

Sigi Schmid

Schmid after a Sounders match in 2010

Siegfried "Sigi" Schmid (pronounced [ˈziːkfriːt ˈziːgiː ʃmiːt]; March 20, 1953 – December 25, 2018) was a German-American [soccer coach](#). He worked as head coach of the [Los Angeles Galaxy](#) of [Major League Soccer](#) (MLS) from 1999 to 2004 and again from 2017 to 2018.^[1] He was born in [Tübingen, Baden-Württemberg](#).

Schmid worked for the [UCLA's](#) soccer men's soccer team from 1972 to 1999. From 2006 to 2008, he coached [Columbus Crew](#). Schmid also coached for [Seattle Sounders FC](#) from 2009 to 2016.^[2]

Schmid was hospitalized several times during his later career, including with [pneumonia](#) in 2009.^{[3][4]} He had weight and heart issues that later lead to his decision to retire from the LA Galaxy in 2018.

Schmid was hospitalized again on December 10, 2018 in intensive care at [Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center](#) in [Los Angeles](#).^[5] He died on December 25, 2018 from [heart failure](#) while waiting for a [heart](#) transplant, at the age of 65.^{[6][7]}

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