

Dan Kapsalis named Soccer Director for Pike Youth Soccer Club & Indy Burn

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Indianapolis, Indiana (February 4, 2009) Pike Youth Soccer Club-Indy Burn announced today that Dan Kapsalis is named Soccer Director for the Indianapolis, IN, Club.

Dan Kapsalis has over 39 years experience in youth soccer including as a player, coach, instructor, administrator, parent, and volunteer and also as a Director of Coaching for both the State of Indiana as well as a Club. Kapsalis holds the highest level U.S.S.F. National and State Coaching Licenses as well as the highest level National Youth Coaching License with U.S. Youth Soccer. Kapsalis is the winner of over 30 "Coach of the Year" awards. In recent years, Kapsalis served as the Deputy Executive Director and as Director of Coaching of Indiana Youth Soccer State Association.

Thomas Geisse, Executive Director, Pike Youth Soccer Club, said "Dan Kapsalis is simply the best qualified person in Indiana to fulfill this role. His dedication and experience is unmatched. Dan will oversee and direct all aspects of Pike Soccer Club's soccer and referee programming and enable the Club to better serve its members. The 10,000 members of Pike Soccer Club are excited and thrilled to have Dan share his love for soccer with us."



Kapsalis, Dan

Jim Dimos, President, Pike Youth Soccer Club, said, "The Club is thrilled to have someone the caliber of Dan Kapsalis serving as Pike Soccer Club's first full-time Soccer Director. Our Club has a 30 year commitment to developing

fine young men and women while improving the soccer skills of all players: recreational, "rec plus", and competitive players. Pike Youth Soccer Club is already one of the largest and best youth soccer programs in Indiana. The addition of Coach Kapsalis will allow us to expand the training and education for the Club's hundreds of volunteer coaches and scores of professional coaches to enhance the soccer experience for every player, coach, manager, volunteer, and parent."

Dan Kapsalis said "It's an honor for me to help guide Pike Youth Soccer Club. My passion and drive over the years lies with teaching kids and building opportunities for them while teaching life lessons along the way. I am on a mission to positively change the culture of youth soccer and youth sports in general. I have found a Club that will provide me the privilege and the opportunity to do just that. I am extremely thankful to the Pike Youth Soccer community for entrusting me to guide them and I am very excited to get started and help grow and build upon this fine organization."

Vince Ganzberg, Director of Education, Indiana Youth Soccer Association, said "I am excited for Pike Youth Soccer on their hiring of Dan Kapsalis. He will bring a tremendous work ethic and true passion for working with players and coaches of all levels. When one thinks of Dan Kapsalis, the word "class" comes to mind. Dan is truly respected as a coach, teacher, and a person throughout this state and beyond."

During Dan Kapsalis' career he coordinated and administered the Indiana Olympic Soccer Development Program. He directed and marketed training camps attended by more than 20,000 players over a 20 year span, the largest program of its kind in Indiana. From 1991-2001, Kapsalis was founder, President, and Director of Coaching for the Indianapolis United Soccer Club. He designed and established this non-profit soccer club and grew the number of players served from 50 to 700 in 5 years. From 1986-1995, Kapsalis was Co-Owner and Vice President of Kapsalis' Soccer Unlimited Inc. With his family, Dan oversaw the daily operations of this nationally honored specialty sporting goods supplies and equipment company. Dan is also well known as former head coach for Carmel High School from 1993-2006. In 2006, the Carmel High School soccer team, under his leadership, finished with a perfect record of 23-0-0 to win the I.H.S.A.A. State Championship, as well as a #1 ranking in both the state and the nation, guiding the program to its first ever National Championship in 2006. Kapsalis had 21 consecutive winning seasons as a high school and club head coach. Kapsalis also served as a radio and TV color analyst for the Indiana Twisters Professional indoor soccer team in the MISL and the Indiana Blast and Indiana Blaze Professional outdoor soccer teams in the A-League.

Kapsalis also serves as a motivational speaker to athletes, youth sports organizations, and corporate businesses including the Indiana High School Athletic Association, National Federation for High School Sports and numerous high schools and state and local sporting events. He was also featured as a guest writer in local, regional, state and national publications. Most recently, Kapsalis was Assistant Director of Amateurism for Division I and II domestic and international athletes at the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Dan Kapsalis earned the Bachelor of Science Degree in Sports Management and Communications at Indiana University and won 2 National Championships as a player on the Men's soccer team. Dan is also a published author and also created, published, and marketed an original photographic print series, "Dan Kapsalis Life Collection Series." Dan Kapsalis was born in Chicago and comes from a proud Greek/American ancestry, and is the father of 6 children with his wife of 20 years, Nancy.

