



head coach tony da luz



the da luz file

Coaching Experience

- University of San Diego
 - 1985-91 Assistant Men's Coach
 - 1992-96 Head Women's Coach

- Wake Forest University
 - 1997-pres. Head Women's Coach

Coaching Record

Year	School	Record	NCAA
1992	San Diego	5-10-0	
1993	San Diego	8-8-0	
1994	San Diego	8-11-1	
1995	San Diego	10-6-1	
1996	San Diego	15-7-1	2nd
1997	Wake Forest	11-8-2	1st
1998	Wake Forest	13-7-1	1st
1999	Wake Forest	16-6-1	3rd
2000	Wake Forest	11-8-2	2nd
2001	Wake Forest	9-9-2	1st
2002	Wake Forest	13-8-2	2nd
Totals	(11 years)	119-88-13	

Coaching Honors

- 1996 WCC Coach of the Year
- 1996 West Coast Region Coach of the Year
- 1998 ACC Coach of the Year

Playing Experience

- 1981-82 University of San Diego

Playing Honors

- 1981 All-West Coast Conference
- 1982 All-West Coast Conference
- 1982 Team Captain
- 1982 Team MVP

Tony da Luz enters his seventh season at the helm of the women's soccer team at Wake Forest University. He has led the Demon Deacons to a non-losing season and a trip to the NCAA Tournament all five years that he's been in Winston-Salem.

Under his guidance, 16 Deacs have earned All-ACC honors, including six First-Team selections. Two ACC Rookie of the Year winners as well as two Freshman All-Americans have been Wake players under the da Luz watch. Thirteen Deacs have been named All-Southeast Region and seven have been selected to ACC Championship all-tournament teams in the da Luz era.

The 2002 season brought Wake Forest one of its best starts in school history, as the Deacs went 9-0 during the first four weeks of the action and were ranked as high as sixth nationally by Soccer Buzz. The Demon Deacons finished the year 13-8-1, including 2-4-1 in conference play. Wake Forest earned their seventh consecutive post-season berth and advanced to the second round of the tournament for the second time in three seasons. Three of da Luz's athletes earned All-ACC honors and were selected to the All-Southeast Region team.

Guiding the Demon Deacons back to the NCAA Tournament after advancing to the semifinals of the ACC Championship, da Luz led Wake Forest to a 9-9-2 overall record and a 3-4 mark in league play in 2001. He saw three of his seniors earn All-ACC honors and two named to the All-Southeast Region team. da Luz earned his 100th career victory during the season, putting him in the century club in only 10 seasons - five of which spent at Wake Forest, where he accumulated 60 wins.

Even without a true goalkeeper, Wake finished 11-8-2 overall in 2000 and 4-3 in the ACC to finish second place in the league, the highest conference finish in school history.

Ranked as high as 12th in the nation and finishing the season 15th, da Luz led the Demon Deacons back to the NCAA Tournament, where they advanced to the second round before falling to the champions, North Carolina.

Wake Forest enjoyed its best season ever in 1999, finishing with a 16-6-1 overall record and a 4-3

conference mark, finishing third in the ACC. The Demon Deacons reached the third round of the NCAA Tournament. Wake earned a national ranking as high as seventh, the highest ranking in program history, before finishing the season ranked 12th nationally by the NSCAA.

Selected the 1998 ACC Coach of the Year by a vote of his peers, da Luz led Wake Forest to a 13-7-1 overall record and a 4-3 mark in the powerful ACC regular season race, good for a fourth-place finish.

In his first season, da Luz guided



the Demon Deacons to the NCAA Tournament, falling to eventual national champion North Carolina in the first round. Wake Forest finished the season with an 11-8-2 record against a challenging slate of competition and was ranked as high as #12 in the nation.

In 11 years of coaching at the collegiate level, da Luz's career record now stands at 119-88-13, including a six year mark of 73-46-10 at Wake Forest.

Prior to coming to Wake Forest, da Luz coached for five years at the University of San Diego, where he compiled a 46-42-3 record. Da Luz was entrusted with starting the San Diego program from the ground up in 1992 and in his final two seasons he guided his teams to a 25-13-2 mark.

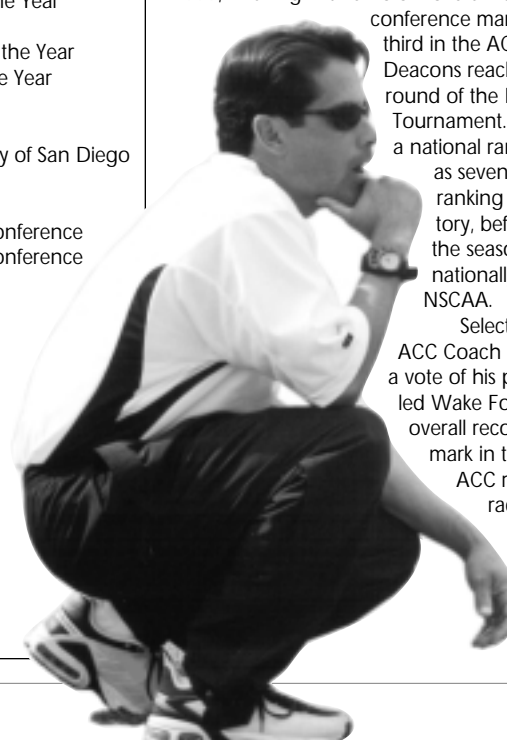
His final season at San Diego was his most impressive, leading the Toreros to a 14-6-1 record and into the second round of the NCAA Tournament in 1996.

