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To Whom It May Concern,

I am grateful for the opportunity to provide my resume in addition to the attached application. I am confident that my skill in the sport, experience in coaching, and passion for the game make me a potential candidate for the position.

My experience as a player began when I was 10-years old, playing club soccer. It then continued into high school where I was a 4-year varsity athlete, as well as team captain during my junior and senior seasons. As goalkeeper for my high school team, I earned several awards including multiple MRVC All-Conference and All-District First Team recognition. I then advanced on to play collegiate soccer in the NCAA at Greenville University, where I earned National Player of the Week, All-Conference 2nd team, as well as Newcomer of the Year Finalist. I then made the choice to transfer to UMKC, where I joined the Roos as a goalkeeper. I am currently finishing my final season as an NCAA DI student-athlete at UMKC.

My coaching career began in 2016, during my first year as a collegiate student-athlete. I coached for Greenville Parks and Rec, where I coached a middle school team to the league championship. In the spring of 2017, I was an assistant varsity coach for the Grandview High School girls’ soccer team where I assisted both the Varsity and Junior Varsity coaches with practices and games. I also served as the goalkeeper trainer. I was then hired by KC Athletics Soccer Club as a goalkeeper coach where I helped design and implement the goalkeeping program. I currently coach all youth soccer ages, including Championship, Regional, & ECNL goalkeepers. In 2018, I was hired to be the Pleasant Hill High School Girls’ Varsity assistant coach and head Junior Varsity coach. At Pleasant Hill HS, I had the honor of working alongside my former head coach, Al Iantorno. I headed the JV team and trained the varsity and JV goalkeepers. I also assisted with the Varsity team, leading them to a 3rd place finish in the state tournament; their first state tournament in school history. In 2019, I co-ran the Varsity squad, and trained the goalkeepers, emphasizing a new standard for player and team development. Our team finished 3rd in State again, as well as improving our regular season record to 18-1. In the spring of 2019, I created my own training company, Elite Soccer Development, to meet the high demand for additional and off-season training for student-athletes who wanted to further develop their skills and technique. I designed small group sessions that focused on technical and tactical improvement while also improving fitness and agility.

I am available to speak further about this opportunity at any time, and I thank you in advance for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Ian Hodge