## Marco Da Fonte, Head Trainer - Colonial Sports Group

Coach Marco played throughout his entire childhood competing at a high level during his teenage years. As an individual player, he was selected for the Eastern New York ODP Team (top 18 in Eastern NYS) and part of the Regional Pool (top 36 in Northeast Region). From 2003 - '07 Coach Marco pursued his college career at Long Island University Post, While at LIU Post, he was a two-year captain and led the team to the NCAA Division II Tournament in 2006. After graduating in 2007, he started a business (andGO Sports) that assists domestic and international high school student-athletes and their families through the college athletic recruiting process, andGO Sports has further seen their clients go on to play professional soccer in the MLS, with multiple players selected in the MLS SuperDraft. The same vear he began and GO Sports, he was offered the Boys Varsity Soccer coaching position at Wheatley High School. While coaching at Wheatley from 2007 - '11, he guided his teams to two Nassau County Championships ('09 & '11), Long Island Championship ('11) and a New York State Finals ('11). In 2008 he started a youth soccer club "Mineola Portuguese Soccer Club (MPSC)" and served as President and Director of Coaching for eight years (2008 - '16). During his time at MPSC, he grew the club to 400+ members and was voted Top Soccer Club on Long Island by Bethpage Best of Long Island in 2015. In January 2018, Coach Marco was chosen to be South Fork United's 1st Coach, leading the Boys 2007 Pilot Program. Coach Marco resides in Mattituck, NY with wife Michelina and daughter Paloma.