

Golden Bears Soccer History



The Golden Bears Soccer program is one of the most successful teams in the history of CIAU/CIS men's soccer competition. Alberta has won 10 medals since the inception of the National Championships back in 1972; including three gold (1972, 1979 - pictured, 2003), six silver and a bronze. Of course, by losing six championship finals along the way, the Green and Gold have endured their fair share of heartbreaking campaigns. But past disappointments made 2003's CIS gold medal campaign by Coach Len Vickery and the Golden Bears that much sweeter.

Varsity soccer began back in the early 1970s on campus, with Bears enjoying great success in the first fully competitive season of 1972. Stu Robbins, Alberta's Head

Coach, guided the team to a Canada West Championship and a National title. The Bears won the West again in 1973, but Loyola (Concordia) came away with the Sam Davidson Memorial Trophy, defeating the U of A in the final.

For the next three seasons Gerald Redmond was the Head Coach, but unfortunately he could not get his side out of West.

Peter Esdale, who would later be Head Coach of the Golden Bears Hockey team as well as at Ferris State (NCAA), took over the program for three years during the 1970s. After twice finishing as Conference runner-up to Victoria, the Bears broke through in a big way in the fall of 1979. After winning their third Conference title, the team waltzed through the Nationals, defeating Lakehead 3-1 and Laurentian 3-0 in the round robin, before disposing of Saint Mary's 2-0 in the Championship final. The victory gave the Bears their second, and last, National Championship.

Bruce Twamley, who had retired from the Edmonton Drillers of the North American Soccer League, took control of the reins from Esdale in the fall of 1980 and won a Conference title in 1981. The Bears advanced to Nationals, defeating Laurentian in the semifinal, but had to settle for Silver after losing on penalty kicks to McGill. It would be seven more years before the Bears would get another shot at the Nationals.

After having five Head Coaches in the first 13 years of the program, Len Vickery would come aboard in 1985 and has remained with the program as head coach ever since.

In 21 seasons at the University of Alberta, Vickery has compiled a conference record of 130-50-40 (.682) and an overall record of 173-83-52 (.646).

During Vickery's reign the Bears won five Canada West titles (1988, 1995, 1998, 1999, 2003), and 2003 was the crowning glory for Alberta which, behind stars Jordan Gillespie, Neil Morrow, Devon Fraser and Junior Castrillon, won the conference final in Saskatoon and the CIS tournament in Montreal.

Each of the four Golden Bears losses in the National final has a unique story. In 1994 the Bears earned the No. 2 seed out of the Canada West as Conference champion UBC was hosting the event. The Bears bombed Sherbrooke 6-1 in the opening game of the round robin and then tied Laurentian to advance to the final against the powerhouse Thunderbirds, who had won four of the previous five National titles. The Bears' Jason Bougher suffered a serious leg injury early in the match and Vickery's side was knocked off kilter as UBC blitzed the Golden Bears with three quick goals while the Bears were "shorthanded" en route to a 5-0 victory.

One year later, in the fall of 1995 at the Nationals in Trois-Rivières, QC, the Bears got past Queen's (1-0) and host UQTR (6-1) to a set-up a final with Dalhousie. But the Green & Gold had difficulties playing in two feet of snow and the Tigers came away with top prize.

In both 1998 and again in 1999 the Bears' nemesis would be the Western Mustangs. In 1998 the Mustangs broke through for two quick goals and then freshman Damir "Dutch" Jasic; who has since been an All-Canadian and a Canada West Most Valuable Player, was red-carded, and the Bears were forced to play with 10 men. They could not close the two-goal gap in a 2-1 loss. In 1999 the Bears got past McGill and Carleton in the round robin, setting up a return engagement with Mustangs. Alberta had the better of the play on a muddy pitch in Victoria, but Western came away with a 1-0 victory.

After a trying campaign in 2000, the Bears have had two solid Conference regular seasons in 2001 and 2002, but have been unable to advance out of the Canada West to the CIS Nationals.

