

The Northville branch of the Michigan Rush Soccer Club is excited to announce the addition of two new directors to its already impressive staff for the coming soccer year! First, Eric Rudland will return to the Northville Rush from Jackson Rush and assume the role of Director of Coaching and Player Development for the U11-U13 age groups. Additionally, Adam Kuhn will join the Northville staff and become the club's new Director of Goalkeeping. Rudland and Kuhn will join Angel Calzadilla- the Recreational Director, Mary Kay Hussey- the Junior Academy Director, and Mark Zathay- the club's Technical Director and Director of Coaching and Player Development for the U8-U10 and U14-U18 age groups. The Michigan Rush has always been renowned for its exceptional developmental staff; the latest additions of both Eric Rudland and Adam Kuhn will certainly help to further bolster an already impressive staff.



Beginning his Rush service in 2007 as the Recreational Director for the Northville Rush, Eric Rudland will be returning to Northville after spending the last several years serving as the Director of Coaching and Player Development for the Jackson Rush. When asked about his return to Northville, Rudland said "I'm grateful for the opportunity to shift my responsibilities back to Northville. The teams and players in our Northville branch have always been a joy to work with and I'm excited to be a part of their continued development."

During his time in Jackson, the Jackson Rush watched its club grow considerably with respect to both quantity as well as quality. With Rudland at the helm, the club implemented a number of successful new policies and programs, while still managing to maintain growth and progress in a host of other established areas. Outside of the Rush, Rudland has previously served as the Director of Coaching for the Ann Arbor Youth Soccer Association from 2005-2007 and as a staff coach for Crewe Alexandra Football Club in Crewe, England prior to that. He has worked as both a staff coach and head coach for the Michigan Olympic Development Program (ODP) since 2005 and as a United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) Region II staff coach since 2011.

Beyond his impressive résumé as a youth coach, Rudland will also bring a host of additional soccer experience with him to Northville. As a player, Rudland became a member of the Michigan Dream Team while playing for Jackson County Western High School in 1996. Following that, he accepted a scholarship and went on to play for Seattle Pacific University (NCAA Div. II) over the next four years- earning a Bachelor Degree in Communication with a Physical Education Minor during that

time. He then went on to play for the Kalamazoo Kingdom (PDL) and Biddulph Victoria FC (England) in the years to follow. As a collegiate coach, Rudland has served as an assistant for the men's soccer program at Albion College, an assistant for the women's soccer program at Madonna University, and as the head coach of the men's soccer program at Spring Arbor University. While at Spring Arbor, Rudland elevated the men's program to heights it had never previously reached, and did so in a very short period of time- an indication of his meticulous and rigorous work ethic.

His work ethic and dedication to his players and the game stretches far beyond the white painted lines of the pitch as well. Rudland has earned the USSF (United States Soccer Federation) National 'A' License- which is the highest level of coaching licensing currently offered by the federation. Beyond that, he also holds a USSF National Youth License. Furthermore, Rudland has been an instructor for the MSYSA's (Michigan State Youth Soccer Association's) Coaching Education program since 2005; teaching other youth coaches methodology and principles to more effectively serve their own players.



Beginning his Rush service in 2010, Adam Kuhn made his entrance into club coaching by accepting a position as a staff coach and goalkeeper coach with the Downriver Rush. Kuhn will now work concurrently in the Downriver and Northville branches, serving as the goalkeeping director in Northville and as a staff coach and goalkeeping director for Downriver. When asked about his new position with the Northville Rush, Kuhn said "I'm very excited for the opportunity to work with the goalkeepers in both the Northville and Downriver branches of the club. Technical and tactical development within this specialized position is a critical aspect to the greater development of the individual player and their respective team alike. I look forward to assisting these young players strive to reach their potential."

Beyond his work with the Rush, Adam Kuhn has served as an assistant coach for the Concordia University Women's Soccer Program since 2010 and will also begin serving as the goalkeeping coach for the Madonna University Men's Soccer Program in the 2013 season. As the head coach of the Grosse Ile High School Boys Varsity Soccer Program from 2011-2012, Kuhn made a big impact in a short period of time- leading the 2012 team to the 'Final Four' of the MHSAA post-

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season tournament. He was also able to capture postseason success in his time at Riverview Gabriel Richard High School, serving as the head coach of the girls' varsity program for two seasons. As a player at Grosse Ile, Kuhn won a state championship in 2002 and was named "First Team All-State" in both the 2002 and 2003 seasons for his outstanding play as a goalkeeper, before going on to play at Western Michigan University. Kuhn has earned the USSF 'C' license and an NSCAA National Goalkeeper Diploma, which further validate his coaching abilities.

The Northville branch of the Michigan Rush and its membership are very excited to welcome both Eric Rudland and Adam Kuhn to Northville to join an already impressive staff of coaches and directors!