



Coach Salvador Bernardez

In Loving Memory 1954-2011

On Monday, July, 18, 2011, we lost one of our own. Salvador Bernardez, born January 6, 1954, passed away Monday morning in his home in San Francisco from a heart attack.

Salvador Bernardez has been in California for over three decades but was originally from La Ceiba, Honduras in the Caribbean. Salvador comes from a family of soccer players. He was a member of exseleccionado called 'Clan of the Motagua Bernardez', who have played for several generations, beginning with his grandfather, Victor. Salvador, also known as 'Pichini' or 'Gunpowder' for his violent, powerful shots, participated in the classification of the Honduras National Team for selection to play in the 1982 World Cup in Spain, but was unable to travel due to a hamstring injury. The team was eliminated in the first phase of the tournament against Spain.

We were honored and blessed to have Salvador Bernardez become a part of the WCCYSL family in February 2010 when he took the head coaching position of FCA Barcelona U15 Boys soccer team. Salvador was very well known for his rigorous conditioning, big voice and a very big heart. His dedication and love for the game of soccer and the youth that he coached was unmistakable. He brought a wealth of knowledge, skill, and experience to the team and league and in addition to his international playing experience, had previously coached several other San Francisco youth soccer teams to the State Cup Finals. Salvador was due to start his next coaching job with WCCYSL as the head coach of Seahawks U11 Boys soccer team.

We are saddened by his untimely departure and our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. He will be missed by all.

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