
Football: Pellegrino returns as Reds coach

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LIVERPOOL, June 30, 2008 (AFP) - Former Argentina defender Mauricio Pellegrino is set to return to Liverpool as first-team coach, manager Rafa Benitez confirmed on Monday.

The 36-year-old, who played 12 games for the Reds under Benitez in 2005, will become the second high-profile addition to the backroom team following the arrival of Sammy Lee earlier in the summer.

'His role will be first-team coach, and he'll also carry out specialist training sessions,' Benitez told the club's website.

'He can also work specifically with the defence, and also the reserves.

'Pellegrino has a winning mentality. He won the Intercontinental Cup before going to Spain with Barcelona and Valencia.

'He has a lot of passion. When I asked him to come he was very pleased, but first he wanted to find out if there was a school where his three children could play good football. He is a football man.'

Pellegrino had been coaching Valencia's youth team.

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