



## **David J. Simeone**

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### **EDUCATION**

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**Midwestern State University, M.S.**

**University of Northern Colorado, B.A.**

**United States Soccer Federation – “A” License**

**NSCAA Premier Diploma**

**NSCAA National Diploma**

**United States Soccer Federation - National Youth License**

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### **VITA**

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Dave Simeone brings 30 years of coaching and managing experience from both the men’s and women’s game.

Simeone has served as a full time National Staff Coach (NSC) with the U.S. Women’s National Team Program between 1999 to 2004 dividing time between youth and senior national teams, the national coaching schools and club / ODP scouting and player development. Prior to being a full time national coach with U.S. Soccer he was appointed to the U.S. National Coaching / Instructional Staff in 1989 with the National Coaching Schools. His experience with the U.S. Women’s National Team Program includes coaching with the under 14, 16, under 18, under 21 and full U.S. Women’s teams. This includes being the U18 Head Coach, and numerous assignments during international competitions such as the 1999 FIFA Women’s World Cup and the 2002 FIFA U19 Women’s World Cup. Simeone has also instructed Diploma courses for the NSCAA.

Simeone was the state Director of Coaching for North Texas State Soccer (1993 – 99) and South Texas Youth Soccer (1989 – 93). During his tenure as the DOC in North Texas Simeone was involved in the development of numerous players in the men’s game now in MLS including Nick Garcia (U.S. U17 National Team and KC in MLS), Clint Dempsey (New England, U.S. Men’s National Team), Jamie Watson ( U.S. U17 Men’s National Team Real Salt Lake in MLS) and Jose Luis Buciagra (KC) among others. It was during this time that Simeone was utilized in the U.S. U 16 / U 17 National Team Program with then head coaches Glenn Myernick (1993) and John Ellinger (1997). On the women’s side Kasey White (UNC, U.S. Women’s National Team), Jordan Walker (UNC), Keri Hanks (Notre Dame, U.S. U19 National Team), Lauren Karas (U. of Notre Dame), Sarah Huffman (UVA, U19 National Team), Monica Gonzales (Notre Dame,

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Mexico) and Kelly Wilson (UT – Austin, U 19 National Team), Martha West (U.S. U16's and Stanford University) were prominent performers collegiately and also internationally. Hanks, Huffman and Wilson all were part of Simeone's ODP teams in North Texas as well as World Champions with the U.S. U 19 Women's National Team in 2002.

In 1992 - 93 Simeone was assigned with the U.S. Men's National Team by U.S. Soccer's National Director of Coaching, Bob Gansler, to assist Bora Milutinovic during several domestic training camps and international matches in preparation for the 1994 FIFA Men's World Cup. During the 1994 FIFA Men's World Cup hosted here in the United States Simeone was assigned to the Technical Committee organized by U.S. Soccer, working in conjunction with FIFA, which provided the detailed information and findings from the competition through match observation and interviews.

While the assistant men's coach at Midwestern State University (1983 – 87) Simeone completed his Masters degree while being an integral part of appearances in four straight NAIA National Tournaments and one appearance in a NAIA national championship game. During this time Simeone began coaching in the women's game when he was added to the state staff with the Olympic Development Program in North Texas by the state Director of Coaching, John Cossaboon, in 1984.

Some of the most talented youth prospects in the women's game would be identified in North Texas and emerge as international stars over the course of the next decade. Among the most notable of those were Carla Werden (Overbeck) and Mia Hamm. Simeone recommended that Hamm be integrated into ODP after having identified her while she participated in boys' soccer at Notre Dame High School in Wichita Falls, Texas. It took a short 14 months for Hamm to make her first start in the U.S. Women's National Team as a 16 year old.

Additionally Simeone has served on the Region III Girl's ODP staff in a variety of capacities between 1984 - 2005, coached in the U.S. Olympic Sports Festival with the Women's South Team winning both gold and bronze medals in 1989 and 1993 respectively.

Since leaving U.S. Soccer in 2004 Simeone founded Soccer Development Strategies which has been utilized in club management, coaching education, college recruitment and player development successfully.