



US Soccer and SCSA Development Academy



Academy Coaching Staff

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Derrick Leeson

A former college head coach with West Virginia Wesleyan College, Campbell University and Eckerd College comes to SCSA to bolster our older boys program. Leeson, as both a player and a head coach, at WWWC won three National Championships. Derrick brings extensive knowledge to our college recruiting program. Originally from Newcastle, England, Derrick now resides in Charlotte with his wife and family.

Richard Butler

Richard is a native of London, England having relocated to the US in 1987. As a young player he was a member of the England Independent Schools Squad at both the U16 and U19 age levels. Richard played soccer at the University of Alabama Birmingham (UAB). After graduating from UAB in 1992 Richard was hired as Director of Coaching for the Williamsburg Soccer Club in Virginia. He holds the Premier, Advanced and National Diplomas from the National Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) and is currently a National Staff coach for the NSCAA qualified to teach NSCAA courses.

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Todd Herman

Todd Herman spent eight seasons working with the Davidson men's soccer program before taking over as Providence HS head soccer coach. Herman was the former Director of Coaching with North Meck Youth Soccer Association. Herman was the starting goalie at Pfeiffer University for four seasons before playing professionally with the Charlotte Eagles. In 1993, he served as the interim coach of the inaugural women's soccer team at Pfeiffer after serving as the men's assistant in 1992. Coach Herman holds the top two coaching licenses available, the US Soccer "A" license and the NSCAA Premier Diploma.

Jeremy Gunn

Before taking over the reins of the UNC-Charlotte 49ers men's soccer program, Gunn served as an assistant coach with Cal-State Bakersfield's men's and women's soccer programs from 1993-1999. Cal-State Bakersfield won the 1997 NCAA Div. II National Championship and advanced to the 1995 NCAA Final Four. While serving as the men's assistant coach, Gunn also performed duties as the acting Head Women's coach during the women's program's first two seasons. He was named CCAA conference women's coach of the year having led the Roadrunner women to a conference championship and national ranking in only their second season. Gunn spent eight years as head coach at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado guiding the Skyhawks to three NCAA Div. II Championship games winning the 2005 NCAA National Championship and finishing as NCAA runner-up in 1999 and 2006. Gunn was named Div. II National Coach of the Year in 2005 by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).