



## **Penn Legacy Soccer Coach fulfills life long dream**



**Local Penn Legacy coach and Boy's Director Chris Wilson realized a 30 year dream this past month when he traveled to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to earn his ABTF Brazilian Professional License. His visit included stops at famous Brazilian Clubs like Fluminense, Flamengo, Botafogo and Vasco de Gama. If that was not highlight enough, he was able to meet the man who he first saw score a goal 30 years ago and started his love for the game. At the closing ceremony presentation he was awarded his License by Carlos Alberto, Captain of the 1970 Brazilian side considered by many to be the best attacking team ever to play. Chris was invited to dinner with Alberto and other former Brazilian World Cup champion players and Coaches. "I was able to explain to Carlos Alberto how the first game I ever saw included his goal in the 1970 World Cup versus Italy when a former gym teacher replayed it for us, it was 1977 and I was in first grade. Who would have ever thought that I would get the chance to sit down and have him personally describe that historic goal to me," Wilson said.**

**The goal that was personally described to Wilson was voted as one of the best ever goals in World Cup history. It included touches by 7 future Hall of Fame players and led to a lay off pass by Pele to Carlos Alberto who attacked the right flank and crushed a low drive into the back of the Italian net sealing a 4-1 victory. "I remember seeing that goal on film at seven years old and knew that I was in love with the game." Wilson remembers reading a book about Pele and the 1970 team and dreaming of someday going to Brazil and meeting the players which he had seen perform in the first ever Color broadcasted World Cup in Mexico City. "I was able to explain to Carlos Alberto that because of me seeing that game I was given boyhood dreams of playing the game myself. Thirty years later I can now give back to the game by teaching many other coaches and young players. I told the former Brazilian Captain that his goal is that far reaching, influencing people he has never even met before. He was taken back by that story and he embraced me as he contemplated it's reality. Carlos told me that he comes to New York once a year to see former Cosmos players and that we can expect a visit from him sometime."**

**Penn Legacy serves over 600 youth travel level players in the Lancaster area. Under the direction of DOC Seamus Donnelly, the club has 30 teams and a Youth Academy with the Hempfield Soccer Club. It provides a licensed coaching staff and premium training facilities along with Winter Futsal training.**

