

Press Release Indian River Soccer Association – April 2009

VERO BEACH -- The Indian River Soccer Association has hired Fraser Foster as its first executive director.

Foster, a Palm City resident and director of soccer in the community for Coerver Coaching Southeast USA, brings 19 years of experience as a coach, coach educator and soccer administrator in England to the position.

Foster joined Coerver after a successful career at current English Premier League club West Bromwich Albion Football Club, where he was recruited as their community director. There, Foster developed an award-winning department that grew to employ a staff of 62, including, coaches, development officers and teachers.

Foster started his coaching career at age 18 while playing at Rotherham United FC. Retiring after injury, Foster went on to become one of the youngest coaches to obtain the Football Association Advanced Coaching License at 19.

During his six years as community officer at Rotherham United FC, Fraser became an FA coach educator, then youth development officer, overseeing the Centre of Excellence (for youngsters 6 to 16) and working with the reserve and first team on a daily basis.

Fraser then became community officer at Barnsley FC, and worked with their academy teams. He later became regional director for the Professional Footballers Association, overseeing 21 professional clubs' community schemes across the Midlands.

The Indian River Soccer Association and its 929 players is a member of the Brevard Youth Soccer League in Florida Youth Soccer Association Region B. With 13 travel teams participating at various levels of local, regional and state competition, as well as a comprehensive recreational program, the association provides a learning environment for all skill levels ages 5-19 in Indian River County.

"As a board we have looked to implement the strategic development of our club that encompasses a consistent player and coach development program that is unique here in Florida," said Nick Morris, president of the Indian River Soccer Association. "We have secured the services of professional soccer leadership as Fraser brings a wealth of professional knowledge and experience. We are excited about the prospects for our club and making it a focal point of our local community."

Registration for the 2009-10 year for recreational and travel programs opens in May. To register and to get tryout information, visit www.irsoccer.com.

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