



## Soccer Community Honors Jimmy Conway with Testimonial Events

Jimmy Conway, who retired last November as OYSA State Coach after serving 28 years, will be honored by the Northwest soccer community in a variety of events later this summer. In addition to his many years of service to youth soccer, Jimmy had an outstanding amateur and pro career in Ireland and England and played 20 games for Ireland's national team. In 1978, he joined the Portland Timbers and eventually became captain of the former North American Soccer League side.

For many years, Jimmy has played on teams in OASA's Greater Portland Soccer District. His current team, Pierre's, competes in the GPSD over-50 division. Following is a Pierre's team picture from the late 1980's or early 1990's (Jimmy is in the front row, second from the right):



On Wednesday, August 25, Jimmy's friends will gather in the morning for a golf tournament at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club in North Plains. That same date, at 7:45 pm, a testimonial dinner will be held in the Torrey Pines Room at the Tiger Woods Center on Nike's campus in Beaverton. Former Timbers' coach Bobby Howe

will be Master of Ceremonies and Cliff McGrath, former coach of Seattle Pacific University, will be guest speaker. The dinner will be preceded by a silent auction. **Registration for both events is by invitation only.** Proceeds of the events and auction will benefit the Alzheimer's Association-Oregon Chapter, as Jimmy has been diagnosed with trauma-induced dementia.

Next, on Thursday, August 26, the Timbers will host a special testimonial game at PGE Park to salute Jimmy. At 5:00 pm, a group of former Timbers players will meet a Select Oregon XI (comprised of players Jimmy formerly coached) in an abbreviated match before the Timbers host the Austin Aztex at 7:00 pm. At halftime of that contest, the Timbers also will honor their former player, captain and assistant coach.

Additionally, in September, the soccer programs at University of Portland, Oregon State and Pacific each will host "College Appreciation Day for Jimmy Conway" at their respective campuses in conjunction with matches involving their men's teams. Jimmy coached at Pacific from 1983-87 and at OSU from 1988-98.

A special website has been set up for the Jimmy Conway Testimonial and can be found at [www.jimmyconway.com](http://www.jimmyconway.com). There also is a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/jimmyconwayjct](http://www.facebook.com/jimmyconwayjct).



### Highlights of Jimmy's Playing Career

Jimmy joined Bohemians FC and played in the Irish league before being scouted by several notable clubs in England.

He then signed for Fulham FC in 1966 where he played for ten years, making over 300 appearances for the London-based club. One of the highlights of his time at Fulham was playing in the 1975 FA Cup Final in

Wembley Stadium in front of one hundred thousand soccer crazy fans. To this day that was the only appearance the premier club has made in the final of the FA Cup.

1976 he was transferred to Manchester City where he played for two years before moving to Portland to sign for the North American Soccer League Portland Timbers.

Jimmy made over 60 appearances for the Timbers during the seasons 1978-80. He was made player/captain in 1979.

Between 1966-77 Jimmy played for the Republic of Ireland National Team earning 20 caps.

### Highlights of Jimmy's Coaching Career

Jimmy was assistant coach of the Timbers from 1980-82 and again from 2001-05.

From 1982-88 he was head coach at Pacific University in Forest Grove, OR, and from 1988-98 he was the head coach for Oregon State University's men's team. Jimmy ended his 11-season reign at OSU with a 97-89-13 record and had just three losing seasons with the Beavers. He was Mountain Division Coach of the Year in 1995 and Northwest Colleges Soccer Conference Coach of the Year in 1990.

He also was Oregon Youth Soccer Association State Coach from 1981-2009.

Finally, Jimmy served as a coach for the United States Soccer Federation National Staff, a position he has held since 1994.