In 2001, the Bears went 8-1-3 during the regular season to lead the Conference only to drop the opening game of the playoffs 3-0 to Victoria. Jasic and midfielder Kurt Bosch, who went on to become Assistant Coach after his playing days, would earn CIS All-Canadian honours. In the fall of 2002, the Bears were the No. 1-ranked team in the country for several weeks, only to drop two of their final three games off the regular season, finishing with an 8-2-2 record. Alberta hosted the Conference Championship at home, but dropped a 3-2 heartbreaker to UBC in a game in which All-Canadian Eric Pinnell scored twice, but also stunningly missed a penalty kick in the second half. Midfielder Jordan Gillespie would also make the All-Canadian team, with freshman Mark Korthuis being selected as Canada West Rookie of the Year.

The fall 2003 season saw Alberta on a mission from day one. They dominated the opposition in winning their first four games by shutout en route to an 8-2-2 conference record. And then freshman Junior Castrillon took it upon himself to make sure Alberta did not face heartbreak in the Canada West Final Four at Saskatoon, as he scored a hat trick in the opener against UBC, and the conference-winning goal against Trinity Western.

At Nationals, hosted by McGill University, Alberta started with a 2-0 victory over Concordia, then tied Western Ontario. They breathed a collective sigh of relief when Western won by just a goal over Concordia, giving the Bears goal differential advantage and a trip to the final, in which Alberta used double overtime to defeat Saint Mary's 2-1 on Castrillon's Golden Goal.

2004 proved to be a difficult, inconsistent year plagued by injuries and complicated by the loss of Castrillon, who headed off to play in Europe. The Golden Bears, 7-3-2 in conference play, managed to qualify for the Canada West final four with a win over Calgary in a makeup game at the end of the schedule, but fell 4-1 to eventual national champion Victoria in the conference semifinal. Neil Morrow, Jordan Gillespie, Mark Korthuis and Devon Fraser were named Conference All-Stars.

2005 showed promise as the conference season wound down, including victories of top-rated UBC and Top 10 team Trinity Western, but Alberta was shut out 1-0 by host TWU in the CW semifinal. The Bears downed Calgary 3-2 to win the conference bronze, but did not advance to Nationals. Mark Korthuis was named CW MVP and First Team All-Star, while keeper Devon Fraser and defender Erik Kuhn were named to the Second All-Conference team.

Some of the Golden Bears who have earned multiple All-Canadian nominations include: Bosch (1997, 2001), Rudy Bartholomew (1980, 1981), Vince Reda (1984, 1985), Norm Odinga (1984, 1988) Burk Kaiser (1986, 1989-91), Dave Phillips (1987, 1990), Riccardo Zenari (1990-94), Jordan Gillespie (2002, 2003).

