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**ACAC 2009-10
WOMEN'S NORTH & SOUTH SOCCER
COACHES OF THE YEAR**

The Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference is pleased to announce our 2009-10 Coaches of the Year as selected by their ACAC Coaching peers as follows:

NORTH

MP Duxbury
NAIT



Michael –Paul Duxbury, or MP, as he is known to his friends is a full time teacher at Vimy Ridge Academy. He has been involved in the sport of soccer all his life, as a player, a teacher and a coach.

While in his first year as head coach of the Lady Ooks, MP is no stranger to ACAC Soccer having assisted the NAIT squad last year and coached at the King's University College for two seasons. He has worded extensively with the Alberta Soccer Association as an elite camp instructor, an NCCP instructor and as a provincial team coach.

Coach Duxbury is certified at NCCP Level 3 and obtained his B License in 2008. He has also contributed to the growth of the sport through his involvement with the St Albert Soccer Association Development Center since 2003 to the present.



Congratulations MP on being recognized by your peers for your work with the NAIT Ooks this season!

SOUTH

Tino Fusco
Mount Royal University



Women's soccer head coach, Tino Fusco, helped lead the Mount Royal University Cougars to an 8-1-1 regular season record and top spot in the ACAC south division.

The teams plus minus goal differential of +26 was second best in the league, as they fired home a total of

31 goals, while only allowing 5. The first year Cougars coach, spent time as an assistant coach with the men's team in 2006, before joining the lady Cougars in 2008.

Fusco assumed head bench duties after long time Cougars coach Ian Fuge stepped down after 14 seasons with Mount Royal.

Coach Fusco brings a fresh and enthusiastic approach to the game and has challenged his team by bringing in additional student-athletes to compete for roster spots. The larger roster has resulted in stronger internal competition in practice, and pushed his girls to play hard day in and day out.

Fusco says his goal is to not only develop complete soccer players, but to grow top quality individuals. Individuals he says, that will develop "hard work, responsibility and mutual respect."

"Sport has the ability to teach life lessons," says Fusco, "My style allows student-athletes to make mistakes and provide learning examples, not to bark out orders." For Fusco and his Cougars, it seems to be a style that's working.

Congratulations Tino on being recognized by your peers for your work with the Mount Royal Cougars this season!



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