

Manny Batista



Manny started his soccer career in Ludlow, Massachusetts playing club football. He also played in the Western Mass summer college soccer league for Unity AC. Manny played high school soccer for Springfield Cathedral High School where he was named to the All-City and All-Western Mass all-star teams. After high school he went on to play Division I soccer at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut, where he was the starting goalkeeper for three years.

Manny played for the Ludlow Lusitanos and Vasco DaGama of Bridgeport in the Connecticut Soccer League. Manny was Director of Coaching for Nashoba United Team Soccer Club which competed in the MAPLE League. Manny is also the founder of the Portuguese American Soccer Academy (PASA) and Portuguese American Soccer Academy Futebol Clube (PASA FC) whose teams also competed in the MAPLE league. Manny was the Lowell High School Varsity Boys Coach from 1997-2005 during which time his team won 4 Merrimack Valley Conference (MVC) Championships. As Lowell High School coach Manny was awarded the MVC Coach of the Year and Lowell Sun Coach of the Year. After passing on the reigns of the Lowell High School Boys Varsity position, Manny went on to coach the Rivier Men's College team and then on to coaching for the Strikers United Club.

Manny holds a USSF "B" license and a NSCAA "Premier License".