



SUZIE GRECH

HEAD COACH

Second Season
Michigan, 2005
Coaching Record: 6-8-5 (3-4-3
MAC)

- **First All-MAC Selection (Nikollete Rivera) since 2005.**
- **First Academic All-MAC Selection (Hillary Wernlund) since 2006.**
- **MAC All-Freshman selection (Anina Cicerone)**
- **MAC Tournament qualifier in first season as head coach.**

Suzie Grech enters her second season as the head of the Western Michigan women's soccer program. Originally Grech was named interim head coach of the Western Michigan women's soccer program on July 13, 2009, after two seasons as an assistant coach for the Broncos and then promoted to head coach shortly after the season's end. Grech has coached at both the high school and collegiate levels and was a standout goalkeeper at the University of Michigan.

In her first season the Broncos finished with a record of 6-8-5 and finishing in eighth place in the MAC. The season saw two Broncos receive All-MAC honors as sophomore Nikolette Rivera was named Second Team All-MAC and Anina Cicerone was named to the MAC All-Freshman team. Rivera was the first Bronco to be named to the All-MAC team since 2005, ending a four-year drought.

The Philadelphia, Pa., native is the third coach in school history and will be involved in all facets of the program at WMU, and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the goalkeeping unit.

Grech arrived in Kalamazoo after spending the 2007 preseason with her alma mater as a volunteer assistant coach. She also served as the assistant girl's soccer coach at Pioneer High School during the 2007 season.

Prior to the 2008 season Grech spent a week in Belize with Peacework, an organization in Blacksburg, Va. Grech and others helped out with construction projects for schools and helped coached students. She helped out with three other coaches, Matt Gwilliam (Virginia Tech), Erica Demers (Grand Valley State), and Scott Letts (Marshall). In addition to their coaching duties, they also passed out soccer equipment to the kids provided by Peacework.

Prior to her stint around Ann Arbor, Grech was an assistant at Marshall for two seasons, acting as the goalkeeper coach. With the Thundering Herd, she was in charge of technical and tactical training of the goalies and assisted with on-field instruction. She also was highly involved in recruiting, travel and other administrative duties.

Grech played at Michigan from 2000-2003, and left the women's soccer program as the all-time leader in goals-against average and shutouts, ending her Wolverine career with a record of 36-18-3. Her Michigan teams made four NCAA appearances in 2000, 2001, 2002 (Elite Eight) and 2003 (Sweet Sixteen), and in 2001, she earned Second Team All-Big Ten and All-Great Lakes Region honors.

Grech also participated internationally for Spain, where she earned a silver medal at the European Women's U-18 Championships in 1999 and 2000. She garnered six International Caps with the full national team, and 14 International Caps with the U-18 national team.

From 2003 to 2005, she coached at Brighton High School in Brighton, Mich., and served as an assistant coach for the University of Michigan's Soccer Club.

Grech graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in physical education in 2005 and received her master's degree in sports administration from Marshall in 2006. She holds a United States Soccer Federation (USSF) National "B" License and has a National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) advanced national goalkeeping diploma.

Grech resides in Kalamazoo.