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Soccer Coach

On spring Saturdays, suburban soccer fields are packed with playing preteens and their parents. Given the sport's popularity, only a superstar could stand out from the pack.

Virginia native Chip Rohr started coaching soccer while a college student. An opportunity to work at Randolph-Macon Soccer Camp in Ashland, host to "a veritable who's who of emerging coaches," launched his career as a top-notch instructor.

According to Rohr, who's accrued "virtually every coaching course and licensing course" in his climb to the top, much of his success is owed to workshops with U.S. Soccer, the National Soccer Coach Association of America and Virginia Youth Soccer Association, where he remains the longest-serving instructor on coaching education staff. He's been at the head of his own camp, based in Bristow, for nearly 30 years.

"Being named 'Best' is a great honor. I think it validates my efforts to educate myself on the best ways to help young players have fun and enjoy the game and improve as players," Rohr said. "I love coaching, and it is wonderful to be told you've done well." P.O. Box 71, Manassas; 703-368-3000; www.chiprohrsoccer.com.—TP