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**Syracuse, NY** - Invictus FC **Technical Director, Paul Mairs** announced today the exciting news of the club's historic first signing with **Joe Falcone** putting pen to paper for the organization's inaugural UPSL season.

Falcone, a **Fayetteville-Manlius** native, has already developed an impressive soccer resume ahead of the 2021 UPSL season. In 2016, he was an All-American at FM High School, and was named 'Central New York Player of the Year'; before committing to the Le Moyne college Men's soccer program.

After stamping his mark at Le Moyne during his Freshman year, Falcone quickly became a standout player for the 'Dolphins', a program that has developed a solid reputation for success and for bringing in some of the **best young talent within the U.S. and throughout Europe.**

Club President, and former Le Moyne All-American **Richard Shaw**, emphasized the excitement with Falcone's introduction to the Men's UPSL Invictus FC team:

**“Joe is truly a great lad, and has one of the best attitudes we have ever seen in the game. We have coached and worked with him day in day out since he was 5 years old. He is the epitome of our program and philosophy behind player development. When we was putting this exciting new project together, Joe was one of the first players we thought of because we knew he would be an inspiration to so many young players in the club. Joe represents everything we stand for at Invictus FC.”**

Invictus has developed a strong position for emphasizing academics with their collegiate bound players - as well as their overall development as athletes. Falcone’s performances both on and off the field at Le Moyne have allowed him to become an extremely successful student-athlete at a program which has gained one of the most successful reputations in the North-East region under the guidance of Head Coach, Tom Bonus. Falcone describes the following as key contributions to his achievements:

**“I am grateful that I was allowed to focus on my individual development growing up as a young player. I have worked with Paul Mairs and Richard Shaw since I was 5 years old, and they always emphasized how becoming a successful college and professional player was all about training consistently, working hard at every practice, and being honest as a player. While so many young players were traveling all over the country attending tournament after tournament, I was encouraged to stay local and focus on my training and personal development. The best players in the world focus on training and their individual development at a young age. It is great to see this approach being implemented at Invictus FC and for me to be part of the Invictus family.**

Currently, due to various factors, Le Moyne are still determining their plans for Spring 2021, and naturally Falcone is eager to get back on the field:

**“Unfortunately, our soccer season last Fall at Le Moyne was cancelled, and that was difficult to take as I am having such a great experience both studying and playing. At this moment, we are waiting to hear what the plans will be in terms of Spring soccer for college, and I simply cannot wait to play competitively again. Knowing that I will be joining the Invictus FC team, and putting on the jersey in the UPSL throughout the summer is something I am extremely excited about.”**

Invictus FC awaits the official announcement of the UPSL 2021 schedule. More news and ticket information will be announced shortly. Please visit [invictusfc.com](http://invictusfc.com) for all **USPSL** and **Youth Soccer** information.



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