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MARK TOBIN, 2015 PCL CHAMPION GOALIE PAYS IT FORWARD IN RETURN TO ROMAN

Philadelphia, Pa: When Mark Tobin last walked off a soccer pitch wearing the purple and white as a Cahillite in a Philadelphia Catholic League Soccer match, he did so as a champion. That's was 2015. But as the returning son of Roman Soccer proudly recalls, it remains a highlight of his soccer playing career.

After graduating and departing Roman for *LaSalle University*, the talented keeper eventually made his way to *Holy Family University* to finish out his collegiate career. There, amongst friends and former Roman teammates, he continued to add to his highlight reel with memorable moments such as knocking off *Wilmington University*, then, a top ten team in the nation, 2 nil at *HFU*. And although he doesn't readily mention it in everyday conversation, he's also responsible for an ESPN Top Ten play when he stepped to a ball and returned it the length of the pitch, over the opposing keeper's head and into the net for a goal. But that's *Mark Tobin*, we... not... me.

Now, the *Mother of Divine Grace* product is indeed returning home to Broad and Vine. This time however, it's as *Coach Tobin, Goalkeeping Coach*.

"When you think about Roman Soccer, at least during my tenure, the Tobin's are like the first family" *Coach, Ray DeStephanis* says amusingly. "Seriously, their name is synonymous with our program and it's really gratifying to have Mark come back and take our young keepers under his wings."

And that's just it for *Tobin* too. He's already had sometime in camp and with this week's slate of pre-season scrimmages across the program, he's had a fair amount of review and follow-up instruction. "My style is more developmental" he says. "Training keepers starts with basic fundamentals that fosters good habits and solidifies those very fundamentals not only in the physical sense but mentally as a positive approach and outlook."

"This game", he concludes, brought a lot of excitement to my life and I made some amazing friends and memories along the way. I'm very excited to have this opportunity to be able to give something back to Roman Soccer."



