007, and 2008,) Sweet Sixteen in 2005 and National Champions in 2007. Jamie's career record at Wake Forest included seven goals and twenty assists. In 2009, Jamie was drafted in the fourth round of the major league soccer draft by Chivas, USA.

Upon his retirement from professional soccer, Jamie was named Assistant Coach at University of Denver in 2012, and in 2015 named Head Coach at University of Denver. Jamie's record stands at 46-8-8, including three Summit League regular season championships, two Summit League tournament championships, and the 2016 College Cup. In 2015-2016, the Pioneers finished consecutive regular seasons unbeaten, ranking 3rd in the nation, breaking a record held by the 1977-1978 Clemson team.

In three seasons, as head coach and 2016 National Coach of the Year, Jamie was undefeated in the 2015 and 2016 regular seasons, (first time that happened in **forty** years). Since Jamie's arrival as an assistant coach, Denver's record improved to 81-25-16, while winning nine trophies in that time span (five regular conference championships, and four tournament conference championships). These results have yielded Jamie to be honored as a Summit League Conference Coach of the Year in 2015, 2016, and 2017. As a player and coach, Jamie is 180-52-33 in college soccer and has participated in five of the last twelve College Cups while winning a national championship at Wake Forest as a player. In 2013, Jamie was Inducted into the South Jersey Soccer Hall of Fame, and in 2016, Jamie received his Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership from the University of Denver. Jamie, his spouse Emily, and daughter Eleanor currently live in Colorado.

Congratulations, Jamie!