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Scott Juniper Named Technical Director at North Irvine SC

Irvine, Calif. -- North Irvine Soccer Club today named Scott Juniper as its technical director, effective immediately.

Juniper, who is head coach of UC Irvine's women's soccer team, will oversee training and technical development for the 19-team youth soccer club.

"We are elated to welcome Scott to our club to oversee training and player development," says Bart Hess, North Irvine Soccer Club director. "He is a Division I head coach with international experience, and he brings the passion, ability and resources to create a high-level, comprehensive training program for North Irvine Soccer Club players."

Juniper says he'll work with club coaches to establish training continuity and ongoing development. "There are so many good people working for North Irvine Soccer Club," says Juniper. "We want to pull those resources together with a common framework and objectives, and to share ideas and learn from one another. Together, we will keep the club moving in the right direction and build on its identity."

Character is the foundation for soccer development, Juniper adds. "You can teach Xs, Os and technique until you're blue in the face, but if the kids aren't developing character the rest doesn't make sense," he says. "I'm excited because I can help instill this philosophy from kids U8 to the older stages of the club."

Juniper is in his second season as head coach at UCI following one season as assistant coach of the women's team under April Heinrichs. Previously, he was an assistant coach for UC Riverside men's soccer team for three seasons from 2003-05, and he served as assistant coach at the University of Bristol, in England.

He played collegiate soccer at the University of Bristol, where he earned Freshman of the Year and Player of the Year honors. He holds the U.S. Soccer Federation "A" coaching license, U.E.F.A. "B" license, U.S.S.F. National Youth License, N.S.C.A.A. Goalkeeping license and a Speed, Agility and Quickness trainer accreditation. He is also on the Cal South coach education staff and coaches with the boys and girls Cal South and Region IV Olympic Development programs in addition to local clubs and community programs.