

2012 RUTGERS-CAMDEN MEN'S SOCCER

Assistant Coach

High School: Triton Regional
Major: Communications

Bill Rizzo (2nd season)

College: Elizabethtown College (2002)



One of the key men behind the scenes of the Rutgers-Camden men's soccer program, Bill Rizzo stepped into a dual coaching and administrative/organizational role in his first year with the Scarlet Raptors. His tireless efforts and attention to detail paid off as the program produced its finest season ever, posting a 19-3-2 record, winning the New Jersey Athletic Conference championship for the first time, advancing to the NCAA Elite Eight and placing No. 5 in the NSCAA and No. 8 in the *D3soccer.com* final polls, the highest NCAA rankings ever for the men's soccer program.

Rizzo added collegiate men's soccer coaching experience to his vast resume that includes a stellar scholastic and college career, youth coaching and a stint as the Assistant Women's Soccer Coach at Camden County College in 2010. The Cougars posted an 11-5-0 record that season and reached the Region XIX quarterfinals.

Rizzo earned numerous honors during his playing career at Triton Regional High School, where he was a four-year varsity starter and was named the team MVP as a junior. During both his junior and senior seasons he was the team captain, captured First Team All-Olympic Conference honors and earned All-State Honorable Mention.

Rizzo was selected for the New Jersey ODP State Pool during his senior year.

Continuing his playing career at powerhouse Elizabethtown College, Rizzo was a three-year varsity letter winner (missing his sophomore season with an injury). He helped the Blue Jays capture the Middle Atlantic Conference title in 1999 and earn a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

A Communications major, Rizzo graduated from Elizabethtown College in 2002. He pursued his Master's in Sport Management at Neumann University, graduating in 2009.

In addition to his collegiate coaching experience, Rizzo also has served as the West Windsor Plainsboro Soccer Association U15 Pride Head Coach. He also is a Youth Soccer Alliance Staff Coach.

Rizzo has obtained a USSF National "D" License, a USSF National Youth License, a NSCAA Advanced Regional Diploma and a NSCAA Goalkeeping Level I Diploma. He is an IFPA Strength and Conditioning Specialist and a Soccer Conditioning Specialist.