

Camp Staff Information



**HEAD COACH CALEB PORTER**  
Caleb Porter is in his first season as head coach after taking over the program in January, 2006. Porter, just the sixth head coach in the storied men’s soccer program, came to the Zips from Indiana where he spent the last six seasons as an assistant coach for the Hoosiers, four of which came under legendary head coach Jerry Yeagley and the last two under Mike Freitag.

During Porter’s tenure, Indiana won two NCAA titles (2003 and 2004), made four NCAA College Cup appearances and captured five Big Ten regular-season championships. Over those six seasons Indiana tallied a record of 98-25-14. As Indiana’s recruiting coordinator, Porter helped compile a recruiting class that was rated No. 1 in the nation in 2005 by College Soccer News and Student-SportsSoccer.com. The talent he attracted to the Hoosiers included four national players of the year, 14 Youth National Team members, 18 All-Americans and 12 state players of the year. A 1998 graduate of Indiana with a degree in sports management, Porter was a four-year letterwinner in the midfield for the Hoosiers. He was just the second three-year captain in IU history, and was the runner-up for the 1997 Hermann Trophy, awarded to the nation’s top collegiate player.



**ASSISTANT COACH DAVE GIFFARD**  
Dave Giffard was named an assistant coach with the men’s soccer program on March 6, 2006. Giffard spent the last season as a volunteer assistant at Indiana, working primarily with the Hoosiers goalkeepers. During his time at IU he also had a hand in assisting with all aspects of the program, including fund raising, community relations, scheduling and video analysis. Under his direction, IU goalkeeper Chris Munroe led the Big Ten in shutouts and goals-against average.

Prior to going to Indiana, Giffard spent five seasons as an assistant coach at Conference USA member University of Alabama-Birmingham. During his tenure the Blazers posted a 60-29-16 overall record, making a pair of NCAA Tournament appearances, including a Sweet 16 run in 2001. UAB was also ranked among the top 10 in the nation all five years of his tenure. Working mainly with the goalkeepers in his five seasons at UAB, Giffard’s charges had a goals-against average of 1.04 with 36 shutouts. Two of his keepers, Clint Baumstark and David Clemente, went on to sign Major League Soccer contracts. While at UAB, Giffard also served as a soccer coach and skills director at the Vestavia Hills Soccer Club in Birmingham, Ala., and spent 2004 as the head coach of the Alabama Olympic Development Program.



**ASSISTANT COACH RYAN HIGGINBOTHAM**  
Ryan Higginbotham is in his first season as an assistant coach, joining head coach Caleb Porter’s staff on Feb. 8, 2006. Higginbotham came to Akron after three seasons as the director of coaching at the Dallas Texans Soccer Club.

While with the Texans he was responsible for overseeing staff coaches, implementing coaching styles, scheduling league games, tournaments and practices, as well as the operating budgets of the 17 club teams. A 2000 graduate of Furman University with a degree in political science, Higginbotham was a four-year letterwinner (1994-97) for the Paladins where he played on three Southern Conference regular season and tournament championship teams. He was named the Southern Conference Tournament MVP in 1996 and 1997, as well as earning league MVP and NSCAA All-Region honors as a junior. He served as captain of the squad in his final season, and helped lead Furman to an overall record of 41-15-4 in his final three campaigns.

**Camp Overview**  
2007 marks the debut of The Akron Zips College Prep Soccer Camp, featuring the staff of the Akron Zips Men's Soccer Team as well as other top college coaches from around the country. This three-day event is designed for advanced player development and exposure to some of the nation's top college coaches. In addition to college coaches, several Zips Soccer Players will be employed by the camp for demonstration purposes. The Akron Soccer Staff believes that "the game is the best teacher." This same philosophy will be applied at camp. The focus of all activities will be learning through play. Enrollment in the camp will be extremely limited to allow individual attention for each player from the staff of college coaches. A combination of small sided and full 11vs11 games will be at the core of the camp curriculum.

