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Professional Soccer Coach

A highly-accomplished, world class professional soccer player who has successfully transitioned into coaching at the youth and professional level. As a player, won the FIFA World Cup, FIFA Confederations Cup, and Copa America with the Brazilian national team and played professional soccer at an elite level over a 17 year career that spanned four continents. Won major competitions including the Brazilian league, the FA Cup, and the Turkish Cup. Began playing career with Club Athletico Paranaense in its youth academy and successfully transitioned to the first team before moving to play professionally in Europe with Manchester United and Beşiktaş before returning to Brazil to play with Flamengo and Bahia. Concluded playing career with the Philadelphia Union in MLS and other U.S.-based clubs. Played under numerous world class managers including Alex Ferguson (Manchester United), Luis Felipe Scolari (Brazilian National Team) Carlos Alberto Parreira (Brazilian National Team), Dunga (Brazilian National Team) and Vanderlei Luxemburgo (Flamengo) among others. Played with numerous world class players including Ronaldo, Ronaldinho, Rivaldo, Kaka, Cafu, Roberto Carlos, Cristiano Ronaldo, Paul Scholes, Ruud van Nistelrooy, Ryan Giggs, Rio Ferdinand, among others. As a youth team coach, successfully led teams with the Philadelphia Union Academy to top finishes in tournaments in North America, South America, and Europe.

QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENT

- USSF A License
- Significant Coaching Experience within Philadelphia Union Academy
- Multi-lingual (Portuguese, Spanish, English)
- U.S. citizen; Brazilian citizen
- As a player: 1) successfully transitioned from 1st Division Brazilian Academy to Senior Team (Club Athletico Paranaense); 2) experience mentoring youth players transitioning to first team over 17 year playing career (various clubs)
- Professional playing experience across four continents
- Played for some of the best managers in history of soccer
- Brazilian of African, Latino, and indigenous decent

COACHING EXPERIENCE

América Futebol Clube — *Campeonato Brasileiro Série B*
Technical Director

Belo Horizonte, State of Minas Gerais (Brazil)
June 2024 – Present

- Lead the development and implementation of club methodology and playing philosophy, collaborating with the men's and women's first-team coaching staffs, as well as academy coaching staffs, to ensure aligned and optimal player development, tactical execution, and training strategies across all teams
- Attend and observe training sessions, maintaining consistent communication with coaching staff and players to provide feedback and support alignment of all preparations and strategies with the club's methodology
- Assist the head coach in preparing for all games and support in making in-game coaching decisions, such as tactical adjustments and substitution choices
- Support with player recruitment by evaluating prospective players, coordinating scouting efforts, and meeting with players to assess their compatibility with the club's methodology and playing philosophy

New York City F.C. — *Major League Soccer*
Assistant Coach - First Team

New York, NY
July 2022 – October 2023

- Assisted the Head Coach in preparing for all games played including developing game strategies and supervising the scouting of opposing teams
- Assisted the Head Coach during games when making in-game coaching decisions (e.g., in-game tactical alterations, substitution selection, etc.)
- Assisted the Head Coach in conducting and supervising the team's practices, training camps, and training sessions
- Oversaw off-season player development programs for the team with Head Coach

Philadelphia Union — *Major League Soccer*
Assistant Coach - Union II (Philadelphia Union Second Team) (MLS Next Pro)

Chester, PA
March 2022 – July 2022

- Assisted the Head Coach in preparing for all games played including developing game strategies, supervising the scouting of opposing teams, and making in-game coaching decisions (e.g., in-game tactical alterations, substitution selection, etc.)
- Assisted the Head Coach in conducting and supervising the team's practices, training camps, and training sessions
- Managed a fluctuating roster of signed Union II players, Union academy players, and Philadelphia Union First Team players, while balancing development of individual players and team success
- Helped develop Union academy players and provided many with their professional soccer debut for the Union II in MLS Next

Pro. Also helped promote players to the Philadelphia Union First Team, who subsequently earned Major League Soccer appearances

Philadelphia Union Youth Academy (YSC Sports) — *Major League Soccer Youth Academy*
Academy Head Coach at U12, U13 & U14 and Assistant for Other Age Groups

Wayne, PA
August 2017 – March 2022

- Managed player development, training sessions, team meetings, and assumed all coaching responsibilities for U-14 Academy team
- Completed five years of coaching experience at the Philadelphia Union Academy and completed four seasons of implementing the Philadelphia Union coaching methodology of current Academy Director
- Coached multiple Philadelphia Union Academy teams (U-9 to U-19) to tournament success domestically and internationally
- **Select achievements and accomplishments**
 - Iber Cup U9 Estoril, Portugal 2017 – Winner (FC Delco/Continental, Feeder Program to the Philadelphia Union)
 - Iber Cup U10 Cascais, Portugal 2018 – Quarterfinals (Philadelphia Union)
 - Iber Cup U11 Marbella, Spain 2019 – 3rd Place (Philadelphia Union)
 - Major League Soccer U12 Generation Adidas Cup 2019 – 1st Place (Philadelphia Union)
 - Iber Cup U12 Sao Paulo, Brazil 2020 – 2nd Place (Philadelphia Union)
 - Iber Cup U12 Porto Alegre, Brazil 2020 – 3rd Place (Philadelphia Union)
 - MLS Next League U13 2020/2021 Season – 1st place in Region (Philadelphia Union)
 - United States Futsal U14 Atlantic Regional Championships 2022 – 1st Place (Philadelphia Union)

