

Tiverton High School, with four players chosen, dominates The Herald News 1980 All-Scholastic soccer team, which includes three players each from Connolly, Portsmouth and Somerset, and two each from Durfee, Westport and Diman Regional.

Andy DeFarias of Connolly and Pete O'Hara of Portsmouth High share coach of the year honors. For DeFarias, it was a triumphant return to the Cougar helm. Andy piloted the Cougars from 1970 to '75 before resigning. He returned this season to steer Connolly to a conference championship.

O'Hara has done wonders with the Patriots' soccer program. Two years ago he led them to a Rhode Island state champions, and the Patriots enjoyed insurmountable success this season.

Tiverton, runnerup in the RI Class BB state tournament, was led by high scoring forward Mark Sylvia. In regular season, Sylvia amassed 18 goals and three assists.

Tiverton's Wally Ainsworth, midfielder on the Dream Team, was considered to be the Tigers' best all-around player by coach Jim Cook. A defensive specialist, Wally helped offensively with five goals and six assists.

Rounding out the Tiger all-stars are fullback Rene Milot and goalie Dan Bouchard. Milot was a "rock" on defense for the Tigers, and Bouchard reeled off 11 shutouts while netminding. Dan allowed just 12 goals in 21 games.

John Sheridan was Connolly High's ace. The classy senior co-captain struck for 13 goals. Dave Lima, the other Cougar captain, was perhaps the team's most versatile performer. He finished with 10 goals. The other Cougar star was junior winger Chuck Hodkinson, who also scored 10 goals.

The Raiders of Somerset are represented by forwards Steve White and John DeCosta and fullback John Rocha. Rocha was a defensive specialist while White and DeCosta headed the offense. Somerset did well in very competitive Division One of the Southeastern Massachusetts Conference.

Portsmouth's pride and joy for the past three seasons has been starry halfback Steve Midas, recognized as one of the top players in the Rhody circuit. Midas accounted for 21 points this year on 17 goals, four assists. Patriot captain Jamie Simoes had also been an intricate part of the Patriots' machine, interchanging at forward and halfback. A defensive standout for Portsmouth was Jim Ayars, who was named most valuable player in this year's Newport Soccer Classic.

Paul Teixeira and Lou Mateus of Durfee, Joe Cardzina and Jerry Bedard of Westport, and Joe Moniz and Manny Ferreira of Diman round out the HN squad.



Andy DeFarias



Peter O'Hara

Forwards

- Dave Lima.....Connolly
- John Sheridan.....Connolly
- Chuck Hodkinson.....Connolly
- Steve White.....Somerset
- John DeCosta.....Somerset
- Mark Sylvia.....Tiverton
- Jamie Simoes.....Portsmouth
- Paul Teixeira.....Durfee

Halfbacks

- Steve Midas.....Portsmouth
- Jim Ayars.....Portsmouth
- Wally Ainsworth.....Tiverton
- Lou Mateus.....Durfee

Fullbacks

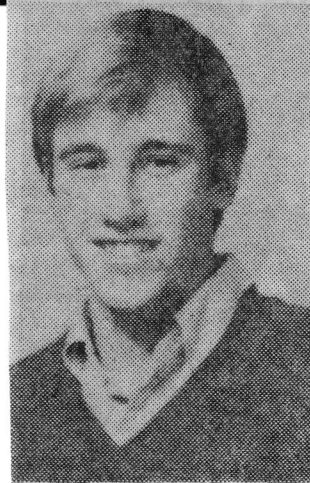
- John Rocha.....Somerset
- Manny Ferreira.....Diman
- Jerry Bedard.....Westport
- Rene Milot.....Tiverton

Goalies

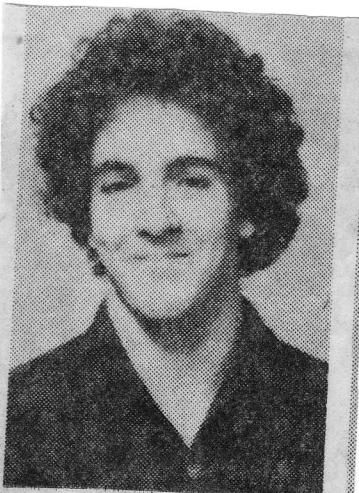
- Don Bouchard.....Tiverton
- Joe Gardzina.....Westport
- Joe Moniz.....Diman

Coaches

- Peter O'Hara.....Portsmouth
- Andy DeFarias.....Connolly



Steve Midas



Jamie Simoes