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The Women's Premier Soccer League (WPSL) has named Leigh Cullip as its Northwest Division Commissioner.

Cullip assumes the role with an already impressive and lengthy resume of titles: Assistant Director of Coaching and Head Coach of Issaquah Soccer Club – one of 5 new teams added to the WPSL in the 2012 expansion; Technical Director for the Puget Sound Premier League, Washington State's second largest league, boasting 700 clubs and sanctioned under US Club Soccer; and NSCAA State Director for Washington, Oregon and Alaska.

Cullip has a proven track record for success as a coach and educator. He comes from a prestigious English football background, seeing time on the pitch for Wimbledon and Fulham of the English Premier League. He has dedicated his career to coaching, earning A Licenses from the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and the Union of European Football Association, (UEFA) and a Premier Diploma from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. (NSCAA)

His playing experience, accreditations, and ability to effectively manage teams, leagues, and education programs in multiple states will most certainly add value to the league's newly expanded division. WPSL League Commissioner Jerry Zanelli agrees. "After many discussions over the last few months, I feel that Leigh Cullip would be an excellent choice to serve as the WPSL Northwest Commissioner. Leigh has proven that he is a very capable and effective leader; that's why I chose him and he will be a welcome part of our new expansion."

"For me it's really the icing on the cake for my role with the WPSL. I'm dedicated to making Issaquah and our Division a pioneer in Women's Premier Soccer and hopefully this will just propel me one step closer in doing so," Cullip says. "We've got a great team and great staff; a lot of power behind our organization, so that will help me in serving the WPSL in my role as Commissioner of the Northwest Division."

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