Coaching Staff

Assistant Coach: Michelle Lopez
2nd Season

Assistant Coach Michelle Lopez has been around soccer since age 4. In that time she has played, refereed, and coached the game of soccer. Her soccer career began in the High Desert and to this day is still there.

Coach Lopez’s playing days started in a recreational league. She quickly climbed her way up to play at the premier club soccer level. Her club experience started with the Hesperia Express, where her team achieved Gold status in the Coast Soccer League. She played with the Hesperia Express for 7 years. When Coach Lopez was 17, the premier team from the Temecula Soccer Club took notice of her skill and ability. She joined the team and played out her Coast Soccer League club days with them.

Coach Lopez played soccer at Hesperia High School. Utilizing the experience she had from club soccer she immediately made an impact on the Varsity squad as a freshman. For the next four years Lopez and her teammates won a school record four consecutive Mojave River League titles. Coach Lopez broke many records as a player there, most goals in a season (48), most goals in a game (8) and most assists in a season (20). She graduated in 2001 with honors.

http://www.vvc.edu/athletics/women-soccer/
She then received a soccer scholarship to play at Cal State University at San Bernardino. There, she again made an impact as a freshman, scoring 7 goals and 5 assists. In her sophomore season she earned honorable mention in the CCAA. In her junior and senior season she made the 1st team all CCAA. In 2003 she led her team to an appearance in the regional tournament. She is fifth in the record books at CSUSB. She graduated in 2005 with a BA in Criminal Justice.

Coach Lopez loves to coach the game as well. She started out at Apple Valley Soccer Club coaching under 9 boys and under 10 Girls. She is currently the head varsity coach at her Alma Mater, Hesperia High. She enjoys coaching and loves being able to teach others the game which has given her so much. Currently Coach Lopez holds her National “D” coaching license.

Coach Lopez is a substitute teacher and will be going back to school for her Masters Degree and teaching credential in the fall of 2006. She one day hopes to become a teacher or join the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s department. She also hopes to have a college program of her own some day.