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Springfield Soccer Club Announces Changes to Administrative Structure

The Springfield Soccer Club is pleased to announce that beginning January 1, 2010 Eric Sorlie will be assuming the roles and responsibilities of Director of Soccer Operations. Eric will be responsible for all day to day operations of the club both on and off the field. Current Director of Soccer Operations Jeremy Alumbaugh will move into the role of Technical Advisor for the Springfield Soccer Club.

Along with this change is the announcement that Jeremy Alumbaugh has accepted a full-time position with St. Louis Scott Gallagher-Metro. Alumbaugh will serve as the Director of Player Development and Assistant to the Development Academy Director beginning January 1, 2010. "Jeremy will be a tremendous addition to the St. Louis Scott Gallagher-Metro Staff and Program. He was the moving force behind the scenes during the height of the Chicago Magic. After coming to Springfield, he then facilitated the ascendancy of the Springfield Soccer Club to a level of national prominence. He possesses finely honed insights into the game, has keen understanding of the administrative side of the business and develops teams that win." said Dale Schilly Program Director for St. Louis Scott Gallagher-Metro.

St. Louis Scott Gallagher-Metro is one of 77 clubs in the country that are members of US Soccer Development Academy which begins its' third year of competition in September. The Development Academy is focused on improving the every day training environment for elite players, so they can fulfill their potential as international, professional or collegiate soccer players. Clubs in SLSG-Metro's division include; Colorado Rapids, Colorado Rush, Real Colorado, Chicago Magic, Sockers FC Chicago, Chicago Fire, FC Milwaukee, St. Louis Scott Gallagher-Missouri and the Kansas City Wizards-Juniors. Development Academy member clubs only compete against each other and do not participate in State Cup or MRL.

Alumbaugh has served as the Director of Soccer Operations for the Springfield Soccer Club since 2004. During that time the club moved into the Midwest Regional League, KC Heartland Soccer League, captured two MYSA State Cup Championships, three USYS Regional Championship appearances and one US Club Region Championship. Off the field the club is in its' third year of having their own indoor training facility and offices. "First of all, the club is very excited for Jeremy. The role he will have with the St. Louis Scott Gallagher-Metro Club and Academy is a perfect step for him to continue up the ladder. He is one of the best coaches I have been associated with." said Joe Kofron Springfield Soccer Club Board of Directors-President.

"This is a bittersweet day. The past five years have been an unbelievable time here with the Springfield Soccer Club. Through the vision and support of the Board of Directors, to the dedication of the coaching staff and obviously the work rate and commitment of our players and parents we have all built this club into one of the most complete clubs in the Midwest." said Alumbaugh.

The club has also reached over 100 alumni competing at the collegiate soccer level. "I'm very excited to begin this new opportunity with SLSG-Metro and be involved in the Development Academy. It also is important to me that the growth of the Springfield Soccer Club continues. I'm pleased to be staying on in the Technical Advisor role through the 2009-10 season where hopefully I can continue to bring insight and ideas to the club and help ensure a smooth transition process for everyone involved." Kofron also echoed the thoughts of Alumbaugh. "I also believe that our club will continue to benefit from him being involved with the academy side of things. He will be able to bring back invaluable knowledge to us as our Technical Advisor. As sad as we are to lose him on a full-time basis it is a real compliment to him and the entire Springfield Soccer Club to have someone get the recognition he deserves." said Kofron.

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