

William Chissoe

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Bill Chissoe grew up in Norman and was a soccer pioneer in many ways- part of many "firsts" as soccer grew. He started playing recreation soccer the first year it was offered in Norman and competed in the city's first "select" program - a short-lived three team league representing Norman's middle schools. Two years later, Norman offered their first "Classic" team, and Bill made the Norman Celtic team as a goalkeeper. Chissoe's team was the first team from the western side of the state to advance to the finals of State Cup.

Bill played college ball at Oklahoma City University. In his three years there OCU advanced from a startup program to a national Top-10 team. He finished his academic career graduating from the University of Oklahoma. Bill was invited to play for a number of semi-professional teams and ended up playing primarily with the Oklahoma City Spirit, they won a championship in his first year. While playing for the OKC Spirit Bill earned his coaching license and began coaching at Moore High School. Two years later he returned to his alma mater to coach the Norman High School girls. During Chissoe's three-year tenure, NHS won two state championships and were 43-2. He was the state coach-of-the-year twice and coached the west to their first victory in the All-State game. Bill was also Coaching Director for Norman Youth Soccer Association and after earning his B coaching license became a certified instructor who taught and certified coaches at the state level. He loved spreading soccer across the state and fondly remembers the coach who completed a weekend's worth of drills in coveralls and cowboy boots!

In 1991, Bill married his high school sweetheart, Stephanie. 1999 brought the birth of their first son Billy and in 2001 Russell was born.

After graduating from the University of Oklahoma, Bill and Stephanie moved to St. Louis where he continued coaching as an assistant at Washington University- in addition to club soccer with the St. Louis Seals and ODP at the regional level. In 1999 the Chissoes moved to North Carolina where Bill taught computer science and coached girls and boys high school soccer. In his first year the girls qualified for the state tournament for the first time in eight years, and in his second year he won another Coach-of-the-Year. 2015 saw a move to Washington State, where Bill teaches computer science and coaches the men's soccer team at Charles Wright Academy.

In his three years at Charles Wright Academy, Chissoe has won two league championships , one district championship, and made two state tournament appearances. He's twice been named league coach-of-the-year.

For all his success, he takes greatest pride in his players -watching them commit to something bigger than themselves, playing with pride, overcoming obstacles, and always, always having a passion for the game. He's been blessed to be surrounded by fantastic individuals who supported him, and he's tried to pass it on to the next generation (or two). Along his journey Bill has promoted and grown the game as well as cultivated and mentored numerous players who have gone on to achieve great things both on and off the soccer pitch. Bill often pushes his players with the simple statement - "love what you do, and give it everything you've got."