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Schilperoort Named Northwest Nationals Technical Director

### ***McCrath Passes Baton to Former Player***

Todd Schilperoort, erstwhile Seattle U. athletic director who helped Seattle Pacific into two national championship games as a player under Cliff McCrath, has been selected by the latter as technical director for the Northwest Nationals Premier Soccer Club.



McCrath, while serving the club in an interim capacity, was charged by the NWN board with finding a permanent technical director. With the co-blessing of executive director Terry Fisher, and WSYSA president Doug Andreassen, McCrath's six-month search zeroed in on the former Lincoln High (Seattle), SPU and Seattle Sounder midfielder.

"Todd, clearly, is one of the most qualified teachers and coaches of the game," said McCrath, the co-founder of Soccer Saves and for 40 years a pillar of the area's soccer community. "He brings to the club a wealth of administrative experience that is second to none."

Schilperoort was at Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Ala., for 12 years, serving as men's soccer coach and athletic director, before being tapped by Seattle University as its athletic director in 2000.

From 2003-08 he was a premier coach for Crossfire Soccer Club before joining Highline Premier FC as technical director.

"The combination of NWN being in my backyard in addition to a coaching cadre of former teammates, and those I know and respect well, made this an excellent fit," said Schilperoort. "Cliff and the board have laid a great foundation that makes an excellent springboard for forging ahead with plans to make NWN the best soccer Club anywhere!"

"Our goal is not to climb low mountains."

"We believe Northwest Nationals enjoys remarkable success due primarily to a great coaching staff and can only improve under the guidance of a skilled tactician like Todd," said Dan Smart, NWN president. "We continue to be in very good hands!"

Schilperoort was one of the top midfielders in collegiate soccer during his undergraduate days at Seattle Pacific in the mid-1970s. "His leadership was unparalleled and, along with Dan Dapper and Mark Metzger (NWN stalwarts), was a key aspect in the brain trust which inspired us toward our 30-year dominance in collegiate soccer," said McCrath.

"If ever there was a perfect marriage it is Todd Schilperoort and Northwest Nationals," McCrath added. "He wants what we in the NWN family want: To be the absolute best!"

Todd Schilperoort has been a soccer coach, teacher and administrator for over 30 years. He successfully served in leadership roles for youth Premier soccer clubs, colleges and Olympic Development Programs and holds a USSF "A" Coaching License as well as a NSCAA Advanced National Coaching Diploma. Todd's teams have won numerous state championships and have placed many players on Washington ODP teams, as well as on regional and national levels.

Todd resides in Lake Forest Park with his wife Nita and their daughters, Liesel and Lauren. We welcome you to Northwest Nationals.