

## **Coach Bobby**

I would like for everyone to meet Coach Bobby. He is our Levels 4-5 Co-coach to Coach Michael. He comes to us with a wide range of experience and talent. Bobby participated in recreational gymnastics during his teen years in high school. He has been with the Prestige Boys Team for the last four years. Our recently retired Coach Chuck had invited him to join the team and to really learn the sport hands on while working with our young boys at the same time supporting his daughter who is on the Prestige Girls Team. Taking on this challenge seriously, he took every opportunity to educate himself in the sport of Men's Gymnastics. He spent hours studying numerous Men's Gymnastics videos on coaching



boys in levels 4-6. He has read all of the USAG Gymnastics recourses to assist in his coaching style and technique. Then he has the past four years of working with Coach Chuck and Coach Michael learning how to coach hands on. He has become a well-respected coach among our boys and parents. The boys look forward to his bear hugs, encouraging words, and fun personality during practice and at meets.

Coach Bobby brings with him years of coaching experience. It may not be in gymnastics, but having such experience working with youth of various ages and in various sports makes him the great coach that he is today. He started coaching at the age of nineteen. He has coached teams in Ice Hockey, Soccer, Track and Field, Volley Ball and Soft Ball. While coaching the Malvern Prep Ice Hockey Team he took them to a Flyers Cup Championship and the State Championship.

Soccer is Coach Bobby's specialty. From 1976-77 he played soccer via a scholarship for Mercer County Community College where the team finished second in the country.

Coach Bobby is an Educator. He currently works for Delaware State University where he is the Department Chair of Education. He over sees eleven teacher education programs at the college. Previous to this position he was a Physical Education Teacher to up and coming future P.E. Teachers. Bobby has three degrees. He has a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Physical Education, a Master's Degree from the Teachers College/Columbia University in Early Childhood, and a Doctoral Degree also from the Teachers College/Columbia University.

As you can see Bobby is a wonderful asset to the team. There is more to him though. He loves to play Ice Hockey and to participate in any water sport such as boating, water skiing, wake boarding, etc. Above all he loves to spend time with his two children and to coach our young gymnasts.

