



Mark Southern

Two things happened for the Mount St. Mary's men's soccer team in 1994. Mark Mettrick took over the reins of the men's soccer program and Mark Southern arrived on campus in the fall of 1994.

Southern made his presence known in his first game to help kick off the Mettrick era. The Manchester, England, native, posted a goal and two assists in an 8-0 win against the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore. Southern notched his first career goal unassisted early in the second half. He would go on to lead the

Mount with six goals and 11 assists for 23 points in his first season to be selected to the All-Northeast Conference team. He helped the Mountaineers to an 11-6-2 mark and its second appearance in the NEC Tournament.

Southern continued to be a force in his second year, leading the team again with seven goals and four assists for 18 points to earn his second All-NEC selection. He started strong again in his first game, registering two goals and one assist in an 8-0 win against the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore. Southern also posted two goals and an assist in a 5-0 win against Bucknell and scored both tallies in a 3-2 overtime loss against Rider.

In 1996, Southern helped the Mount return to the NEC Tournament after a one-year absence and leading the team to a 10-8-1 record. He was again honored by the league with his third All-NEC selection after finishing third on the team with four goals and nine assists for 17 points. Southern handed out two assists in the season-opening 3-2 win against VMI, scored the only tally in a 1-0 win against the University of Maryland-Baltimore County and handed out two assists in a 2-0 victory against St. Francis (N.Y.)

In his first three seasons, Southern always had a knack for finding an open teammate to help Mount St. Mary's score a goal. In his senior year, Southern took it to another level by dishing out a program-record 14 assists, which also ranked second in Division I. He also recorded four goals to finish with 22 points, finishing second on the team and be honored with his fourth All-NEC selection. He recorded an assist in 11 of the Mount's 18 matches that season, including two helpers in a 3-1 win against Saint Peter's and a 3-1 win against Saint Francis (Pa.). The Mountaineers won 10 games for the third time in his career, posting a 10-6-2 mark.

Along with holding the program record for assists in a single-season, Southern holds the all-time program record with 38 assists and holds the Mount Division I record for points with 80, which ranks fourth on the all-time chart. He also ranks third in goals in the Mount Division I era (21). Southern is the only player in program history to be honored by an All-NEC selection in all four seasons and the Mount posted a 38-28-7 mark in his tenure.

