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ROMAN CATHOLIC SOCCER WELCOMES FORMER PUBLIC LEAGUE & COLLEGIATE STANDOUT, DAMIAN SCHWEIZER, AS NEW FRESHMEN COACH.

Philadelphia, Pa; There's been a new face around the *Cahillites* training facility in Bridesburg this summer. While the local soccer community may recognize the face and certainly the talents, Roman's incoming freshman class of footballers are experiencing firsthand what a fresh start means at the high school level.

Indeed, **Damian Schweizer** is no stranger to the local soccer pitches. Born and raised in Philly, Mayfair to be exact, Coach Damian has run on a few different fields throughout the region.

After high school, where he was a two-time All-Public selection at *Franklin Towne Charter*, he spent his first two collegiate years at the local JUCO, *Manor College*, where he sharpened his playing skills and garnered team MVP for the squad.

Building off his success at Manor, he then moved on to complete his collegiate career at the DIII level at *Shenandoah University* in Winchester, VA. Recently, he was part of the indoor professional program to come out of Philly last winter, The Philadelphia Spartans.

Even at the tender age of 24, his skill sets, and accomplishments are impressive. He says with much sincerity, "I've a big family that I love, but no children yet so I guess I'm about to acquire a whole bunch of freshmen to call my kids..."

He is no stranger to coaching at a similar level as he also brings into the Roman Soccer fold a club coaching resume, notably from the *Huntingdon Valley Soccer Club*. His approach is one that is full of energy and excitement. So far, it is paying dividends.

"I'm really excited to be here" he says. "It's my goal to create and ultimately make an impact on these young guys, especially as freshman." Coach Ray DeStephanis agrees. "We really were almost in a rebuilding stage with our freshmen team. Covid hurt everybody the last two years, but it especially took a toll on our incoming numbers at the lower level to the point where we made the decision not to even attempt to field a freshman team in 2021."

Schweizer concluded by saying, "High school is really where you find out who you are... and it's now my job to absolutely help these boys figure out who and what exactly they aspire to be."

Coach Damian and his boys open their Freshmen Season on Friday, September 9th versus Malvern Prep at 5pm at Lighthouse SC. (2 hours before the varsity tip off vs Archbishop Carroll).



