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Sports Information

Tony Colavecchia has been named men's soccer coach at the University of Southern Indiana. USI Director of Athletics, Larry Arp, made the announcement during an afternoon press conference Wednesday in the Physical Activities Center.

The Skegness, England native joins the USI staff following a four year association with the University of Evansville. He was athletic director and assistant dean of students 1984-86 at Harlaxton College, UE's British campus. Since 1986 Colavecchia has been assistant soccer coach at UE.

Colavecchia is familiar with the Evansville area soccer programs as he regularly hosts clinics for area soccer coaches. He emphasizes community involvement through his work with the Select Soccer Program in Evansville. He currently coaches two select teams, a 14-and-under girls team and a 16-and-under girls team. He is a coach on the Midwest Regional Staff which chooses

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players to represent the United States at the 16-and-under level and 18-and-under level. He also is on the Indiana State Coaching Staff which regularly hosts clinics and aids in the selection of state teams.

The 29-year-old soccer enthusiast has been involved with many camps including Camp Blue Star in North Carolina where he directed over 800 children in coaching and selection of teams. He also assisted the University of Southern Florida in a goalkeeping clinic in 1981.

Colavecchia holds a physical education degree from St. Paul's College in Cheltenham, England and is currently pursuing his master's. In addition to his coaching duties, he will teach six hours of physical education courses.

Colavecchia and his wife Melanie have a daughter, Chantel, and are expecting another addition in December.