

**CHANGE AT TOP OF PREP FOOTBALL;
LONGTIME OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR TAKES OVER AT THE HELM**

Tim Roken Replaces Gabe Infante, who leaves after a very successful nine-year tenure to become an assistant coach at Temple University

PHILADELPHIA -- St. Joseph's Prep has been informed by Gabe Infante that he is stepping down as head coach of the school's football program to become a defensive assistant coach at Temple University. Athletic Director Dennis Hart announces that longtime Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator Tim Roken is the new head coach and will take over the program effective immediately.

Coach Infante was incredibly successful in his nine years at the helm of the Prep, rebuilding the program into a national powerhouse. During that span, he compiled a record of 91-22, winning four state championships (2013, 2014, 2016 and 2018) as well as one state runner-up (2017). After going 11-11 in his first two seasons, the team was 80-11 in his final seven seasons as head coach, including 40-1 in the past three years, and the team was consistently ranked among the best in the nation. Coach Infante also emerged as a national leader in the Heads Up Football movement, teaching coaches and players proper technique for tackling to make the game safer. His strategy of opening the season with difficult opponents, often including a road trip, became a hallmark of the program and was modeled by other programs seeking similar success.

"I am incredibly grateful to Coach Infante for all that he has done for our students during his tenure here," says Hart, who was part of the search committee that recommended Infante for the job in 2010. "He ran a program of which we could all be proud, on and off the field and though I am sorry to see him go, I am happy to see him take this next step professionally."

Hart states that Roken, Infante's long-time assistant and right-hand man, is clearly ready and excited to take over the program. "Our assistant coaches are incredibly devoted to this program and none more so than Coach Roken," says Hart. "We are incredibly lucky to have someone of Tim's acumen and talent in place to ensure a seamless transition, which has long been part of the plan. We believe that several of the men on our coaching staff could be head coaches at other programs and we are glad that they continue to remain with the Prep to work with our students."

Roken has been on the Prep staff since Infante's arrival. A talented offensive mind, Roken has helped many Prep players improve and go on to play at the college level. Roken played quarterback at Archbishop Ryan and at East Stroudsburg University. He is currently a member of the Prep's Finance Office.

"I have learned so much from working with Coach Infante and helping him build this program into what it has become," says Roken. "I could not be more excited to be the new head coach of this illustrious program and continue the success that we have grown accustomed to."