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## **STEVE PROVAN NAMED TORRENT MEN'S COACH**

***Fellow Wisconsin Soccer Hall of Famer Scott Kreitmeir also joins coaching staff***

MILWAUKEE — FC Milwaukee Torrent didn't need to look far for its next men's team coaches.

Steve Provan is the team's new head coach, replacing Carlos "Cacho" Córdoba, who stepped down after three years as Torrent coach last fall and relocated to Florida. Scott Kreitmeir will be Provan's assistant coach.

Provan and Kreitmeir have a lot in common: They both grew up in the area, enjoyed successful playing and coaching careers in Milwaukee and beyond and are members of the Wisconsin Soccer Hall of Fame. Both also played for Córdoba with the Milwaukee Rampage in the 1990s, played for the Milwaukee Wave indoors and were part of successful Milwaukee Bavarians amateur teams in the early 2000s.

They both also have already coached Torrent teams: They led USL Super-Y League teams for the club last summer.

"We're truly excited and thankful to have Steve and Scott taking over," said Torrent owner Andreas Davi, who founded the club in 2015 and coached the men's team until Córdoba — a former Major League Soccer coach — was hired in December 2018. "They're both excellent coaches, well-known for their success in the Milwaukee soccer community, and will help continue the progress the Torrent made under Cacho in the past few years."

Provan, a Cudahy native, played soccer at Marquette University and played professionally outdoors with the Rampage and the Hampton Roads Mariners in the USL A-League and indoors with the Canton Invaders, Cincinnati Silverbacks and the Wave. He's coached club soccer with the Bavarians and North Shore United in addition to the Torrent, and also has been the Sussex Hamilton High School boys head coach since 2012.

Kreitmeir was part of 12 state championship youth teams with the Bavarians and starred at Brookfield Central High School — he was the Gatorade Wisconsin Player of the Year in 1989. After playing for the U.S. Under-20 national team and one season at UW-Milwaukee, Kreitmeir signed with 1860 Munich in Germany and played three seasons with the 2.Bundesliga club. He then returned to Wisconsin and was a USISL All-Star for the Rampage in 1994 and helped the Wave win the National Professional Soccer League title in the 1996-97 season. Kreitmeir previously coached at Brookfield SC and SC Waukesha and now coaches with Elmbrook United and Cream City Futsal in addition to the Torrent.

Córdoba, who played at Boca Juniors in his native Argentina, led the Torrent to a 15-7-2 record in all competitions in 2019 and 2021 - the team didn't play in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Torrent claimed two trophies last summer, capturing the NPSL Great Lakes Conference title with a 9-1-0 record, and winning all three of their matches to collect the NISA Midwest Independent Cup championship.

The Torrent open their 2022 season in the NPSL in May.

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