



# Alums “Making a Difference”

Mike Sorber

Aquinas-Mercy

Class of 1989

Mike Sorber made his first big splash in soccer playing for Vince Drake at Aquinas-Mercy High School. He was a part of two state championship teams in his time at the school, with wins in 1985 and again in 1988.

Like many successful St. Louis area soccer talents, Sorber chose to keep his talents in the area, joining the team at St. Louis University. He graduated in 1994 with a bachelor’s degree in Communication with a minor in Criminal Justice. His collegiate career, which saw him collect 13 goals and 29 assists, also saw him expand his playing reputation from a local talent to a national player.

While with the Billikens, he earned his first ‘cap’ (international appearance), being named to the USA National Soccer Team on January 25, 1992. In his playing career that total number of ‘caps’ grew to 67 and included 2 goals.

With his exit from SLU, he became part of the 1994 World Cup team, playing in all four games. In 1998 he was named again, this time as an alternate to the World Cup team.

Sorber spent two years playing professionally with UNAM Pumas in the Mexican first division becoming the first American player ever to be named a Mexican League All-Star. His professional career also included stops with the Kansas City Wiz (1996), NY/NJ Metrostars (1997-1999) and the Chicago Fire (2000), retiring in 2001.

When playing was over, it was time to follow his father Pete into the coaching ranks. He returned to St. Louis University as an assistant coach and remained in that role until 2007. He left his alma mater behind to join USA Men’s Soccer as an assistant and was on the sidelines this year in South Africa as the US competed in the World Cup.

Sorber lives in Webster Groves with his wife Mindy and children Kyler, 8, and Syerra, 5. He was reunited at his parish, Holy Redeemer with Fr. Ken Brown, his pastor now, and formerly an English teacher when he was at Aquinas-Mercy.

