



Nicholas Paul Rimando

Nick Rimando has been playing soccer since he was five years old, using his will and talent to achieve his lifetime goals of obtaining a scholarship to a top university (UCLA) and competing as a professional athlete at the highest level of competition in the United States. Diminutive at 5'9" by goalkeeper standards (professional keepers average well over six feet in height), Nick's big heart has been the key to his success. He was named California's High School Player of the Year during his senior season at Montclair High School. Today, he is for the fourth year, the number one goalkeeper for Real Salt Lake, which he has led to become the most dominating defensive team in the MLS. As a fan favorite, Nick has his own supporter section and his name is often chanted in Rio Tinto Stadium. The highlight of Nick's pro soccer career came in 2009 when Nick played a decisive role in leading underdog RSL to the MLS Cup championship, blocking numerous penalty attempts in the playoffs to secure the cup.

Nick is an avid music fan, loves attending concerts, is a dedicated family man to his wife and two young children, and plans to coach when his playing career ends.

"I love teaching kids my trade. If I can guide kids in the right direction not only on the field but off, I'll be a happy man."