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PAOLO MOTTOLA NAMED DIRECTOR OF COACHING FOR PINNACLE SOCCER ACADEMY

Scottsdale, Ariz. (July 24, 2008) – Pinnacle Soccer Academy has named Paolo Mottola as Director of Coaching for the all-girls soccer club. An accomplished coach at the youth, ODP, high school and collegiate levels, he will be responsible for the hiring and training of Pinnacle staff, while designing the program’s core curriculum.

Coaching professionally since 2000, Mottola holds the highest certifications offered by the United States Soccer Federation. He earned an “A” license in 2005 and received the organization’s inaugural Goalkeeping accreditation in 2006. A year later, he was awarded his Director of Coaching diploma from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

“Soccer is the world’s most popular sport because it is a game of physical and intellectual challenge that can be played by anyone,” said Mottola. “That’s what makes it fun. I hope to instill this philosophy in both our players and parents.”

Mottola most recently served as Director of Coaching for the South Hill Soccer Club in the state of Washington, overseeing the development of more than 75 coaches and nearly 1,000 youth players. During the fall season, he also coached the Lakes High School girls’ team in Lakewood, Wash., and the Curtis High School boys’ team in University Place, Wash. As head coach of the U.S. Youth Soccer’s FC Royals, he led the team of 14 and 15 year-old girls to the Washington state title in both 2002 and 2003, and to the regional quarterfinals in 2003. From 2000-2002, he also served as a head coach with the Washington State Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program.

At the collegiate level, Mottola has guided the women’s teams at both Evergreen State College and Tacoma Community College, with the latter taking the 2002 NWAACC Southwest Championship under his direction.

“We are proud to welcome Paolo to the organization,” said Pinnacle Soccer Academy President David Richard. “His passion for the game, combined with his proven leadership abilities and interpersonal skills, are qualities that we feel are essential to the future growth and development of our program and athletes.”

Originally from Naples, Italy, Mottola was brought up on soccer and authentic cuisine. After exhausting his playing opportunities, he joined the family business in Seattle, helping to run the successful Italian restaurant chain, Vince’s. After 20 years, he decided to switch careers and return to his first love, soccer.

Pinnacle Soccer Academy (PSA), Arizona’s premier all-girls soccer club, provides a positive environment for the competitive female soccer player who wants to develop her potential, build her skills and compete at the highest level. PSA is committed to providing a fun and challenging experience for all athletes through its proven academy and player development model. For more information, visit www.pinnaclesoccer.com.

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