

TAKAYUKI NISHIGAYA



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Personal Information

Full name: Takayuki Nishigaya 西ヶ谷 隆之

Date of birth: 12 May, 1973

Nationality: Japanese

Birthplace: Shizuoka City, Shizuoka Prefecture

Qualifications: Japan Football Association (JFA) S Coaching Licence (equivalent to Asian Football Confederation Pro Licence)

Senior playing career

Position: Defender

1995: Japan Under-21 National Team

1996: Japan Under-22 National Team

1996-1997: Nagoya Grampus (J1 League)

1998: Avispa Fukuoka (J1 League)

1999: Verdy Kawasaki (J1 League)

2000: JEF United Chiba (J1 League)

2001: Albirex Niigata (J2 League)

Coaching career

2003: Tsukuba University Coach

2004-2007: Tokyo Verdy Youth Coach

2004-2006: Meiji University Coach

2008-2009: Tokyo Verdy Youth Head Coach

2010-2011: Chukyo University Head Coach

2012: Albirex Niigata Assistant Coach
2013-2015: Mito Hollyhock Assistant Coach
2015-2017: Mito Hollyhock Head Coach
2018: SC Sagamiyama Head Coach
2019: Matsumoto Yamaga Under-18 Head Coach
2020-2021: Matsumoto Yamaga Assistant Coach

Players worked with (selected):

- Daizen Maeda (Mito Hollyhock, now Celtic FC),
- Shoya Nakajima (Tokyo Verdy youth, now Portimonense on loan from FC Porto),
- Yuto Nagatomo (Meiji University, now FC Tokyo),
- Miki Yamane (Tokyo Verdy youth, now Kawasaki Frontale),
- Naoki Maeda (Tokyo Verdy youth, now FC Utrecht on loan from Nagoya Grampus),
- Shinnosuke Hatanaka (Tokyo Verdy youth, now Yokohama F. Marinos),
- Yuki Kobayashi (Tokyo Verdy youth, now Gangwon FC)

Profile

A player under Arsene Wenger during his Nagoya Grampus days, Takayuki Nishigaya took his first steps in coaching under the legendary Arsenal manager when he retired by heading to England to learn from the Frenchman. The Shizuoka native returned to his alma mater, Tsukuba University, to start his coaching journey before moving on to Tokyo Verdy's academy – widely regarded as one of the best in Japan. There, he worked with a number of players who would go on to play in the J1 League and for Japan at senior international level. Assistant coach and head coach stints at J.League level followed, where Nishigaya displayed his leadership skills and an emphasis on a team-oriented playing philosophy. Having helped to groom the likes of current Japan internationals Yuto Nagatomo, Shoya Nakajima and Daizen Maeda, Nishigaya has a reputation for bringing through young players and will aim to build on the foundations of his predecessor in order to guide the Singapore Men's National Team forward.