



Bio of SSA President Lance Van Winter

Lance Van Winter was elected President of the Seneca Soccer Association in November, 2009 -- capping a 20-year career as a player, trainer and head coach in Montgomery County, Md.

A member of the Potomac Kickers team that reached the Final Four of the U19 National Championships, he also played on the Whitman High School varsity squad that won the first of Whitman's eight Maryland state soccer titles in 1979, and was named Captain in his senior year before being recruited on a full soccer scholarship to play for the University of South Carolina.

He returned to soccer full-time in the 1990s when his own children took up the game, as a coach and eventual member of the Board of Directors of Montgomery Soccer Inc. -- where he served for 7 years, including two as Vice-President. During this time, he also served as Assistant Coach of the Whitman High School Varsity for two years and Head Coach of the Junior Varsity, leading the squad to three winning seasons.

Coach Van Winter also became a trainer for Coerver of Maryland, leading summer camp sessions and training teams part-time in western Montgomery County.

In 2008, he sold his software and web hosting company and launched Van Winter Soccer, LLC, becoming a full-time coach and trainer of teams in MSI Classic, Washington Area Girls Soccer (WAGS) and the National Capital Soccer League (NCSL).

In 2010, he took the U16 Seneca Rapids and U17 Seneca Strikers boys teams to the quarterfinals of the Maryland State Cup. Previously, Coach Van Winter had led the Strikers to the 2009 Cup Finals; 1st place in Division 2 of the NCSL; and into Region I competition.

Boys and Girls teams trained by Van Winter Soccer also won the August Cup in 2010, and took first place in their respective WAGS and NCSL divisions.

For more information about Van Winter Soccer, please click:

<http://www.vanwintersoccer.com/>.

To read news accounts about Coach Van Winter, please go to:

http://gazette.net/gazette_archive/2004/200424/potomac/news/220695-1.html

http://www.gazette.net/stories/092607/potonew200653_32360.shtml