



James A. Ball

Coaching Education

Bachelor's Degree in Sports and Recreation Management
FA Coaching Diploma
UEFA B, Coaching License
FA Pre Lim Coaching Badge

Coaching Experience

Issaquah Soccer Club, USA, *Director of Coaching*
British European Soccer Training (B.E.S.T), USA/England, *Owner/Director of Coaching*
Winchester City Football Club, England, *Manager*
Alan Ball Football Academy, England, *Manager*
Portsmouth Football Club, England, *Coach – PFC School of Excellence*
Ardiles Football Academy, Spain, *Manager*
Shelbourne Football Club, Ireland, *Coach/Scout*
Portsmouth Football Club, England, *Coach*
Canadian Professional Soccer Academy, Vancouver, *Coach*

Playing Experience

Southampton Football Club, England, *Professional Football Player*
Exeter City Football Club, England, *Apprentice Professional and Professional Football Player*

Personal Statement

Ever since a young age my life has been heavily influenced by football. I seem to have spent my whole life in changing rooms all around the world. My family history is ingrained with players, coaches and managers going back as far as my great-grandfather.

My grandfather Alan Ball Sr. managed many Football clubs in and around the North of England including Stoke City, Southport, Halifax Town and Blackpool. He also managed in Sweden, Cyprus and Holland but had his major success when managing Preston North End to two successful promotions in as many years.

My father played for England 72 times and won the World Cup in 1966. During those 72 games he was only on the losing side 8 times and was undefeated as Captain. He also played for Everton, Arsenal and Southampton. During his long managerial career at every level of Professional football he gained promotion to the top flight with Portsmouth, he also gained promotion with Exeter City and took Southampton to their highest ever Premier League finish. He coached the England National team under managers Graham Taylor and Kevin Keegan.

I was never far from my father's side during his managerial career and learned a great deal and gained experience especially on player management, different training methods and tactical awareness. From the age of 24 I was given the responsibility at Portsmouth FC (PFC) of developing both up and coming junior pros and established senior pros. This I felt was a steep learning curve and something that I revelled in. I left PFC to coach alongside World Cup Legend Ossie Ardiles. I received a call from PFC to return and help develop their youth programme. At the same time I was Manager of Winchester City football club, in the Football conference.

While coaching for PFC and WCFC I was offered the opportunity by BEST Soccer to become the Director of Coaching in the USA. I am very proud of the achievements so far with the clubs and teams under our supervision. I sincerely look forward to whatever the future might bring.