Alberta/Men's Soccer							
Season	Coach	Conf.	Overall	Alberta		Winner	
				CW	CIS	CW	CIS
1972-73	Stu Robbins	3-0-0	9-1-2	1	1	ALBERTA	ALBERTA
1973-74	Stu Robbins	3-1-0	12-2-1	1	2	ALBERTA	Loyola
1974-75	Gerald Redmond	2-3-1	6-4-1	3	-	UBC	UBC
1975-76	Gerald Redmond	NA	NA	2	-	Victoria	Victoria
1976-77	Gerald Redmond	1-0-2	6-3-2	2	-	UBC	Concordia
1977-78	Peter Esdale	2-1-0	8-3-2	2	-	Victoria	York
1978-79	Peter Esdale	3-2-3	5-5-6	2	-	Victoria	Manitoba
1979-80	Peter Esdale	5-1-2	14-3-3	1	1	ALBERTA	ALBERTA
1980-81	Bruce Twamley	2-2-4	6-6-6	3	-	Calgary	UNB
1981-82	Bruce Twamley	NA	NA	1	2	ALBERTA	McGill
1982-83	Bruce Twamley	2-3-3	3-3-4	3	-	Victoria	McGill
1983-84	Sandy Gordon	4-3-3	6-5-3	3	-	Victoria	Laurentian
1984-85	Sandy Gordon	5-3-2	7-3-2	3	-	Victoria	UBC
1985-86	Len Vickery	6-2-2	6-2-3	3	-	UBC	UBC
1986-87	Len Vickery	4-5-1	5-6-1	4	-	UBC	UBC
1987-88	Len Vickery	7-2-1	8-3-1	3	-	Victoria	Victoria
1988-89	Len Vickery	7-1-2	9-2-3	1	3	ALBERTA	Toronto
1989-90	Len Vickery	5-4-1	7-6-1	4	-	UBC	UBC
1990-91	Len Vickery	6-2-2	6-2-2	3	-	UBC	UBC
1991-92	Len Vickery	6-2-1	6-3-3	2	-	UBC	UBC
1992-93	Len Vickery	6-2-2	9-2-3	3	-	UBC	UBC
1993-94	Len Vickery	7-1-2	10-2-2	2	-	UBC	Sherbrooke
1994-95	Len Vickery	7-1-2	9-4-3	2	2	UBC	UBC
1995-96	Len Vickery	7-2-1	10-4-1	1	2	ALBERTA	Dalhousie
1996-97	Len Vickery	5-3-2	6-3-3	3	-	Victoria	Victoria
1997-98	Len Vickery	5-2-3	8-3-3	2	-	UBC	McGill
1998-99	Len Vickery	8-1-1	12-3-2	1	2	ALBERTA	Western
1999-00	Len Vickery	6-2-2	10-5-3	2	2	ALBERTA	Western
2000-01	Len Vickery	1-6-3	1-9-3	6	-	Victoria	Laurier
2001-02	Len Vickery	8-1-3	10-2-3	3	-	UBC	Laurier
2002-03	Len Vickery	8-2-2	10-6-3	3	-	Victoria	Brock
2003-04	Len Vickery	8-2-2	14-2-4	2	1	ALBERTA	ALBERTA
2004-05	Len Vickery	7-2-3	8-6-3	4	-	Victoria	Victoria
2005-06	Len Vickery	6-4-2	7-7-3	3	-	TWU	UBC
2006-07	Len Vickery						

Cumulative Totals (1972/73 to 2005/06)

Conference: 162-68-60 (.662) Conference Placing (#1-2-3): 7-10-13
 Overall: 253-122-85 (.642) CIS Placing (#1-2-3): 3-6-1

Kevin Robbins Memorial Trophy
 (Golden Bears Soccer MVP)

Kevin Robbins, the son of a former University of Alberta Professor who started the Golden Bears Soccer program, drowned soon after the family had moved to Ontario, where Stuart Robbins had taken a new job with York University. The award annual Team MVP award was subsequently created in memory of Kevin.

Year
1977-78

Name

Year
1992-93 Nick Culo

Name

1978-79	Graham Fishburne
1979-80	Mark Olivieri
1980-81	Kent Fargey
1981-82	Mark Olivieri
1982-83	Scott Fisher
1983-84	Kent Fargey
1984-85	Norman Odinga
1985-86	Vince Reda
1986-87	Louis Picco
1987-88	Salvatore Cammarata
1988-89	Duwayne Lang
1989-90	John Simon
1990-91	Burk Kaiser
1991-92	Vittorio D'Andrea

1993-94	
1994-95	
1995-96	Nick Culo
1996-97	Travis Reynolds
1997-98	Kurt Bosch
1998-99	Mike Radmanovich
1999-00	Ryan Walker
2000-01	Moe Chehimi
2001-02	Kurt Bosch
2002-03	Eric Pinnell
2003-04	Neil Morrow
2004-05	Neil Morrow
2005-06	Mark Korthuis

