



Madison 56er mainstay David Hayhurst has decided to step away from coaching with the club after twenty years. Having coached and directed hundreds of players over the years the club will certainly miss this charismatic English figure.

Having met his former wife, a Madison native, while in Spain, David first arrived on our shores in 1994. He worked with Capitol Sports Center and Regent SC and began pursuing coaching licenses, achieving a National B. He then became involved with the 56ers as a coach in 1997. With club soccer growing in the United States and becoming more centrally organized, David was named the club's first Director of Coaching in 1999.

As DOC David had oversight of the staff and the day to day operations of the club as it took on a new presence in the soccer community. In the 1999/2000 playing year David began the Youth Development Program (YDP), which established teams in the club as young as U8, 9 & 10, a first. Many of the players whose first experience with the club was YDP went on to successful careers in club, high school and college.

David was at the helm of many successful teams in his time with the club. The U13 Girls Red won State Cup in 2004 and were runner up the following year. His U13 Boys Red were runner up in 2004, a team that went on to play in four more finals, winning one. In 2012 his U15 Girls Red were runner up after an impressive run through the group play. The past few seasons David has been doing an excellent job guiding and developing numerous Boys and Girls White teams, adding to his all around positive impact on our players in the club.



"Some of my best memories are meeting so many great people over the years. It's also been so nice to watch young people do really well in life after being involved in the 56ers." Said David. "I also cannot forget the help my family received from the club when my son Aaron and myself had cancer, that will always stay with me."

"David is an Icon in the Madison Soccer Community. He has been a wonderful Director, Coach and teacher of the game over a long and storied career with the 56er Soccer Club. We are all very thankful to Coach David who has put so much time and energy into being a great ambassador for our club and the sport over many years." Commented Director of Coaching Tony Wright.

After such a long and successful run the Madison 56ers cannot thank David enough for all he has contributed to the club. The 56ers have enjoyed great growth over the years which could not have happened without his early direction and coaching presence over the years. We wish him continued health and success in his future endeavors.

And...Go Burnley!!

