Even though Ross Paule played only three years at Creighton University before being drafted into professional soccer, he made a significant and lasting contribution to the development of the sport at Creighton and is highly ranked in multiple career statistical categories.

The Bluejays were 36-13-4 in the three seasons Ross Paule played. Ross remains the only soccer player in school history to have earned first-team all-Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) honors in his first three seasons and one of only 10 players overall to have earned the honor three times.

Ross was a finalist for the Hermann Trophy and the Missouri Athletic Club (MAC) Player of the Year award (before the two were combined) in 1996, the year he led Creighton to its fifth straight MVC regular-season title and its first College Cup. According to Coach Bret Simon, "Ross was the catalyst for his college teams. His combination of skill, vision and competitive drive earned him the respect of teammates and opponents alike. Ross was a dream to coach; a quiet, reliable and remarkable leader."

Ross finished his college career after 63 matches – all starts – ranked sixth in points (77), sixth in goals (28) and eighth in career assists (21). Following his junior season, he was drafted 11th overall by the Colorado Rapids in the second round of the 1997 Major League Soccer (MLS) draft. Paule played for Colorado, Columbus and N.Y./N.J. during a lengthy, nine-year MLS career, in which he was named twice to MLS All-Star teams.

"Ross Paule was one of the pioneers of the rebirth of professional soccer in the United States,” says Coach Simon, “... one of the most technically and tactically advanced players our country has produced. Through his platform as the National Soccer Director for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes he has continued to impact the game and the millions of youth who play it."

Creighton University is pleased to name Ross A. Paule to the Athletic Hall of Fame.