His success at San Diego earned him West Coast Conference Coach of the Year honors in 1996. He was named the West Region Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association.

da Luz has been involved in coaching for 16 years. He worked as an assistant coach for the University of San Diego men's team from 1985 until 1991. He has also been active in coaching at the youth level with his involvement with the Winston-Salem Twins Club organizations.

da Luz achieved success as a player as a midfielder and defender while at San Diego. He was an All-WCC honorable mention selection in both 1981 and 1982. As team captain in 1982, he led the Toreros in assists and earned the team MVP award.

da Luz earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from San Diego in 1985. He and his wife, Amy, reside in Winston-Salem with their children Tyler (16), Austin (14) and Jonah (4).





meghan suddes, skip thorp and support staff



the suddes file

Coaching Experience

- Wake Forest University
- 2001-pres.. Asst. Women's Coach
- 2001-pres. Twin City Soccer Club
- 1999-01 Ohio Premier Soccer Club
- 1998-99 Twin City Soccer Club

Playing Experience

- 1996-97 University of San Diego
- 1996-98 Columbus Ziggs (W-League)
- 1998-99 Wake Forest University
- 1999-pres. Piedmont Spark (W-League)

Entering her third season on the coaching staff is 1999 Wake Forest graduate, Meghan Suddes. Suddes played four seasons for Tony da Luz, two years at San Diego and two at Wake Forest.

Responsible for recruiting, practice plans and academic supervision, Suddes also facilitates team building exercises.

Prior to returning to her alma mater to coach, Suddes served as the head coach for the Ohio Premier Club Team and worked for a company in Columbus, OH, that provides team building challenge courses for corporations and sports teams.

A skilled forward for the Demon Deacons in 1997 and 1998, Suddes scored 11 goals and recorded four assists at Wake Forest, totaling 24 goals and eight assists in her career. Voted the Freshman of the Year for Toreros, Suddes scored a pair of goals against Texas A&M in the first round of the NCAA Tournament her sophomore year. Leading the team in scoring her second year at San Diego, Suddes was ranked ninth in the West Coast Conference with 10 goals.

Spending her summers from 1996-99 playing soccer in the USISL W-League, Suddes spent three years with the Columbus Ziggs and one year with the Piedmont Triad Spark.

Born in South Bend, Ind., and raised in Dublin, Ohio, Suddes graduated from Wake Forest University with a degree in communication studies. She enjoys mountain biking and golf.

Meghan recently became engaged to Jon Cox, also a Wake Forest graduate. The couple will marry next summer.



the thorp file

Coaching Experience

- U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team
- 1998 Assistant Coach
- U.S. Under-23 Men's National Team
- 1998 Assistant Coach
- Delaware Genies (WUSL)
- 1998 Assistant Coach
- Carolina Dynamo (USL)
- 1999 Assistant Coach
- Wake Forest University
- 1999-pres. Asst. Women's Coach

Playing Experience

- 1992-95 University of Delaware
- 1996 Dublin Grangewoodbine

Skip Thorp enters his sixth season on the Wake Forest women's soccer coaching staff. Thorp brings an extensive amount of goalkeeping knowledge and overall coaching experience to the program. Thorp also handles recruiting, practice planning and academic supervision.

After both goalkeepers went down in the pre-season of 2000 with season-ending knee injuries, Thorp held an open tryout among the team and selected Tracy Chao, a hard-working, athletic, 5-5 reserve defender with no keeper experience.

Under his expert tutelage, Chao finished the season with a 9-8-2 record, 1.52 goals-against average, 85 saves and 3 shutouts in 1,715 minutes in net. She was named the ACC Player of the Week after shutting out Davidson, eventual national champion North Carolina, and earning three saves in a 2-1 overtime victory at NC State.

In 1999, Wake's starting goalkeeper, Erin Regan, earned first team All-ACC honors.

A past member of the coaching staffs for the U.S. Under-18 Women's National Team and the U.S. Under-23 Men's National Team, Thorp has also served on the coaching staffs for the Carolina Dynamo (USL) in 1999 and the Delaware Wizards (USL) and the Delaware Genies (WUSL) in 1998. Thorp also owns a USSF "A" coaching license.

After his collegiate playing career at Delaware, Thorp started his coaching career a year later. He graduated in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in engineering. Thorp also played a season of semi-pro soccer for the Dublin Grangewoodbine in Ireland's First Division.

Thorp, a native of Bear, Del., enjoys billiards, golf and plays bass guitar in a local band, Queue.

The Support Staff

Top row from left to right: Ron Wellman (athletic director), Barbara Walker (executive associate athletic director), Roxann Moody (equipment manager) and Mike Tolloti (strength and conditioning coach). Bottom row from left to right: Adam Pecina (athletic trainer), Sherry Long (academics), Brett Hickman (operations) and Michael Bertsch (media relations).

