

George Stevenson

George Stevenson was a pivotal figure in the history of Gorham High School soccer, serving as the varsity coach from 1964 to 1980. During his tenure, he led the team to remarkable success, most notably securing the Maine Class A State Championship and the New England Championship in 1972.

Here's a summary of his contributions:

- **Coaching success:** Stevenson led the Gorham boys' soccer team to multiple championships, including the three MPA sponsored Class A State Championships beginning in 1970, the 1972 State and New England titles. The program also won another state championship in 1977. In 1971 Gorham was the Runner-up in the New England Tournament.
- **Influential leader:** Stevenson was instrumental in developing soccer in the town of Gorham, where many players were multi-sport athletes. Players from the 1972 team, like Rusty Keene, have credited Stevenson with instilling a winning mentality, stating that he "convinced us we could win and so we just thought we could."
- **Dedication to the sport:** Stevenson also held a leadership role in the broader Maine soccer community. In 1973, he was elected the first president of the Maine Soccer Coaches Association, an organization formed by high school and college coaches to promote the sport. He was also listed as President again in 1974.
- **Teacher and mentor:** In addition to coaching, Stevenson was a high school math teacher, influencing students both on and off the field.
- **His record at Gorham over the 16 years was 189 - 49 - 17. From 1985 - 1988 he coached the South Portland boys winning 46 more games. His win total reached 235 placing in on the +200 Wins Archive on the Maine Soccer Coaches website**

George Stevenson's coaching legacy at Gorham High School is defined by his ability to build a successful soccer program, inspire his athletes, and contribute to the growth of the sport throughout Maine.