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EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION

- BA, University of Texas at Austin, 1987
- JD, University of Texas School of Law, 1992
- USA Rugby Level I Referee, 1999
- USA Rugby Level I Coach, 1999
- USA Rugby Level II Coach, 2001
- USA Rugby Level III Coach, 2002
- USA Rugby Developing Skills, 2007

RUGBY EXPERIENCE

Director of Rugby

Apr 2013 – present

Head Coach

Mar 2002 – Nov 2012

Director

Aug 2009 – Aug 2013

Forwards Coach

Aug 2001 – Feb 2002

Huns Rugby Football Club

- Fostered growth of club from eleven regular players into one of the largest men's clubs in the USA with over 100 registered players, competing in three divisions
- Reached USA Division 1 Round of 32 playoffs in 2009-2013
- Reached USA Division 2 Round of 16 playoffs in 2004 and 2006
- Guided team from last place in Texas Rugby Union Division 2 in 2002 to promotion to Division 1 and USA Round of 32 playoffs in 2009.
- Served on planning committee for 2002, 2003, 2004 USA Girls' U-19 Elite Camps
- Assistant Coach at 2003, 2004, 2006 Texas U19 Player Development Camps
- Forwards Coach for 2013 Central Texas Regional Select Side

Manager & Assistant Coach

Apr 2013 – Sep 2013

El Azul 7s

- Coordinated travel for West Qualifiers in Houston, Kansas City, Denver
- Bowl championship at 2013 Serevi Invitational 7s in Denver, CO

USA Rugby Red River Competitions Committee

May 2013 – present

TRU Men's Club Division 1 Secretary

Aug 2008 – Jun 2012

TRU Men's Club Division 2 Secretary

Aug 2007 – Jun 2008

TRU Men's Collegiate Division 2 Secretary

Aug 2004 – Jun 2005

TRU Men's Collegiate Division 3 Secretary

Aug 2003 – Jun 2004

- Wrote the TRU and RRRC promotion & relegation policies
- As divisional secretary, created match schedules for league play in those divisions

Forwards Coach

Aug 1998 – Jul 2001

Treasurer

Aug 1986 – May 1987

University of Texas Rugby Football Club

- Planned and conducted trainings with 6-man coaching staff for over 70 players
- Two consecutive appearances in West Territorial Collegiate Championships

President

Jul 1997 – Jun 1998

Treasurer

Jul 1996 – Jun 1997

Director

Jul 1994 – Jun 1996

Austin Rugby Football Club, Inc.

RUGBY HONORS

- Texas Rugby Union Men's Select Side, 1993 -1995
- West Rugby Union Collegiate Select Side, 1987
- Texas Rugby Union Collegiate Select Side, 1986 -1987

More people playing better rugby. Travel, depth, money are challenges every club faces. Growth in both registered players and teams addresses these. Growth increases revenue through CIPP fees and dues. It adds depth, raises the level of play, and makes travel more manageable. More teams mean more regional conferences and less travel. A larger player pool generates more referees, coaches, and administrators.

To get more people playing better rugby, we need to invest time and money back into our game. We should provide clinics for club administrators that teach best practices and establish a forum for administrators to exchange ideas. We should establish incentives to recruit and register more players, and create competitions that will give these new players an opportunity to play. We must recruit and develop more coaches and referees.

Instead of “cannibal funding” - reaching into our players’ pockets for more money - we must seek corporate sponsors. We should apply for charitable status or create a charitable foundation. We need to leverage our collective bargaining power to get discounts on kit and equipment.

Driving growth is my specialty. At Huns RFC, I took over a club with about a dozen regular players and built it into a club with 100+ registered members competing in three divisions. I believe I can help all of our clubs grow and improve while still providing the traditional services – referees, discipline, etc. There will be growing pains, but those are the problems we want. It’s about more people playing better rugby.