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Mookie of the year

NEXT season will mark the 25th anniversary of the Mets' 1986 World Championship team, so it's only fitting **Mookie Wilson** (below) has returned home to join **Terry Collins'** coaching staff. Wilson, now 54, was a coach with the Mets from 1997-2002. After being in private business for four years, he returned to the organization in 2010 as a roving minor league outfield and base-running instructor.

"For me this is coming home," said the Mook, who will be the Mets' first-base and outfield coach this season. "Two years ago, I picked up the phone and called **Jeff Wilpon** and told him I wanted to come back. He was nice enough to set things in motion for me to return. I'm excited about what lies ahead. I want to be a part of bringing the Mets organization back to where it belongs."

Wilson hoping for 25th anniversary Mets revival

The new manager observed Wilson at work last year when Collins was the Mets' minor league field coordinator.

"Mookie had great rapport with the young outfielders he was working with," Collins said. "He knows our system and will bring with him a lot of knowledge. In addition, it is always good for a system when you can promote from within."

In the silver anniversary season of the '86 champions, Wilson realizes he again will have to address the famous **Bill Buckner** Game 6 grounder which helped propel the Mets to the World Series title.

"If I had a dollar for every time I saw the ball go through Bill's legs I would be a millionaire now," Wilson said. "It's all good though."

It's nice to be remembered. Hopefully, we can create more memories this year."



William Farrington

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