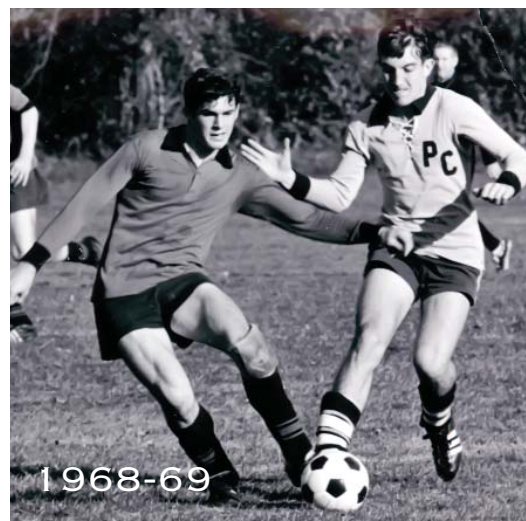


# LOOKING BACK AT A CENTURY OF MFS SOCCER

In 2009 the Friends Schools League, established in 1981, is celebrating 100 years of soccer competition between Friends schools in the Philadelphia area. On September 26, a ceremony at Germantown Friends School (GFS) celebrated the original three competing schools: GFS, MFS and Friends Select. Moorestown Friends School/Friends Academy (the schools merged in 1920) first assembled a soccer team in 1906-07, according to archived school catalogs.

While school records are not complete, there are several undefeated seasons and several championships on record, including a dominant stretch in the Friends Schools League by the newly established girls team in the 1990s.

The high point in program history came in 1979 when the boys team downed St. Cecilia's of Kearny 1-0 in double overtime to win the Parochial B state championship. Current School Committee member Ken Zekavat '80 scored the gamewinner with 48 seconds remaining in the contest to bring MFS the state title. It highlighted a five-year stretch of consecutive South Jersey titles for the school (1976-1980).



## A CENTURY OF MFS SOCCER

### UNDEFEATED TEAMS:

1929: (no record avail.)

1937: 6-0-1

1957: 5-0-1

### MILESTONES/HONORS:

1957: JV soccer begins

1968: Herm Magee's final season as varsity coach after 42 years

1973: MFS ranked #3 in South Jersey (12-1-4)

1976 AND 1977: SJ Soccer Association (SJSA) Co-Champs

1978: SJSA Champs (13-4-1)

1979: SJSA and STATE CHAMPS (12-3-3)

1980: SJSA Champs (13-3-2)

1981: MFS is charter member of Friends Schools League along with 6 PA Friends schools (two non-Friends schools have since been added)

1994: Girls soccer debuts

1995-97: Girls soccer wins three Friends School League titles

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**Bottom Left:** The 1912 Friends Academy team. **Top Right:** 1968-69: Terry Haas '69 competes against Penn Charter. **Middle Right:** Lance Johnson '88 enjoyed a long professional career. **Bottom Right:** The girls team hopes to build on a 2008 season in which they narrowly missed a state playoff berth.

**Top Right:** Bob Scott '39 fires a shot on net as spectators in cars look on in the background. **Second from Top:** 1957-58 undefeated team. **Third from top:** 1979 State Champions! **Bottom of page:** The 1995 Girls Soccer Team, the first of three consecutive Friends Schools League championships.

