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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (October 7, 2011) Pike Youth Soccer Club named Isang Jacob Head Coach of Indy Burn '97 Boys Premier team for the 2011-2012 season. Coach Jacob continues as Head Coach of IUPUI Men's Soccer program. Jacob previously coached at Pike Soccer Club – Indy Burn, for more than a decade and recently returned to Indianapolis after 2 years as an Assistant Coach at Penn State. Coach Jacob orchestrated an unprecedented consecutive 8-year, from u12-u19, Indiana State Championship team with Indy Burn '90 boys Premier Eagles, and led the Indy Burn Eagles to the National Championship Finals in 2009. That same year, Coach Jacob received the distinguished honor of being named National Youth Coach of the Year by US Youth Soccer.

Steve Moore, President, Pike Soccer Club, said, "The Pike Soccer Club community is thrilled to have Coach Jacob back home and is excited about the growth possibilities as this Indy Burn team develops into a Premier team playing at the highest levels."

Isang Jacob builds fine young men first and skilled soccer players second. His players must excel at school, complete community service and work hard to earn a spot on the field. Through this dedication, Coach Jacob led the Indy Burn '90 Boys Premier Eagles to 8 consecutive US Youth Soccer Indiana State Championships and all 19 of his graduates play in college at Division I schools. Several players are now playing professionally. Coach Jacob's great accomplishment is having all former players enrolled and succeeding in college, whether or not they play soccer. The USSF "A" License and National Youth License coach has also served as the head Indiana US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program coach. Coach Jacob is committed to continued education and self-sacrifice to give back to the sport he loves with the hope that he might enhance one of his players abilities and quality of life.

Dan Kapsalis, PSC Soccer Director, said "Pike Soccer Club Indy Burn and the Indiana soccer community is blessed to have Jacob commit his time and effort to contribute to America's youth through the great game of soccer. By promoting teamwork, discipline, fitness and fair play Coach Jacob is making a difference."

"This is a tremendous boost for Pike Soccer Club/Indy Burn and Indiana Soccer," said former Indiana Youth Soccer Director of Education Vince Ganzberg and current PSC Community Recreation Technical Director. "Isang's passion for the game makes a positive impact both on and off the soccer field in Indiana," said Ganzberg. "He is more than just a coach. He is a role model and mentor in making sure that players learn and apply life lessons on and off the field."

Jacob has made a career of giving back through youth soccer. He served for many years as the Boys' Director of Coaching for Indy Burn, the travel division of Pike Soccer Club, Indianapolis, Indiana. Jacob holds a USSF A license, NSCAA Premier Diploma, NSCAA Goalkeeper – Level 1 and 2 Diplomas and the KNVB Dutch International Youth License. He is a former collegiate and professional player, two-times NCCAA All-American and was invited to the Nigerian Senior National Team in 1991. Jacob is the former USSF Men's Academy Head Coach at Carmel United Soccer Club and is a member of the USSF, NSCAA, Region II ODP, and Indiana ODP coaching staffs. He is a two-time winner of the Indiana Youth Soccer Travel Coach of the Year award and the current Head Coach for IUPUI, Indianapolis, Men's Varsity Division One soccer team.

Community Through Youth Sport Foundation's Executive Director, Thomas Geisse, describes Jacob as, "a man of strong faith and principles whose greatest accomplishment as a coach is his ability to help build fine young men and women. Jacob is known for his focus on the life skills of respect, citizenship and personal best on the soccer field, classroom and community." Geisse explained Jacob's coaching philosophy: "to develop all players to be technically, mentally, and tactically prepared for the next level. Most importantly, stress continuously the importance of good academic standing as a student athlete with good citizenship."

"The beautiful game of soccer has been an integral part of my life since I was a child growing up in Nigeria," said Jacob. "In the years since I finished playing in college and in the pros, I've sought to give back to the Game by coaching youth soccer."

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About Pike Youth Soccer Club – Pike Soccer Club and its Indy Burn competitive division serve 3000 Indiana youth each year with a variety of soccer related programs in two Indianapolis Parks: Northwestway Park and Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex, Eagle Creek Park. Tryouts for the Indy Burn '97 Boys Premier team and a dozen additional u15-u19 competitive travel teams are:
BOYS U15-U19 Sunday, October 23, 11 a.m.—1 p.m.
GIRLS U15-U19 Sunday, October, 23, 2:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

About: Community Through Youth Sport Foundation mission: to improve the greater Indianapolis community through youth sport and develop fine young men and women. CTYSF supports the development of Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex, Eagle Creek Park. Pike Youth Soccer Club is Indy Parks largest user group and has raised and donated over \$1,500,000. to build MJGSC. Community Through Youth Sport Foundation and Pike Youth Soccer Club By the Numbers:

- . 10,000 children served annually in house, tournament and league play.
- . 10,000 children served by PSC Have A Ball in school program.
- . 10,000 members of Pike Youth Soccer Club.
- . 49,000 annual volunteer hours donated to Indy Parks and Department of Public Works.
- . \$1,000,000. Annual donation of value of volunteer time to Indy Parks, DPW, and Indianapolis.
- . \$1,500,000. Donation to Indy Parks to build Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex.
- . \$2,000,000. Annual economic impact to Indianapolis by tournaments and soccer program.

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