



Garreth joins us following a hugely successful position as Academy Manager at Rotherham United of the English Football League Championship. He holds a UEFA Pro License, League Managers Association Diploma, FA Academy Manager's License and Post Graduate Certificate in Education.

In his most recent role, he was responsible for all aspects of RUFC Academy functions which included the implementation of staff training and continuous personal development plans, influencing all part time and full time staff in attaining higher qualifications, including UEFA A, UEFA B and Futsal qualifications.

In his role as DOC with LAGOC he will be working alongside the technical staff in creating progression, training and development plans for all LAGOC coaching staff, enabling them to maintain standards of excellence, transferable to players in our organization. In the short time he has been with us so far, he has already implemented 1 on 1 observation and learning sessions, filming coaches and their games/practices and sharing with them his insights in personal, team and player growth. Garreth has a track record with professional clubs throughout the UK in producing players for the respective first teams for whom he works through his identification, nurturing and leadership of his coaching staff. We are delighted to have him part of our team.

Garreth commented on his new role:

"I accepted an invitation to join the LAGOC from Tim based on the ambition to be the best club in Orange County, to have the best staff, facilities and philosophy.

Many aspects of this club are very similar to the level of professionalism and organization required in my professional club academies in England.

I feel that this framework affords me the maximum opportunity to impact the coaches over the short, medium and long term.

The staff here all made a strong impression on me, there are some excellent people here who work extremely hard to provide our players and parents with the best environment they possibly can.

I'm looking forward to embedding a coaching culture, developing people and coaches and seeing the long term improvements in the player development process here at LAGOC.

I would say that if any parents would like to discuss player development to come and see me at the various training venues we utilize.

Thanks

Garreth Barker