



## **Ottawa Fury FC Appoint Martin Nash as Assistant Coach**

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Friday, October 18, 2013 (Ottawa, ON) – Ottawa Fury FC and head coach Marc Dos Santos today announced the appointment of Martin Nash as the North American Soccer League (NASL) club’s first assistant coach. Best known for his 10 years playing with Whitecaps FC, Nash’s professional career spanned more than 16 years in Canada, England and the United States along with 38 caps at the senior level representing Canada.

“I am honoured to be given the opportunity to join Ottawa Fury FC as they step into the NASL,” said the newly appointed assistant coach. “I am looking forward to working with an experienced coach in Marc Dos Santos and helping him build a team from the ground up.”

Nash announced his retirement from professional soccer in October 2010 and remained with Whitecaps FC as a coach in their Youth Academy and as a first team scout. He then served as an assistant coach with the Whitecaps MLS Reserve team, their PDL team as well as their U16 and U18 squads. Most recently, he served as the head coach of the BC Provincial team that captured silver at the Canada Games as well as running the North Vancouver Football Club Academy.

“Martin is exactly what I am looking for in an assistant coach,” expressed Fury FC Head Coach Marc Dos Santos. “His leadership shown as a player and his understanding of the game will certainly benefit our players. This hire is another example of our commitment of bringing the best people on board as we continue to build our club.”

Born in Regina, Nash was raised in Victoria and is the product of the Lower Vancouver Island Metro Selects that helped launch his professional career with Whitecaps FC (then known as Vancouver 86ers) at the age of 19 in 1995. In his second professional season he was named to the All-A-League team before spending several years jumping back and forth across the Atlantic where he featured with Stockport County, Chester City and Macclesfield Town with stints with Vancouver and Rochester in between. The central midfielder spent 2003 with the Montreal Impact before returning to the Whitecaps in 2004 where he played out the duration of his career finishing as the club’s seventh all-time leader in points with 110 – this includes 31 goals (15<sup>th</sup> all-time) and 48 assists (third all-time). In 16 professional





seasons, Nash would score 45 goals and record 74 assists in 421 total appearances collecting four league championships – two with the Rochester Rhinos (2000 and 2001) and two with the Vancouver Whitecaps (2006 and 2008).

After appearing for his country at the U-20 and U-23 Olympic level, he made his international debut for the senior team in a FIFA World Cup qualifier against El Salvador on April 6, 1997. Nash would go on to earn 38 caps, scoring twice and helped lead Canada to the CONCACAF Gold Cup title in 2000. His last international appearance came in 2008.

Holder of a National B License, Nash is currently in the process of completing his National A License.

*Editorial Note: Phone interviews with Martin can be arranged through Graeme Ivory. Martin will be in Ottawa for the club's Open Tryout November 20-21 when the entire coaching staff will be made available for media interviews.*

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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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