Golden Bears Conference Scoring Leaders (1978-2005, except 1981)

			<u>Seasons</u>	<u>Goals</u>
1.	David	Phillips	86, 87, 88, 89, 90	23
2.	Salvatore	Cammarata	85, 86, 87, 88	21
3.	Nick	Culo	91, 92, 93, 94, 95	19
3.	Daca (Damir)	Jesic	98, 99, 00, 01, 02	19
5.	Paul	Walters	86, 87, 88, 89, 90	18
6.	Kurt	Bosch	95, 96, 97, 99, 01	17
7.	Rudy	Bartholomew	79, 80, 82, 83	16
7.	Mark	Korthuis	02, 03, 04, 05	16
9.	Alexander	Appah	91, 92, 93, 94, 96	15
10.	Brett	Bachelu	02, 03, 04	14
10.	Murray	David	88, 90, 91	14
12.	Hanjoo	Kim	85, 86	13
12.	Eric	Pinnell	01, 02	13
12.	Riccardo	Zenari	90, 91, 92, 93, 94	13
15.	Pedro	Carriel	92, 93, 94, 95, 96	12
15.	Craig	Chiasson	98, 99	12
15.	Wendell	Zerb	83, 84, 85, 86	12

Golden Bears Roster 1978-2005 (*1981 scoring list unavailable)

<u>Athlete</u>	<u>Seasons</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Athlete</u>	<u>Seasons</u>	<u>Goals</u>		
Jos	Adam	84	4	Richard	Maslowski	84	0
Bill	Akam	78, 79	0	Alan	Mason	84, 85, 86	0
Steve	Aldred	80	0	Simon	Massimino	93, 94, 95, 96, 97	8
John	Amis	94, 95	3	Andrew	Mataya	02, 03, 04, 05	0
Domenic	Anastacio	90	0	David	Mauro	94	0
Lorenzo	Antonello	79, 80, 82	6	Bill	McConkey	78	1
Alexander	Appah	91, 92, 93, 94, 96	15	Sean	McElwain	03, 04, 05	0
Ase	Ayobahan	79, 80, 82	5	Sean	McGuinness	78	0
Brett	Bachelu	02, 03, 04	14	Jassmie	McIntosh	92	0
Ian	Bailey	78	0	Brian	McIntyre	96, 97, 98	3
Stan	Baker	89, 90	1	Darren	McIntyre	87	0
Jay	Banga	97	0	Danny	McIntyre	85, 86	0
Eric	Baranowski	04, 05	2	Andy	McKee	92, 93, 95	4
Rudy	Bartholomew	79, 80, 82, 83	16	Craig	McKenney	85, 86, 87	8
Eric	Bazzarelli	00, 01	10	Mike	McLaren	96, 97, 00	0
Jamie	Belous	96, 97, 98, 99	0	Greg	McLeod	93	0
Shawn	Belsher	89	0	Paul	Michailides	88, 89	0
Vladan	Bijeljanin	02	0	Sotos	Michailides	87	0
Rob	Biro	84, 85, 86, 87, 88	8	David	Michels	00	1
Kurt	Bosch	95, 96, 97, 99, 01	17	Neil	Morrow	00, 01, 02, 03, 04	7
Jason	Boucher	89, 90	2	Robert	Mosele	79, 80	0
Jason	Bougher	90, 91, 92, 93, 94	7	Eric	Munoz	99, 00, 01	0
Franco	Bruni	78, 79, 80	1	Kevin	Murtagh	85, 86, 87, 88	2

