

**Barcelona Soccer Team Signs Hauser to Spark Offense
Aging Midfielder Excited to "Give It A Go"**

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BARCELONA (AP) – On the heels of its disappointing performance in last year’s European Champions League tournament, Barcelona’s soccer team (FC Barcelona) yesterday took a decisive step to shake up its roster, contracting with long-time pick-up player Jerry Hauser of Washington, DC.

Hauser, a legend - at least in his own mind - in the pick-up soccer world of Washington, DC, had long been believed to have left his best playing days behind him. Recent press reports, however, had described him as “not as bad as he once was” and “certainly enthusiastic, if nothing else,” fueling rumors that his debut on the international stage might be imminent.

“I’ve been spending a lot of time watching soccer on tv lately, and I just thought ‘Hey, why not give it a go?’” said Hauser. “Like many Barcelona fans, I was incredibly frustrated with the loss to Roma last year, and I wanted to do my part to help.”



*Hauser and teammates celebrate a goal
Photo credit: Jerry’s imagination*

Hauser, who has spent the previous 12.5 years building and growing [The Management Center](#) as its founding CEO, will officially be on loan to the Spanish club through the end of August of 2019, at which point he will return to his duties at The Management Center. He directed further inquiries to The Management Center’s Acting CEO, Cindy Kang (cindy@managementcenter.org).

No information has been made public about the transfer fee from FC Barcelona to The Management Center, though it is believed to be considerable.

**Shortly before this story went to press, FC Barcelona coach Ernesto Valverde issued the following statement when asked about rumors of Hauser’s signing:
“¿Quien?!”**