

# PETER TOBY BROWN



**A.K.A.:** Toby

**Age:** 59 (DOB: December 31, 1959)

**Hometown:** Leominster, Massachusetts (15 miles north of Worcester. MA, 40 miles west of Boston, the City of Champions).

**Title:** TOPSoccer Director (Former Goalkeeper Coach)

**Started at FFC:** From the beginning when FFC moved to Fredericksburg.

**Coaching credentials:** VYSA TOPSoccer certified (VYSA TOPSoccer award winner); USSF D-National License, NSCAA National GK Certificate.

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## **What is your coaching experience?**

*I have coached Rec and Classic teams in Stafford and ASDL teams in FASA. I have coached Goalkeepers for SASA (Stafford), FASA and FFC. I have coached TOPSoccer for FFC, FASA and numerous state events for VYSA. I also ran SASA's Classic league program for a number of years and after moving to FASA, would help out with FASA's ASDL program.*

## **What is your playing experience?**

*I never played youth soccer. I learned as an adult and played many seasons in the CSL (Commonwealth Soccer League) and numerous indoor and outdoor seasons at the Fredericksburg Field House.*

## **What made you first get involved in soccer?**

*As I was coaching my daughter Julie, I'd play with the kids.*

## **What made you want to start coaching?**

*My daughter started playing and having played organized sports my entire life, I figured I could teach the kids skills while ensuring that they had a good experience.*

## **Who/What would you say has helped you the most as a player?**

*VYSA coaching education and learning all the technical skills associated with the game. Carl Gray – VYSA trainer for E and D classes. Carl was not only a great teacher, but showed me that players at any age and skill level could enjoy the game.*

## **Who is your biggest influence in your coaching career?**

*I am going to attribute my success to a bandwagon of past colleagues that I have learned from. First and foremost, the VYSA coaching education staff through many discussions and classes that I either participated in or organized for others. Those coaches and mentors include Gordon Miller, Matt Badiee, Paul Shaw, Carl Gray and Pete Cinalli. I learned much from Tim Conklin, Barry Hill and so many of the coaches I met in SASA, Pete Cinalli in FASA, Danny Huerta as a GK coach and in FFC, Grover, Matt Cruz and Matt Eby continued to shape the way I work with the players.*



**What do you enjoy most about working for FFC?**

*Seeing the players improve and the stories those players share.*

**What's your favorite drill and why?**

*King of the Hill – While it is a goalkeeper game, there are many facets of the game that the GKs experience in 10-15 hectic minutes of chaos.*

**What is your best memory from your playing days?**

*Saving a second-half penalty kick at the Old Mill mud bowl to preserve a 1-0 victory for Rappahannock Sport in the Commonwealth Soccer League.*

**What is your best memory from coaching?**

*Watching my daughter turn into a solid midfielder while coaching one of the best coed Classic teams in SASA.*

**Who's your favorite professional soccer team and why?**

*Arsenal from the English Premier League. Simply because they play a beautiful game in one of the top leagues in football.*



**Who's your favorite professional player (past or present) and why?**

*I do not have a favorite, but I do admire players that fit in seamlessly with their team, show tremendous heart and exhibit a solid work rate on the pitch.*

**What's your favorite food?**

*Any kind of pasta, especially ricotta gnocchis.*

**What are your favorite movies?**

*Lord of the Rings Trilogy, Chasing Mavericks*

**What's your favorite kind of music?**

*Trance & House – Armin van Buuren, Tiesto, Above & Beyond, Ben Böhmer*

**What do you like to do other than soccer?**

*Golf, gardening, hiking*

**If you got shipwrecked on a deserted island, what 3 things would you want with you?**

*A partner, a fire starter and some good beer.*

**If they did a movie about your life, what actor would play you and why?**

*Ben Affleck, because a Massachusetts accent is required.*

