



KIM YANKOWSKI MONTGOMERY

After not being selected to her first try-out team in Point Pleasant, Kim's mom, Laurie, started one for her. The Point Setters were a successful travel soccer team for 10 years, led by coaches Ron Autenrieth and Charlie Rott. This team was the beginning of Kim's successes and accolades in soccer.

At Point Pleasant Boro high school, Coach Kulesa selected Kim to play on the Varsity team as a freshman. In Kim's four years on the team they accumulated a 52-3-2 record, winning the Shore Conference Tournament her freshman and senior years. The team also won the Shore Conference every year. Kim was selected to the Ocean County and Shore Conference first teams as well as the All-State team each of her four years in high school. She was selected for the All-American team her junior and senior years. In 1990 Kim was named the Asbury Park Press high school female athlete of the decade. She currently holds the shore conference record for most career goals and points with 154 goals, 67 assists, for 375 points. Kim holds the record in the state of New Jersey for most goals in a season with 61. Kim also enjoyed a four-year field hockey career with coach Judy Goldstein. The team won the shore conference tournament and made it to the semi-finals of the state tournament Kim's senior year. She was selected to the All-Conference, All-Shore, and All-State field hockey teams that year. While at Point Boro, Kim played for the under 16 and under 19 United States National Soccer Teams. She was a member of the National Honor Society, graduated 14th in her class, and went on to accept a full soccer scholarship at

North Carolina State University.

While at North Carolina State, Kim's team played in the NCAA tournament each year, making it to the final four twice. Kim was selected to the All-ACC team in 1990, 1991, and 1993 and was a freshman and senior All-American. Kim is currently in fifth place in school history for points with 95, seventh in goals with 32, and third in assists with 31. Kim was recently named to the ACC's Top Women Soccer Players of All-Time team. She graduated with a degree in Health and Physical Education in 1995 and went on to accept a full graduate assistant scholarship at Virginia Tech. She was the assistant soccer coach for the Hokies for two seasons and graduated with a Master's degree in Health and Physical Education in the fall of 1996.

After graduating, Kim returned to North Carolina where she taught public school health and physical education, coached youth soccer, and continued her playing career for the semi-professional Raleigh Wings. The Wings were coached by current National Team assistant coach, Bill Palledino, and won two of three National Championships. Kim enjoyed great success in the league, receiving league MVP honors in 1998 and leading the league in assists each year. In 2000 the WUSA (Women's Professional Soccer) was created. Kim resigned from teaching and was drafted in the 6th round 43rd pick overall to play in the world's most elite women's professional soccer league. Kim played three seasons with the Carolina Courage, going from last place her first season to beating Mia Hamm and the Washington Freedom for the World Championship her second season.

Finally retiring from competitive play, Kim, her husband Monty, and golden retriever Gracie, relocated to the central Florida area. Monty enjoys a successful career with Baxter Health Care. Kim and Monty have been married for a year and a half and are expecting their first child in August. Kim is currently back in the world of teaching and coaching and enjoys spending her free time of the golf course