PROFESSIONAL SOCCER EXPERIENCE (International)

Brazil National Soccer Team

Teresópolis, State of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

National Team Player

January 2002 – July 2010

- Appeared in 32 matches for the Brazilian National Team, representing Brazil in two FIFA World Cups (2002 & 2010), the FIFA Confederations Cup (2003 & 2009), and the CONMEBOL Copa America (2004)
- **Select achievements and accomplishment**
 - 2002 FIFA World Cup Champion
 - 2004 CONMEBOL Copa America Champion
 - 2009 FIFA Confederations Cup Champion

PROFESSIONAL SOCCER EXPERIENCE (Domestic Leagues)

Fort Lauderdale Strikers FC — *North American Soccer League*

Fort Lauderdale, FL (USA)

Professional Soccer Player

January 2016 – October 2016

- Appeared in five matches in the North American Soccer League

Indy Eleven — *North American Soccer League*

Indianapolis, IN (USA)

Professional Soccer Player & Assistant Coach

February 2014 – December 2015

- Appeared in 21 matches in the North American Soccer League

Philadelphia Union — *Major League Soccer*

Philadelphia, PA (USA)

Professional Soccer Player

March 2013 – December 2013

- Appeared in 11 matches in Major League Soccer

Esporte Clube Bahia — *Campeonato Brasileiro Série A*

Salvador, Bahia (Brazil)

Professional Soccer Player

August 2012 – December 2013

- Appeared in 19 matches in Campeonato Brasileiro Série A (Brazilian 1st Division), Copa do Nordeste, and Copa do Brazil

Clube De Regatas do Flamengo — *Campeonato Brasileiro Série A*

Rio de Janeiro, State of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

Professional Soccer Player

September 2007 – July 2012

- Appeared in 132 matches in the Campeonato Brasileiro Série A (Brazilian 1st Division), Copa do Brazil and Copa Libertadores

- **Select achievements and accomplishments**

- 2009 Brazilian Championship winner
- 2009 Campeonato Carioca winner
- 2008 Campeonato Carioca winner

Beşiktaş J.K. — *Süper Lig*

Istanbul, Istanbul Province (Turkey)

Professional Soccer Player

August 2005 – April 2007

- Appeared in 67 matches in the Süper Lig (Turkish 1st Division), Turkish Cup, and UEFA Cup (currently known as the Europa League)

- **Select achievements and accomplishments**

- 2006 Turkish Cup Winner

Manchester United F.C. — *English Premier League*

Old Trafford, Greater Manchester (England)

Professional Soccer Player

August 2003 – July 2005

- Appeared in 30 matches in the Premier League (English 1st Division), FA Cup, and UEFA Champions League

- **Select achievements and accomplishments**

- 2004 FA Cup Winner

Club Athletico Paranaense — *Campeonato Brasileiro Série A*

Curitiba, Paraná (Brazil)

Professional Soccer Player

April 1999 – July 2003

- Began career at Club Athletico Paranaense in Academy system and successfully transitioned to Senior Team

- Appeared in 120 matches in the Campeonato Brasileiro Série A (Brazilian 1st Division), Copa do Brazil and Copa Libertadores

- **Select achievements and accomplishments**

- 2001 Bola de Prata winner (prestigious award given to best 11 players in the Campeonato Brasileiro)
- 2001 Brazilian Championship winner
- 2002 Campeonato Paranaense winner
- 2001 Campeonato Paranaense winner
- 2000 Campeonato Paranaense winner
- 1999 Seletiva para Libertadores winner

COACHING QUALIFICATIONS

Confederação Brasileira de Futebol (CBF)— *Pro License*

July 2021 – Expected Completion December 2022

- Certification in training, game analysis, team management, conflict resolution, and team finances

U.S. Soccer Federation — *USSF A Senior Coaching License*

May 2020 – Present

- License to coach U-19 to U-23 teams at a professional level

Universidade do Futebol — *Certificate in Technical Management of Soccer*

December 2017

- Course in management of an entire soccer club

PERSONAL

- Reside in Belo Horizonte Rua das Acacias, Nova Lima, State of Minas Gerais (Brazil)
- Active member of the Brazilian American community in the Mid-Atlantic region
- Active social media presence (over 72k followers on Instagram)