About Pike Youth Soccer Club – Pike Soccer Club and its Indy Burn competitive division serve 3000 Indianapolis area youth each year with a variety of soccer related programs in two beautiful Indianapolis Parks: Northwestway Park and Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex. Pike Youth Soccer Club is one of Indiana's largest youth soccer programs. For more information about Indianapolis youth soccer or to register, visit www.PikeSoccerClub.org

More Dan Kapsalis

Received 34 different Coach of the Year Awards from various organizations including:

- NSCAA/Adidas Midwest Regional Coach of the Year – 2006 (National Coach of the Year nominee)
- 2-Time Indiana Soccer Coaches Association Men's High School Coach of the Year – 2005 & 2006
- 2-Time Recipient of Large School Coach of the Year from Two National Organizations (NSCAA & NFHS)
- 9-Time ISCA District Coach of the Year
- 7-Time MIC Conference Coach of the Year
- 3-Time Indianapolis Star North Coach of the Year – 2001, 2005 & 2006
- 2-Time Indianapolis Star Super Team Coach of the Year - 2005 & 2006
- 7-Time Hamilton County Coach of the Year

Received the distinguished ISCA Presidents Award for Long-Term Service to Indiana High School Soccer - 2006

3 Time Senior All-Star Game Head Coach

7 Time ISCA Jr./Sr. College Showcase Coach

Kapsalis CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL COACH

In 2005, won his 200th game as Carmel Head Coach. The only coach in school history to reach that mark.

In 2004, reached 300 Career High School victories becoming one of only a handful of coaches in states history to reach that mark

Won 25 Team Championships at Carmel in 14 years (*includes... Conference, Sectional, Regional, State, National*)

2 Undefeated Regular Seasons (2001, 2006)

Recorded 1st overall perfect record in school history (2006 – 23-0-0)

21 out of 21 consecutive winning seasons averaging 16 victories/year

Recorded over 340 wins in high school career

NSCAA Public School National Champions – Ranked #1 in 2006

National Runner-Up in 2006 - Finished 2nd overall in combined categories

(Public & Private Schools) in National Polls (NSCAA & Student Sports)

1 State Championship – Undefeated 23-0-0...Named Best Season in State History in 2006

(Beat #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 & 10th Ranked Teams in State Tournament to win 4th School State Title...and 1st under IHSA)

Named NSCAA Midwest Regional Champions in 2006

4 State Championship Appearances

4 Final Four Appearances

3 Semi-State Championships

5 Regional Championships

7 Sectional Championships

9 Conference Championships

Recorded 50th School Team Championships in Program History in rout to 4th State Title 2006

State Ranked in the top 3 every year since 1990 (ranked #1 nine times)

Nationally Ranked 5 Times (2000, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006)

Led CHS to highest NSCAA Nationally Ranked Boys Program in State History

Holds CHS School record for most Varsity victories in a season (23) (1993 & 2006)

230 Victories in 14 years makes Kapsalis the highest winning Men's Coach in Carmel H.S. history

In 2006, entire program: Freshman, JV and Varsity teams all went undefeated for first time ever

Entire program (Freshman, JV & Varsity Teams) went a record 5 seasons in a row without receiving a Red Card violation from the 2002-2006 seasons.

Entire CHS Team received the CHS Team Scholar Award 10 Years in a Row 1997 – 2006

Kapsalis 37 Years of Soccer – including:

Played on 2 National Championship Teams at Indiana University (1982 & 1983)

Played with Indiana Inferno Men's Semi-Professional Team and Indiana Men's State team

Played on World University Championship Team at IU in 1984 in Mexico

4-Year High School Varsity letterman in Detroit and Carmel (1977-1980)

Played with or against National Team, Olympic Team, Professional and World Cup players

Won over 40 Championships as a player at the Club, High School, Collegiate and Professional level

Won over 50 Coaching Championships at the Club, High School levels.

20 year active member of the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association (ISCA) 1985-2005

Helped re-structure the ISCA in 1993 when the IHSAA officially sanctioned soccer

Served as Vice-President of the ISCA (7 years)

Currently serves as the All-State Chairman for the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association selection process (9 years)

Currently serves as a District Representative for the ISCA (9 years)

Currently serves as the Chairman of the ISCA Rules Committee to propose changes to the IHSAA (9 years)

Helped implement and promote the ISCA Junior /Senior College Showcase

20 year member of the National Soccer Coaches Association and the US Soccer Federation

Currently serves as the Regional Chairman for the NSCAA All-American Committee (8 Years)

Co-Owner Soccer Unlimited retail stores 1985 –1995 (voted #1 soccer store in the country by the United States Soccer Federation)

Served as the Director of Soccer Unlimited Training Camps for 20 years

Coached over 20,000 players in the past 20 years from youth to professional levels

Traveled to 10 different countries around the world studying the game since 1985 including: England, Holland, Spain, France, Germany, Czech Republic, Austria, Italy

Instituted the first Freshman program and Training Team program at Carmel H.S.

Founder, President and Director of Coaching for Indianapolis United S.C. (1990 – 2001)

Won 16 Club State Championships with Indianapolis United S.C. from 1991 - 1999

Won over 600 combined games in the past 20 years at the Club and High School levels

Won the prestigious "Good of Youth Soccer" Service Award from Indiana Youth Soccer in 1996

Received numerous leadership, sportsmanship, character and service awards from both state and national organizations

Won the ISCA Presidents Award in 2006 for Long-Term service to High School soccer in Indiana

Produced and wrote an award winning sports motivational film for youth called "Attitude Is Everything" that was distributed nationwide in 1997

Produced an original line of scenic motivational photographic images that continues to be distributed nationwide today

Continues to be a featured writer and speaker for local, state and national publications and organizations

Radio and TV sports commentator for Indiana Twisters and Blast Professional Soccer (3 Years)

Contributed to the design, funding and building of Brian Murray Memorial Stadium.

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