David	Buckley	82, 83	2	Jarin	Myskiw	01, 02, 03, 04	7
Salvatore	Cammarata	85, 86, 87, 88	21	Sean	Myskiw	98, 99, 00, 01, 02	3
Roddy	Campbell	84	1	Kevin	Myskiw	00	0
Alex	Campos	04, 05	1	Torwan	Nawrot	82, 83, 84	7
Pedro	Carriel	92, 93, 94, 95, 96	12	Daniel	Nielsen	04, 05	1
John	Castrillon	03	2	Terry	Nipp	82, 83, 84	0
Torey	Celinskis	02	0	John	Noble	87, 88	4
Moe	Chehimi	96, 98, 99, 00	4	Tay	NSaliwa	96, 97, 98, 99	6
Craig	Chiasson	98, 99	12	Kelly	O'Brien	80	0
Robin	Chowdhury	04	0	Norm	Odinga	84, 88	10
Joel	Cochrane	79, 80	0	Chris	Odinga	82, 83, 84	3
Jerome	Cranston	82, 83	0	Marc	Olivieri	78, 79, 80	10
Peter	Crocker	82	0	Walter	Olthoff	83	0
Nick	Culo	91, 92, 93, 94, 95	19	Charles	O'Toole	83	3
Vittorio	D'Andrea	87, 88, 89, 90, 91	10	Paolo	Panizzon	03	1
Murray	David	88, 90, 91	14	Rico	Panizzon	01	0
Brad	Daviss	00, 01, 02	0	Nick	Parkinson	85	0
Ian	Diaz	97	6	Joe	Parrottino	86, 87, 88, 89, 90	4
Brian	Drewry	89	0	Arcadio	Pasqual	83	1
Benjamin	Drummond	02, 03, 04, 05	0	David	Peacock	83	0
John	Dunn	91, 93	2	Tony	Pepper	91	0
Tim	Duru	82	2	Claudio	Perusco	79	0
Ramzi	El-Baba	03	0	David	Phillips	86, 87, 88, 89, 90	23
Ameen	Elkadri	00, 01	0	Louis	Picco	84, 85, 86, 87	0
Domenic	Esposito	89, 90, 91	5	Eric	Pinnell	01, 02	13
Nicholas	Etches	03, 04, 05	0	Chris	Pisesky	03, 05	0
Danny	Falcone	94	3	Sonny	Powar	88, 89	1
Kent	Fargey	79, 80, 82, 83	1	Mike	Radmanovich	94, 95, 96, 97, 98	8
Graham	Fishburne	78	9	Andreas	Rasmussen	03	0
Scott	Fisher	80, 82	6	Darren	Rath	97, 98, 99	2
Erik	Flakstad	01	0	Matthew	Raulick	00, 01, 02	3
Sean	Fleming	84, 85, 86	0	Vince	Reda	82, 83, 84, 85	1
Bertrand	Fondjo	90, 92	3	Travis	Reynolds	92, 93, 94, 95, 96	2
Jon	Forbes	79	0	Ian	Reynolds	88	0
Doug	Ford	78	0	Colin	Rietveld	00, 01, 02, 03	1
Stephen	Frank	87, 88	1	Navin	Rodrigues	96, 97, 98, 99	0
Devon	Fraser	03, 04, 05	0	Brian	Rodrigues	93, 94, 95, 96, 97	2
Andre	Gagnon	80	0	Morris	Roppo	84	0
Glenn	Gehlert	94, 95, 96, 97	0	David	Rutledge	04	0
James	Gilchrist	83	0	Matteo	Saccomanno	87, 92, 93, 94	1
Jordan	Gillespie	01, 02, 03, 04	11	Kyle	Samaratunga	99, 00, 01	1
Curtis	Gillespie	83	0	Frank	Saporito	83, 84, 85, 87, 88	6
Mike	Godfrey	78	0	Steven	Schendel	05	0
Danny	Greene	99	0	Tim	Schultes	98, 99	7
Daniel	Gusberti	04, 05	0	Peter	Sekulic	83	1
Brian	Hamm	05	1	Jay	Senetchko	94, 95, 96	0
Michael	Hartson	00	0	Peter	Senetchko	92, 93	0
Troy	Hartt	00, 01	0	Angelo	Sestito	95, 96	0
Mark	Hergott	85, 86	0	Daniel	Sharp	04, 05	0
Cristian	Hernandez	95, 96, 97, 99, 00	6	Ahmed	Shirif	03	0
Keith	Heyburn	80	0	John	Simon	87, 88, 89, 90	2
Jodie	Holder	80, 82, 83	1	Sean	Smith	89, 91, 92	0
Doug	Holloway	93, 94	7	Steve	Smith	79	0
Nick	Holt	97, 98, 99, 00	0	Peter	Snyder	80, 81, 84, 85, 86	0
George	Hoyt	95	0	Bernardo	Soto	95, 97	0
Dave	Hughes	85, 86, 87, 88, 90	0	Stefan	Spargo	92	0
Mark	Huppeilheuser	03	0	Frank	Spilak	00, 01	0
Danny	Jeffery	92, 93	1	Michael	Spinney	95	0
Daca (Damir)	Jesic	98, 99, 00, 01, 02	19	Ron	Spoetter	78	0
Pat	Johnson	79	0	Simon	St. John	86	0