**2007 Winter Sessions**  
There will be two separate sessions to allow for the expected high demand. The placement into each session will be at the discretion of the camp staff. A thorough checklist of items necessary for camp and confirmation of session times will be sent upon receipt of the camper's application and parental concent form.

| Sample Schedule     | Session I    | Session II        |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Friday, January 5   | 5-8 p.m.     | 8-11 p.m.         |
| Saturday, January 6 | 8-11 a.m.    | 11a.m.-2 p.m.     |
|                     | 5-8 p.m.     | 8-11 p.m.         |
| Sunday, January 7   | 8-10:30 a.m. | 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. |

**CAMP FEES:** The fee for one session of winter camp is **\$235.00**.  
**CHECK-IN:** Check-in information will be sent along with confirmation, a profile form and checklist after registration is complete.  
**CAMP BALL:** Each camper is responsible for bringing their own ball from home.

**Camp Instructors**  
Coach Porter has worked hard to bring together a staff of top college coaches and professional players as well as some of Akron's top players. Your skills and overall playing ability will advance with experience and knowledge of our coaching staff. Getting to meet and work with college coaches is a great way to showcase your talent. Below is a list of some of our past staff members:

| NAME            | POSITIONS           | INSTITUTION                                    |
|-----------------|---------------------|--|
| Bill Killen     | Head Coach          | MacMurray College                              |
| Brett Teach     | Head Coach          | AUM  |
| Ryan Pratt      | Head Coach          | University of Montevallo                       |
| Joel Wallace    | Head Coach          | Westminster College                            |
| Alexi Karol     | Asst. Coach         | UIC  |
| Chris Mansfield | Asst. Coach         | Tulsa  |
| T.J Kolba       | Asst. Coach         | Cleveland State                                |
| Nick Glaser     | Asst. Coach         | University of Dayton                           |
| Justin Pratt    | Asst. Coach         | University of Montevallo                       |
| Lee Nguyen      | Professional Player | PSV Eindhoven United States U-20 National Team |
| Ned Grabavoy    | Professional Player | Columbus Crew United States U-20 National Team |

**Facilities**  
The elite camp will be held in The University of Akron’s new Athletics Field House. The facility contains a 120-yard Astroplay field. Check out images of the newly opened facility at UA's official website GoZips.com.



**Frequently Asked Questions**  
**Who should I contact about camp questions?**  
You can contact Dave Giffard in the camp office anytime by calling (330) 972-2434, or by e-mailing at giffard@uakron.edu.

**What is the cost per camper per session?**  
A total of \$235.00; \$100 deposit with balance due at registration.

**Who can attend?**  
The camp is open to boys aged 14 and up. Field players and goalkeepers are welcome, however goalkeeper slots are very limited and will fill up quickly. This includes two-year college players in both their first and second year of eligibility.

**Are housing and meals provided?**  
No. If you are traveling to camp you will need to make your own arrangements for housing and meals.

**Do you provide transportation from the airport to camp?**  
The camp does not provide ground transportation. However shuttles from both the Akron/Canton and Cleveland International Airport are available if you are staying at the host hotel.

**Do you recommend any local hotels?**  
We recommend the Four Points by Sheraton Akron West. They can be reached by calling 330-869-9000. A shuttle will transport campers back and forth between campus and the Sheraton for those staying at the hotel. We have arranged a special rate of \$69.00 a night for the weekend.

**What is the camper to staff ratio?**  
The camper to staff ratio will be about 5 to 1.

**Will campers have access to athletic trainers?**  
Yes. Athletic trainers will be present during and before all training sessions.

**If camp is full do you have a waiting list?**  
Yes. We do accept names for a waiting list and there is always a good chance at getting into camp due to cancellations.

**When do we need to sign up?**  
Campers are taken on a first come first serve basis and enrollment is extremely limited. Register online today at www.GoZips.com!

**Is there a discount for children in the same family or team discounts?**  
NCAA rules prohibit any type of discounts for high school aged campers.

**Does my son need to be a good soccer player or presently on a travel team to attend camp?**  
Because of the nature of this camp, activities are designed and the focus will be on high level soccer players. Players interested in camp should be involved in State, Regional or National ODP, be a member of a highly competitive club team, or be an All-District, All-Conference, or All-State high school player.

**What should my son bring to camp?**  
Players should bring all of the equipment necessary to play soccer. This includes, flats and soccer shoes, shin guards and a soccer ball. Goalkeepers should bring all the equipment they need to play inside on sport turf.

**When will I receive confirmation of registration?**  
Prior to camp, a written letter and an e-mail will be sent to confirm registration, session enrolled in and directions to camp. Also, campers will receive a packet to fill out with academic information and playing accomplishments to be given to college coaches in attendance and working the event.

