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**ACAC 2011-12
MEN'S NORTH & SOUTH SOCCER
COACHES OF THE YEAR**

The Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference is pleased to announce our 2011-2012 Coaches of the Year as selected by their ACAC Coaching peers as follows:

NORTH

Jeff Paulus, NAIT



Now in his 5th year as head coach of the Oaks, Jeff Paulus has continued NAIT's strong tradition of excellence in Soccer. Under his tenure the Oaks have a record of 45 wins, 8 losses and 6 ties, winning ACAC Gold and CCAA Silver last season and in addition to picking up two of ACAC Silver medals. This year the Oaks

went undefeated, scoring 27 goals and conceding only 5 goals in 10 games with a roster of predominately first year players.

Coach Paulus lives in St. Albert where he teaches and is the Director/Head Coach of the Paul Kane High School Soccer Academy. Jeff also is a Technical Director of the Victoria Soccer Club, Staff Coach with the CSA National Training Center Prairies and an Alberta Provincial Head Coach. Congratulations to coach Paulus and his staff on an outstanding season.



SOUTH

Jim Loughlin, Medicine Hat College



2011-2012 is Jim's eighth year as the Head Coach of the Men's Soccer Team and his sixth as the Women's Soccer Head Coach. Loughlin graduated with a Bachelor of Physical Education and Sport Studies degree from the University of Alberta in 1992. He completed a Master of Arts degree in Coaching with specialization in Applied Sport Psychology, also from the University of Alberta in 1997. Loughlin completed his National "A" License training in 2008, is an Advanced Learning Facilitator (Coaching Association of Canada, 2008) and Chartered Professional Coach since 2004.

Born in Toronto where he played his first couple years of organized soccer prior to his family's move to Calgary in 1979. Loughlin's soccer abilities eventually earned him a spot on four Alberta Provincial Select Teams from 1984-88. He relocated to Edmonton in 1987 where he played five years at the University of Alberta, winning the Canada West Championship in 1988. He was named captain to the squad in 1991 in the same year that he received both the Presidents Award and Block "A" Award for athletic excellence and leadership. During this time, Loughlin competed with the U-20 National Team (1988), the U-23 Olympic Team (1988-1990) and played professionally in Canada with the Calgary Kickers (1988), Calgary Strikers (1989) and the Winnipeg Fury (1990).

Loughlin has six years of assistant coaching experience at the Canadian Interuniversity Sport level where he help the U of A Pandas to National Bronze (1993) and Silver (1996) medals in addition to a National Gold (2003) with the U of A Golden Bears. He has been an Alberta Soccer Association (ASA) Provincial Staff Coach since 1992 where over the last nineteen years he has coached various boys and girls Provincial Select teams, worked as the Provincial Technical Programs Director, and as the Southern Alberta Provincial Coach. Loughlin is currently a Provincial Team Scout, sits on the ASA's Technical Committee and is the Vice President of the Medicine Hat Soccer Association.

Loughlin has been a Professional Coach for over seventeen years, coaching with various clubs and school based soccer Academies. He received full time status in 2007 as the Head Coach of the Rattlers Men's and Women's Soccer Teams in addition to a role instructing in the UT Kinesiology Program. Loughlin has been the recipient of the ACAC Coach of the Year Award for the Men's Soccer in 2006 & 2010 and for Women's Soccer in 2007.

