



## Ottawa Fury FC Appoint David Bellemare as Goalkeeper Coach

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**Friday, September 27, 2013 (Ottawa, ON)** – Ottawa Fury FC today announced the appointment of David Bellemare as the North American Soccer League (NASL) club's first goalkeeping coach. Bellemare, who has served as the goalkeeping coach of the Ottawa Fury Soccer Club since 2003, will act as goalkeeping coach for both the NASL team and the Fury FC Academy.

“I want to first of all thank the current and former coaches that I had the chance to work with over the past decade,” said the newly appointed Bellemare. “Together we have built and brought the Club to a high standard and I'm excited for the future and the opportunity to take Ottawa Fury FC to new heights.”

Throughout his years with the Fury, David has worked with Canadian National Team goalkeepers Taryn Swiatek, Leisha Alcia, Erin McNulty, Dayle Colpitts, Rachelle Beanlands, Audrey Bernier-Larose, Cynthia Leblanc, Chad Bush and Aidan Aylward. In Bellemare's tenure with the Fury, over 25 Fury Academy goalkeepers earned scholarships to American (NCAA) and Canadian (CIS and CCAA) Colleges and Universities with several of them moving on to play in the PDL, W-League and enter the National Team Program. In the past four years, Bellemare has seen three of his prodigies sign with MLS Academies with Chad Bush being the first in 2009 joining Toronto FC, Erhan Yilmaz linking up with the Montreal Impact Academy in 2012 and mostly recently Aidan Aylward entering the Vancouver Whitecaps FC Academy this past January.

Prior to joining the Fury, Bellemare served as the Goalkeeping Director for Premier Soccer Academy in Toronto, one of the top soccer academies at that time in the country. Bellemare has also been involved in Canadian University soccer for the last 14 years with three of the most successful programs in the country at Laval University, University of Toronto and currently the University of Ottawa. David has also been involved with different sport-etude programs in Quebec and Ontario over the past 13 years.

“David has done a wonderful job at the academy level and with the PDL and W-League goalkeepers,” said Fury FC head coach Marc Dos Santos. “I think it is important for the club to have local people in our technical staff and we are very happy to have David on board.”





In 2000, Bellemare spent 5 months with the Pumas, Mexican 1st Division Club, as a guest coach and spent eight months in 2010/2011 as the Goalkeeping Coach with CASL Chelsea FC Academy - one of the leading clubs in the United States.

Throughout his career, David has specialized in coaching Goalkeepers. He holds, since 2008, the Advanced National Goalkeeping Diploma - the most comprehensive goalkeeping courses offered by the NSCAA - and a Diplome d'entraîneur provincial (DEP), Quebec provincial coaching license and a Physical Activity Sciences degree from Laval University. Bellemare is also fluent in both official languages.

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#### **About Ottawa Fury FC**

On June 20, 2011 the North American Soccer League (NASL) announced that Ottawa, ON had been awarded an expansion franchise. The new team, owned by the Ottawa Sports & Entertainment Group (OSEG), will commence League play in the 2014 NASL season. On February 26, 2013 OSEG announced that Ottawa's NASL franchise would be named Ottawa Fury FC. For more information about Ottawa Fury FC, visit [www.OttawaFuryFC.com](http://www.OttawaFuryFC.com). Follow Ottawa Fury FC on Twitter [@OttawaFuryFC](https://twitter.com/OttawaFuryFC) and Facebook at <http://www.Facebook.com/OttawaFuryFC>

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