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Dragutin Ivkovic Hired As Full Time Technical Director For Prince Albert Youth Soccer Association

Prince Albert Youth Soccer Association (PAYS) is proud to announce the hiring of Mr. Dragutin (Dragan) Ivkovic as full time Technical Director of soccer operations for youth soccer in Prince Albert. PAYS, affiliated with the Saskatchewan Soccer Association (SSA), is responsible for providing youth soccer opportunities in this district and is committed to enhancing the quality of both recreational and competitive youth soccer programs in Prince Albert. Central to this objective is developing a strong technical foundation for grassroots soccer programs first, then providing high level, consistent direction, and support for competitive programs. PAYS continues to be committed to developing our athletes through implementing a consistent, progressive, and systematic approach to technical development that will create the best possible environment for the optimum development of the players and coaches.

Dragan comes to PAYS from Serbia with 15 years experience as a professional soccer player and coach in Europe and Asia, as well as, holding a UEFA A Licence. He has a wide variety of coaching experience working as a head coach and director of youth teams in pro clubs in Europe and as a camp director in USA. His Canadian experiences include Head Coach in Corner Brook Minor Soccer Association (CBMSA) and Regional Technical Director for Suburban FC, the biggest youth soccer club in Atlantic Canada.

“I look forward to working with the Prince Albert Soccer Association, and I am very pleased to be chosen to take on the role as Technical Director,” Ivkovic says. “I take great pride in helping coaches and players excel starting from house league to the competitive Celtic teams. My main focus will be to implement player development starting at the early ages and to work with our entire coaching staff to enhance coaching strategies, which will better develop our youth. I truly believe that if we follow this pathway in offering more possibilities to our coaches to increase their knowledge of the sport, our players, coaches, and club, will benefit in the long term. It will take some time, but we will be there together making PAYS a strong competitive club, which will produce intelligent players capable of playing this lovely game.”

Please join us in welcoming Dragan when he arrives in Prince Albert September 21st!

