

# ALEXANDRE JOSEPH REBEIZ



**A.K.A.:** Coach Alex

**Age:** 43 (DOB: August 26, 1974)

**Hometown:** Mbour, Senegal

**Title(s):** CCL Pro23 Women's Assistant Coach; Head Coach for the 2006 and 2007 Black Boys teams

**Started with FFC:** April 2018

**College:** Graduated from Lycee Demba Diop, which is in Mbour, Senegal, in school year 95/96 with a Bachelor of General Study Serie A.

**Coaching credentials:** Candidate USSF National "C" License (2018), NSCAA Premier Diploma (2017), NSCAA Advanced National (2016), NSCAA Level 2 Goalkeeper (2016), United States Soccer Federation National "D" License, United States Soccer Federation National "E" License. Certificates for Sport Safety International (ConcussionWise 2016), SafeSport Certificate (2016), American Red Cross Cpr/First Aid Certified (2016).

## What is your coaching experience?

New York Red Bulls Regional Development School (Pre-academy) Trainer (2016/2017); New York Red Bulls Assistant Coach Pre-academy RDS U13G Summer showcase (2016); New York Red Bulls Trainer Programs Soccer Coach (2014-2016); Assistant Coach, Men's Indoor Premier League, Sol Futbol (2011-2012); Old Dominion Soccer Club Assistant Director of Coaching (2007-2010); Coach Old Dominion Soccer Club U12 Girls Sparx 2007-2008; Old Dominion Soccer Club U14 Girls Flames Assistant Coach (2005-2007); Sol Futbol Travel U14 Boys , Head Coach, 2010-2013; Sol Futbol Club U16 Girls Head Coach (2010-2013); Tetra Brazil Summer Camp Coach (2010-2013); Eurotech Soccer World Summer Camp Coach (2009-2011).

## What is your playing experience?

Played Toure Kunda of Mbour (Senegal); Selected on the U16 Senegalese National Team; Played for Stade de Mbour Junior Team; Played for College of Lycee Demba Diop of Mbour (Senegal); Played Coed Adult Nationals with Team Neptune Virginia Beach (2006-2013) and with Manhattan Celtic (Cosmopolitan Soccer League) while living in New York (2017).



## What made you first get involved in soccer?

I fell in love with soccer when I received my first real soccer ball as a gift when I was 6 years old. In Senegal, soccer is one of the main sports; every neighborhood has their own team and your dream is one day to represent your neighborhood.

## What made you want to start coaching?

A friend of mine was coaching a U14G team in VA beach and asked me if I wanted to come help with his team since he knew I was passionate about the game and enjoyed playing. As soon as I began coaching, I was caught. I knew that even though my dreams of being a professional player were a bit out of my reach, I could still invest my time in helping build the careers and aspirations of the next generation of soccer players.

**What would you say was the biggest thing that helped you during your playing career?**

My dad wasn't the biggest fan of soccer, but his best friend believed in me and had my back. He took me to practice and made sure I got to any team meetings, practices and games on time. This gave me all of the support I could of wished for at that time. If it wasn't for him I don't think I would have had the great experience of playing and would not have grown into the coach I am today.



**Who was your biggest influence in your playing career?**

Diego Maradona and Alain Giresse. Maradona was my idol and was fun to watch taking players on, but Giresse was more like me, short and fast so I had to watch him as well to mimic his movement on and off the ball. Throughout my players years with Toure Kunda of Mbour my nickname was Giresse.

**Who is your biggest influence in your coaching career?**

Sadio Demba Coach Royal White Star Bruxelles (Belgium)

**What's your favorite drill and why?**

Anything where techniques and tactics can be taught.

**What is your best memory from your playing days?**

Scoring the winning goals of our coed national team Team Neptune in New Mexico.

**What is your best memory from coaching?**

Taking my first team from getting beat down every weekend in our first season to becoming one of the best teams in the ODU Soccer Club.

**Is there anything you'd like to share about your family?**

I have been married for almost nine years to my wife Vlada Rebeiz and we have a 20 month old daughter named Amelia Rebeiz.

**Is there anything else about yourself you'd like to share?**

As my wife jokes, soccer is my first love, and as a coach I like nothing better than to help nurture and develop the



