

PEORIA CITY NEWS

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Peoria City General Manager, Tim Regan, Assumes Head Coaching Role

PEORIA, IL – After a successful inaugural season, Peoria City Soccer is kicking off the 2023 season with a new Head Coach, but one who is very familiar to the team.

General Manager Tim Regan will lead the team in Peoria City's 2nd season in the USL League Two Heartland Division. Regan takes over the Head Coaching reins after a decorated playing career with extensive coaching experience in the highest levels of soccer in the United States. A 7-year MLS veteran, Regan was also a D1 Collegiate All-American at Bradley University and served as an Assistant and Interim Head Coach for now USL Championship member Indy Eleven, Head Coach of USSF Academy Scott Gallagher Club-St. Louis, and currently serves as the Associate Head Coach at Bradley University.

"Peoria City had a fantastic first season in 2022 with Ruben Resendes leading the team to the play-offs, and I look forward to working on the field with the team this season. I am grateful for the opportunity being offered to me by Peoria City," Regan said.

"We are so excited to have Bradley University and local soccer legend to lead Peoria City Soccer this season. I have known Tim since he was a youth player in Chicago and his breadth of playing, coaching, scouting and management experience at the highest levels of soccer with a local connection are just a fantastic combo for the club and the community. Ruben did a superb job for us establishing Peoria City in our inaugural season as a top club right from the start. Qualifying us for the playoffs in our first campaign was a great success. We are so happy for him in his great opportunity at Bryant University becoming an NCAA Division 1 Head Coach and can't thank him enough for getting the ball rolling. And now we are thrilled for Peoria's own Tim Regan to become our next head coach of Peoria City," said John Dorn, Managing Partner of Peoria City Soccer.

"Throughout the process of trying to identify our new Head Coach, it became evident that the success Ruben and Tim had last summer working in collaboration as Head Coach and General Manager was something to be built upon," said Peoria City Soccer Director of Business Operations Jim DeRose. "Tim's intimate and extensive knowledge of the USL, college, and professional academy development schemes domestically and abroad, give Tim the ability to cast a broad net in identifying some of the top talent to play in Peoria. With the new teams making up the Heartland Division, Peoria City is now in a league that is very regional from a travel perspective allowing Tim to assume this role without sacrificing the duties in his current position."

BACKGROUND: Under the leadership of Head Coach Ruben Resendes and Assistant Coach Brendan Pacheco, Peoria City burst onto the USL 2 scene last season with an exciting style of play led by some of the league's most dynamic and talented players in the Summer of 2022. The success continued on into the fall, as Resendes and his staff won the Division II National Championship at Franklin Pierce College. As one of the top young college coaches in the country, Resendes was named the new Head Coach at DI Bryant College this winter.

“Resendes remains one of Peoria City's greatest supporters and fans, and we will be forever indebted to Ruben and Brendan for their incredible contribution to our franchise. While his current new job responsibilities at Bryant did not allow him to return to Peoria this summer, the successes Ruben and his staff attained are a great starting point in 2023. It most definitely will be a challenge to build upon that success, yet we look forward to what is ahead this summer,” DeRoses said.

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