

Mattie Badiee is truly an inspirational teacher and philosopher in the world of soccer. I attribute many of my successes and accomplishments during the peak of my career to Mattie.

I began playing for Mattie as a 15-year-old kid who really wanted to move to the next level in the sport and heard that playing for Coach Badiee would help me attain my goals (College/professional soccer). I quickly found out that I would be challenged more in the next few years of my life than I could ever imagine. Mattie tested my physical strengths and trained me to surpass those standards by leaps and bounds.

Mattie tested my intellectual knowledge of the game and showed me that I had quite a bit to learn tactically. Mattie also helped me to hone my psychological view of the game - walking the fine line of competitive and aggressive soccer while playing fair, and keeping the rest of the team in perspective. Over the course of the next 5 years, Mattie pushed me to become an entirely new player with a variety of talents and a prospect that college coaches were interested in. I instinctively came back to play for him on the professional level to further develop myself after college. He continued to patiently and carefully teach me the about the game of professional soccer.

One of the most important things I know about Mattie is that you are not just a player under his training, but you're like a son that has been taken under his wing. He is concerned with your academic situation and pushes you to achieve in life.

Thanks to Mattie, I've played at the collegiate level and at the professional level, both of which I would have never been able to achieve without his guidance, experience, and caring touch. I owe a great deal to Mr. Badiee for what he has helped me to achieve on the field AND what he has helped me accomplish off the field by helping me to re-evaluate my priorities in life.

I will always consider him as part of my family.

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