



### Club Announcement

The club announced this past March that we were successful in our U17 academy application with US Soccer. We are privileged to be part of a very special group of clubs throughout the country that participate in US Soccer's private national league.

We are excited to announce the addition of Coach Billal Samy to our clubs coaching staff! Coach Billal has spent the past few years as an Assistant Coach at three Division 1 NCAA Universities: Cal (UC Berkeley), San Jose State, and most recently St. Mary's. In addition he has been at LaMorinda Soccer club, where during the past 7 years his teams achieved success at the NPL league level as Norcal State Cup Champions, and Surf Cup Champions in 2016. "Lamorinda United head coach Billal Samy has the unique distinction of being the [only person in his position to lead two separate teams to State Cup Championships](#) (In the highest divisions)." ~NorCal Premier

"We are excited to have a coach of Billal's experience and expertise joining the collaborative efforts in the development of our players at the US Academy and Premier levels. Personally, I look forward to watching him grow as a coach here at Ballistic and providing him support whenever necessary." - Jerry Losson, US Academy Director

Coach Billal has worked very closely with departing Coach Andrew Ziemer over the past year in the Norcal PDP program and attended European coaching education tours together. "Over the last 8 years I have had the pleasure of getting to know Bilal. We have studied in Europe 4 times together and he is one of the few coaches who has learned in Spain, England, Holland and Germany and quickly integrated the knowledge into his coaching. Billal is hands down one of the top coaches in Nor Cal and has taken numerous teams and developed players, coaching them in a style exactly like BUSC, and had great results as well. I'm very happy to know that the U15-17 BUSC DA teams are in great hands, only a bit sad that I'm not going to work with him. Ballistic has and will always attract the best coaches who fit the program, and signing Billal proves that once again. He has my full support and more important my full confidence to bring the DA teams under his tutelage to the next level."

"....It's a great time to join Ballistic United especially on the year of its 50th anniversary. Looking forward to contribute to this club's strong tradition and upwards trajectory". -Billal

Coach Billal's responsibilities at the club will include coaching the U15 & U17 US Academy teams and the DOC of the clubs competitive U15-17 teams.

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