ZIPS SOCCER COLLEGE PREP CAMP REGISTRATION

Name

Age

Year In School

Position

High School

Coach

Club Team

Coach

Parent/Guardian

Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone (     )

Mobile Phone (     )

E-mail

Emergency   Contact

Emergency   Phone

T-Shirt Size: (please circle)

S

M

L

XL

Please list the total amount you are sending with the registration form:\_\_\_\_\_

Application will not be processed without completed consent form (on reverse side).

**Return application and non-refundable deposit to:**  
**University of Akron Men’s Soccer College Prep Camp**  
**c/o Dave Giffard, Camp Coordinator**  
**James A. Rhodes Arena, Suite 178**  
**Akron, OH   44325-5201**

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE**  
Please be sure to notify the athletic trainer at registration if any medical information has changed.

**For more information please contact ...**  
Camp Coordinator Dave Giffard in the UA Men's Soccer Office at 330.972.2434 or at giffard@uakron.edu.

**Please make checks payable to The University of Akron. Registration will not be processed without completed medical information and emergency medical authorization (See reverse side).**

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Student-Athlete Name \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Allergic Reactions \_\_\_\_\_

Medication currently taking\_\_\_\_\_

Check if known to have any of the following conditions:

☐ Diabetes   ☐ Epilepsy   ☐ Hemophilia   ☐ Heart Condition

Past illness or other information that would be useful in the event that treatment is necessary: \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Medical Authorization

I am aware of the risks, hazards and inherent dangers that may arise due to my child's participation in the Zips Men's Soccer College Prep Camp being held at The University of Akron (collectively referred to as "UNIVERSITY") on the following date: January 5-7, 2007.

In consideration for being allowed to participate in said activity, I hereby release, waive and discharge UNIVERSITY, its instructors, agents and employees from every claim, liability or demand of any kind sustained, whether caused by the negligence of the UNIVERSITY or otherwise. This release shall be binding upon any heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of mine.

I further agree to indemnify the UNIVERSITY from any loss, liability, damage or cost it may incur due to my participation in said activity in any way whether caused by the UNIVERSITY or otherwise.

In the event of illness or injury resulting or arising directly or indirectly out of said activity, I hereby give my consent and authorization for (1) the administration of emergency first aid care and treatment at the scene of an emergency by faculty, staff members or volunteers of UNIVERSITY or (2) the administration of any treatment deemed necessary by a licensed physician or dentist and (3) the transfer to any hospital reasonably accessible. This authorization is not intended to cover major surgery unless the medical opinions of two (2) licensed physicians or dentists, concurring in the necessity for such surgery, are obtained prior to the performance of such surgery.

I further declare and warrant that I am covered by sufficient medical and dental insurance and that such insurance will remain in effect during my child's participation in said activity.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date \_\_\_\_\_



Akron soccer has a rich tradition, beginning with its inaugural season in 1955. Over the course of 51 years, the Zips have seen the program reach unthinkable heights, culminating in an exciting run to the NCAA Tournament quarterfinals in 2005.

Regarded as one of the top programs in the nation, Akron has made 21 NCAA Tournament appearances, including each of the last five seasons. The program has produced 36 All-America selections, with three Zips being named NSCAA All-Americans at the conclusion of last season.



Since joining the Mid-American Conference in 1993, the Zips have dominated the league with eight regular-season titles and four MAC Tournament championships. Akron has also been well represented on the All-MAC Squads with 73 selections, including a league-record 45 first-team picks.

The 2005 season was a magical one as Akron led the nation in winning percentage with a record of 18-1-4, as well as scoring average and goals-against average. It was the second time in three years that the Zips advanced to the NCAA Tournament Round of 16 and marked its first quarter-final appearance since 1986, when Akron advanced to the NCAA championship game.



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## Akron Soccer School Highlights

**\*Staff of Outstanding College Coaches and Top UA Players**

### \*State-of-the-Art Facilities

**\*Individualized Instruction**

### \*Age and Ability Grouping

## \*Video Analysis

**Rhodes Arena, Suite 178  
Akron, OH 44325-5201**



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CLASS OF 2005  
REAL SALT LAKE**

HEAD COACH  
CALEB PORTER

