

# Benedetti brings experience to WSA soccer

□ Former U of P player is now director of youth development

The Washington Soccer Academy, affiliated with the Camas-Washougal Soccer Club, recently announced Scott Benedetti as the director of youth development.

"The addition of Scott Benedetti as the director of youth development is a huge step forward for the development of 8-, 9-, and 10-year-old soccer players in Southwest Washington," said WSA Director of Premier Soccer Mike Belzer. "This demonstrates the club's commitment to providing the best coaches and training possible to the southwest Washington soccer community."

Benedetti was inducted into the University of Portland soccer Hall of Fame. He played for coach Clive Charles, and was named a first team

All-American after helping the Pilots make it to the NCAA Final Four. He became a member of the U.S. men's national team, played professionally for the USL Portland Timbers and the MLS Colorado Rapids, and internationally in the Primera Division de Mexico. Benedetti holds a national USSF "A" coaching license and is a former director of coaching.

"I've known Scott for over 20 years. We played together at the University of Portland, and we've coached together," said WSA Director of Coaching Gary Osterhage. "I can't think of a more qualified person to build the WSA Youth Development Program. His understanding of the game is second to none. His total commitment to soccer fundamentals and his ability to accomplish high level training while making it fun will benefit our players greatly."

WSA Premier competes in the Player Development League, which is comprised of the top 20 soccer clubs in Washington. Benedetti will be responsible for developing a training curriculum tailored to younger players striving to play soccer at its highest levels.

"We're serious about providing the best coaches and training to our players," said Camas-Washougal Soccer Club President Collin Amos. "Having a coach with experience and background such as Scott's focused on developing our youth players to their full potential insures not only the long term success of our soccer club and the teams, but more importantly, the long term success of our individual players."

For more information about the WSA Youth Development Program, go to [www.wsasoccer.net](http://www.wsasoccer.net).