

# Scorpions SOCCER

( Coach -- JEFF SAARI )

**Coaching Experience:** Jeff has extensive (35+ yrs) playing/coaching experience, has also been a tennis and ski instructor, and has coached other TEAM sports including hockey and basketball. Tennis was Jeff's primary competitive sport for 20+ years (1968 - 1990), but soccer has been his passion since 1991.....

- Coached 1-3 SOCCER teams each year since since 1991 (22 years, and counting....)
- NMYSA "D" License as a soccer coach, (for coaching thru age U18/High School)
- Soccer Teams have WON/TIED over 1,500 games ..... only one measure of team success & player development
- Coached in AYSO, NMYSA (Zia, FCWest, and RIO), and the Olympic Development Program (ODP) for NM
- Has developed more than 60 players involved in the Olympic Development Program (ODP & YOP)
- Jeff's teams have qualified for/participated in 3v3 Regionals (15 teams, in NM & CO) and 3v3 Nationals (10 teams, in FLA)
- Past Players/Current College players include Lawrence Robledo (UNM), Ryan Blair (Seattle).....
- Current HS players include (Cabritos) Aaron Fox; (Scorps'96) Greg Jacobus, Marshall Metzger, Devin Edwards, Jason Tarin, Nathan Chael, Chris Tuell, Jacob Harrington, ..... and roughly 20-25 others.

## **Coaching / Soccer Teams in NM:**

Jeff has been a soccer coach for 20+ years in Albuquerque, starting in 1991 when his son's coach could not continue the team. Jeff went to many, many coaching clinics, studied other coaches, bought dozens of coaching tapes/DVDs, taped hundreds of pro games (EPL, CL, World Cup, etc).... Coaching multiple soccer teams has taken the majority of his free time ..... until now. Jeff retired (as an engineer) in June'11, so now has even more time to coach both soccer and tennis. Jeff normally takes teams from U8/9 up thru middle school (U14) and prepares the players for HS soccer..... ALL of his players have been on top-ranked teams in NM entering their HS years. Soccer coaching experience includes:

- ZIA DUST DEVILZ (Son's Team, U10B - U13B) ..... **214W -**  
110L - **22T** (top rank - 3rd in NM State Cup)
- Cabritos (3v3 team; U6B; ) qualified for RM Regionals, Nationals **12W -**  
6L - **0T** (Qualify for Nationals in FLA)
- **RVFC Scorpions'91** (U10B - U13B) ..... **179W -**  
76L - **20T** (top rank #1302)
- **RVFC Scorpions '96 Red & Gold** (U9B - U12B) ..... **421W -**  
176L - **48T** (top rank #1101, #1201,
- **RVFC SCORPIONS '01 Rojos & Red** (U8B - U12B/present) ..... **591W -**  
159L - **33T (ranked #1101, #1201, #1301 [Rojos] and #1101, #1201 [Red] in DCSL)** (partner team Scorps-Gold also currently ranked #1205) (Rojos have

played UP all 5 years...)

- Voted the "2007 NM State Coach of the Year", and current '13 teams are MUCH stronger than 2007 teams....

**Coaching Fees:**

- **Individual Lessons:** \$20/hr
- **Small Group (4+ players):** \$15/player/hr
- **Team Mini-Camp:** \$25/payer/ 2.5hr session ..... team coach picks topics
- **Team CAMP (5 day)** \$100/player/5-day, 2.5hr each day (or \$25/player/day for partial camp) ..... team coach picks topics/focus

\* Rates are set to be reasonable, affordable, and to allow players to train if they desire extra work beyond their normal team sessions. For the price of a movie and popcorn, you get your kids outside, getting exercise, and improving their soccer skills. Regardless of what sports your children gravitate towards later in life (HS, college, beyond...), soccer is the "best" foundation sport there is (fitness/endurance, agility, balance, power, core strength, vision, teamwork, toughness, .....and SKILLS.....)

\*\* There are LOTS of great coaches in ABQ and in NM - Jeff offers a unique perspective, a change of pace, a slightly different view than many of the US and English coaches in ABQ. His teaching methods have been very HIGHLY RATED by past participants.... Families that have attended camps throughout the West have rated Jeff's camps among the very "best" they have ever attended.....

**Availability:** Now that Jeff is retired, he can run sessions from Dawn to Dusk, 7 days a week, almost year-round. The ADO (Arroyo del Oso) soccer fields near Wyoming & Spain are most convenient, but other public parks will also work. Schedule an early session before work/school; during the day if you are off, have kids who are home-schooled, or have a holiday; or an evening session if the daylight allows it.... Current Scorpions'01 Soccer TEAM coaching is generally 4:30 - 6:30pm M-TH, Aug.-Oct & mid Feb-May..... Off-season (Nov - Jan, & June - Aug) are open for Team Camps, as are most holidays, and weekly on FRIs and SUNs.

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