

NJSA 04's Tab Ramos Named U.S. U-20 Men's National Team Coach



CHICAGO (Oct. 20, 2011) -U.S. Soccer has hired former U.S. international and three-time World Cup veteran Tab Ramos to coach the U.S. Under-20 Men's National Team.

"Tab Ramos has been one of the pioneers of the sport in this country and will bring a wealth of experience in his role as the Under-20 Men's National Team head coach. His addition to our national team program will be a benefit as we continue to concentrate on the development of our youth players at the international level." said U.S. Soccer President Sunil Gulati.

The U.S. will hold a training camp next month from Nov. 7-16 in Germany that will feature players from both the U-23 and U-20 player pools. Ramos will run the camp along with U.S. Soccer Youth Technical Director Claudio Reyna. The full coaching staff and the team schedule for Germany will be announced at a later date.

Ramos brings a wealth of professional and international experience to the U.S. National Team programs. He has been a member of the U.S. Soccer Federation Player Development Task Force since 2006, and after receiving his "A" coaching license in 2007, became the U.S. U-20 MNT assistant coach two years later. Ramos served as interim head coach in late 2011, guiding the U-20 Men through training camp and two friendlies in France.

"It is an honor for me to once again be representing the United States," said Ramos. "After ending my playing career, I've been working extremely hard to develop as a coach. I have had the opportunity to work with the youth national teams with some great coaches, and now I look forward to contributing in a much bigger way."

The 1988 Olympian and 1990 U.S. Soccer Male Athlete of the Year, Ramos had a storied career with the U.S. National Team. Earning 81 caps, he was a part of three World Cups. He is the only U.S. player to score at least one goal in World Cup qualifying in three different decades. With experience playing in Spain and Mexico, Ramos became the first player signed to Major League Soccer in 1995, completing seven seasons with the NY/NJ MetroStars.

Ramos, founder and current Executive Director of NJSA 04, will continue his work with the club. "This is a great step for our club. I would like to thank the staff, players and parents at NJSA 04 for contributing in my development as a coach. I will continue to work as hard as always for the players involved in our program"