

GETTING TO KNOW . . .

Along with meeting some of our player, we also want you to get to know our Fredericksburg FC staff better. In this series, we hope to talk to one member of the FFC staff, be it a coach, an administrator, a volunteer, etc., so that you can get to know the people you may regularly see or talk to, but may never have learned much about.

MARCELLO MITCHEL ALVES



A.K.A.: Coach Marcelo

Age: 34 (Born: July 28, 1983)

Hometown: Curitiba, Brazil

Title(s): Boys Director of Coaching, CCL Pro23 Men's Assistant Coach, Boys Staff Coach

Started with FFC: February 2018

Coaching Credentials: USSF National C License (pending); CREF National License (Brazil), Youth Coaching Certificate (Brazil), Strength and Conditioning Certificate (Brazil), Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Physical Education and Sports Performance, respectively.

What is your coaching experience?

Assistant Coach (2015-2018) - Atlético Clube Goianiense (Brazilian Serie B League); 2016 Campeonato Brasileiro Serie B (Brazilian 2nd Division) champions earning promotion to Serie A for first time in club history.

Assistant Coach (2013-2015) - Paraná Clube (Brazilian Serie B League); assisted the Youth (U20) Team during the U20 Brazilian National Championship in 2013 and the professional squad from 2014-2015.

Intern Assistant Coach (2012) - Clube Atlético Paranaense (Brazilian Serie A League); worked with all levels (U15, U17, U20 and professional squad).

Boys & Girl Head Coach (2011-2012) - Norfolk Collegiate High School (Norfolk, Va.)

Assistant Coach (2011-2012) - U.S. Soccer Olympic Development Program (ODP) Virginia Beach, Va. (U10, U11 and U12 boys and girls teams).



Head Coach (2009-2012) - Hampton Roads Strikers (Norfolk, Va.); U10, U12, U15 and U17 boys and girls teams.

Assistant & Fitness Coach (2009) - Coritiba Football Club (Brazil) professional women's soccer team.

What is your playing experience?

I played 15 years at the highest level; nine years at the professional level in Brazil and the U.S. and six years as an academy player for pro clubs in Brazil.



What made you first get involved in soccer?

My dad was a professional player in Brazil.

What made you want to start coaching?

First, because my passion for the game, I can't get away from the soccer field. I spent my whole life there and I don't want to leave. Second, because I like to be a leader and a good influence to my players. I want to impact their lives and make them grow as men/women and as soccer players as well.

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

Drive. . . . Like desire to achieve/passion drive, etc.

Who was your biggest influence in your playing career?

My father. He is a former pro player.

Who is your biggest influence in your coaching career?

Pep Guardiola.

What do you enjoy most about working for FFC?

Everything. . . . Colleagues, the kids, facilities, etc.

What's your favorite drill and why?

Small sided games because I think that is the best way for the player to understand the game and to develop technical, tactical, mental and physical aspects of the game all at the same time.



What is your best memory from your playing days?

Playing big games with big crowds.

What is your best memory from coaching?

Being Brazilian League Champions.

Who's your favorite professional player (past and/or present) and why?

[Ronaldinho](#) (Click name for video) because he brought "magic" to the game.

Who's your favorite professional soccer team and why?

Palmeiras (Brazil) because they were amazing back when I was growing up in Brazil.

What's your favorite food?

Brazilian steak.

What's your favorite movie?

Gladiator.

What's your favorite kind of music?

Samba.

What do you like to do other than soccer?

Exercise, read, video games and family times.



If you got shipwrecked on a deserted island, what 3 things would you want with you?

My bible, my soccer ball and a music device with endless battery life!!

If they did a movie about your life, what actor would play your and why?

Channing Tatum because he is just like me, athletic and handsome! . . . haha! Just kidding!