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DOWNTOWN, PA – Continental FC would like to announce Bryan Thorp as the new Boys US Development Academy Director.

Coach Thorp is the former Youth Technical Director for the Michigan Wolves and Hawks SC based in Livonia, MI. For the past 4 years, Coach Thorp oversaw the Coaching Education Program, and Curriculum Development for ages 10-14. In addition, he coached and managed the US Development Academy 12s, 13s, and 14s as well assisting with the 16 and 18 Academy Teams. During his tenure, both 16 and 18 Academy Teams were playoff level teams with individual players earning All-Conference/ Divisional Honors. Three players from those teams were extended invitations to Youth National Team Camps and all competitive Academy Teams 14, 16, and 18 earned top ten rankings from Top Drawer Soccer.

Prior to his time with the Michigan Wolves and Hawks SC, Coach Thorp was the Director of Coaching Education and Player Development for the State of Michigan, MSYSA.

In that time, MSYSA developed the first Online Coaching Module providing novice coaches a convenient avenue for soccer education. Coach Thorp introduced the Directors Academy League for ages u11 and u12 to compete statewide. He established ODP101 for players age 9-11 to focus on age-appropriate development under varying coaching environments while helping identify potential players for future ODP Programming. During his tenure with MSYSA, Michigan ODP achieved national recognition at the ODP National Championship; 1x National Champion, and 3x Runners-up finishes. During his tenure, MSYSA grew into the 12th largest state under US Youth Soccer.

In addition to his duties with MSYSA, Coach Thorp coaches and managed the 1996, 1997, and 1998 Boys Region II ODP Teams.

Prior to his tenure with MSYSA, Coach Thorp worked with several youth clubs in Texas, North Carolina and Florida organizing and developing youth academy programs. He was instrumental in establishing the statewide Academy Programs both in Florida and North Carolina.

Bryan Thorp is an East Coast native and a graduate of Bowdoin College. A former collegiate player who earned the 1994 MVP award for the New England Inter-Scholastic League All-Star Game across Division I, II, and III levels. He has earned his USSF "A" License, NSCAA Premier Diploma, and the European Union Football Association (UEFA) Advanced License.

“We are honored to have added someone with such extensive experience in developing elite players, Coach Thorp’s record of achievement in supporting players getting to the next level will greatly enhance our club’s commitment to those players who aspire to play college and professional soccer”

Coach Thorp will be responsible for overseeing the development of the Boys Development Academy Program. He will be starting his new role after the current season ends and he can be reach at bryanthorp@continentalfc.org