Pat	Johnson	78	0	Ben	Stanchfield	00	0
Barry	Joines	78	2	Ralph	Stevens	78	0
Lee	Jones	98, 99, 00, 01	1	Brad	Thiessen	99, 00	0
David	Jones	84	1	Jeremy	Thomas	95	0
Rocky (Raka)	Josan	97, 98, 99, 00	3	Andrew	Usher	89, 90, 91	4
Hanif	Juma	83	0	Toby	Vallance	92	0
Burk	Kaiser	86, 88, 89, 90, 91	5	Toby	Vallance	91	0
Hilaire	Kamdem	01, 02, 03, 04, 05 (RS)	4	Pat	Van Gelder	89, 91	1
Eugene	Kan	03, 04, 05	0	Ron	Van Raalten	82, 84	0
Vik	Kaushal	05	0	Alex	Varughese	00, 01	0
Michael	Kennedy	01, 02, 03, 04	0	John	Vinci	90, 91, 92, 93	0
Steve	Kentel	88, 89	2	Curtis	Vos	91, 92, 93, 94	4
Hanjoo	Kim	85, 86	13	Dwayne	Vos	93	1
Rafal	Klonowski	95	0	Gary	Wagner	89	0
Rob	Kociancic	79	1	Terry	Walgren	83, 84, 85	0
John	Konye	04, 05	7	Ryan	Walker	95, 96, 97, 98, 99	3
Mark	Korthuis	02, 03, 04, 05	16	Tobin	Walker	82	0
Darren	Kowalchuk	83	0	Michael	Wall	95, 96, 97, 98, 99	3
Justin	Kozjak	02	0	Nathan	Wall	95	2
Erik	Kuhn	04, 05	0	Brian	Wallace	78, 79, 80	1
Paul	Lahey	89	0	Paul	Walters	86, 87, 88, 89, 90	18
Samuel	Lam	05	2	Phillip	Webb	79	2
Duwayne	Lang	85, 87, 88	0	Alex	Weir	82	0
Bart	Lawczynski	98, 99	0	Michael	Wieczorek	05	0
David	Lechelt	92, 93	0	Craig	Williams	91	0
Sung	Lee	88	0	Kory	Williams	89, 90, 91	0
Marc	Loiselle	00, 01	0	Brian	Wilson	78, 79, 80	0
Raul	Lopaz	83	0	Mike	Wood	89	0
Jim	Loughlin	87, 88, 89, 90, 91	3	Jarret	Young	98, 01	0
Clint	Ludtke	03, 04	1	Quenton	Zalazar	03, 04, 05	0
Sergio	Maione	93	6	Riccardo	Zenari	90, 91, 92, 93, 94	13
Tyler	Malden	01, 02	0	Wendell	Zerb	83, 84, 85, 86	12
Chris	Martin	02	0	Mark	Zubach	00	0