

Fall 2010



# GOLDEN BEARS SOCCER SEASON ~ 2010

The University of Alberta Golden Bears Soccer program has been in existence since 1969 and has achieved four CIAU/CIS National Championships in 1972, 1979, 2003 and more recently 2006. In addition, the program has won six (1973, 1979, 1988, 1995, 1998 and 2003) Canada West Championships.

## Canada West Season ~ 2009

The Golden Bears posted a 7:3:4 (win:loss:tie) record that was good enough for 4th place in the Canada West Conference and earned a play-off spot. The CW Championships were hosted by the nationally ranked #2 UBC. Following a hard earned 1-0 win over UBC on their home field the Golden Bears tied the #9 ranked Victoria Vikings 2-2 after regulation time but lost in heart breaking fashion following overtime and penalty kicks. Unfortunately, the Bears did not advance to the CIS National Championships as Trinity Western were hosting and only one Canada West berth was up for grabs.



The Golden Bears were once again a youthful group with 9 of the 18 players that competed at the CW play-offs in their 1<sup>st</sup> year of eligibility. A further 6 players were in their 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year leaving only Cam Black (5th year), Harman Braich (4<sup>th</sup>), Steven Reid (4<sup>th</sup>) and Matt Strelow (4<sup>th</sup>) as senior players. The team progressed during the course of the season and were a legitimate Canada West and national contender by the end of the season.

The CIS National Championships were held at Trinity Western University where Laval claimed their first ever soccer gold medal and CIS National Championship in team history with a 3-2 win over regional rival McGill University in the final. Host Trinity Western claimed the bronze medal.

Following strong Canada West (CW) season campaigns Brett Colvin and Harman Braich were recognized as CW All-Stars (First Team). Brett Colvin was also selected as a CIS All-Canadian (2<sup>nd</sup> Team) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. The Bears received strong leadership and performances

during the season from senior players Harman Braich, Cam Black, Matthew (Motzy) Strelow, Brett Colvin and Steven Reid. Harman Braich was selected **Most Valuable Player** and Dean Northover **Rookie of the Year**. In addition Cameron Black was the recipient of the prestigious **President's Trophy** for GB soccer.

A post-season trip was undertaken to Fort Lauderdale, Florida from February 15-23, 2010 where the team played 4 games against NCAA competition compiling 3 wins (against Florida Atlantic University twice with identical 2-1 scores, Nova Southeastern University (4-1) and the only loss coming against Lynn University (0-3).

The Golden Bears soccer team had 6 **CIS Academic All-Canadians** – Brett Colvin (Business), Derek De Groot (Business), Matt Cowan (Business), Danny Nielsen (Engineering), Boris Hoefs (Engineering), Harman Braich (Science). Brett Colvin was awarded the **Mark Goodkey Memorial Trophy** presented to the University of Alberta's most outstanding male Academic All-Canadian Student-Athlete.

John Konye and Brett Colvin were selected to the Canadian men's team that competed at the **FISU (World University) Games** held in Belgrade, Serbia during the summer of 2009.

## Golden Bears Soccer Alumni

For your information, the present GBS Alumni comprises:

President:	Sean Myskiw
Vice President:	Jarin Myskiw
Past President:	Travis Reynolds
Treasurer:	Brian Rodrigues
Member at Large:	Troy Hartt
Member at Large:	John Murray
Member at Large:	Neil Morrow
Member at Large:	Jordan Gillespie
Member at Large:	Moe Chehimi

## Alumni Game ~ 2010

The 2010 GBS Alumni Game is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16th 2009. The game is to be played at Foote Field with kick-off at 6:30PM.

Please plan to come along and support the Alumni and the 2010 edition of the Golden Bears. A social is to follow at the Saville Sports Centre that will allow alumni to pass on words of wisdom or relate famous stories from past Canada West and CIAU/CIS Championship campaigns - won and lost!

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## University of Alberta Golden Bears ~ 2010

### Golden Bears Schedule ~ 2010

Saturday, Sept 11 at Saskatchewan  
Sunday, Sept 12 Home to Saskatchewan

Saturday, Sept 18 home to Calgary  
Sunday, Sept 19 home to Lethbridge

Saturday, Sept 25 at Victoria  
Sunday, Sept 26 at Fraser Valley

Friday, Oct 1 at British Columbia  
Saturday, Oct 2 at Trinity Western

Saturday, Oct 16 home to Fraser Valley  
Sunday, Oct 17 home to Victoria

Saturday, Oct 23 at Lethbridge  
Sunday, Oct 24 at Calgary

Saturday, Oct 30 home to Trinity Western  
Sunday, Oct 31 home to British Columbia

All home games are to be played 2:15 PM at Foote Field (11601—68th Avenue—entrance off Belgravia Road).

Please note that the full schedule and results may be found on the University of Alberta Athletics Web site at [www.bears.ualberta.ca](http://www.bears.ualberta.ca)

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### Golden Bears ~ Other Important Dates 2010-11

August 23/24	GBS Try-outs
Aug 24-Sept 8	Training Camp
September 16	Alumni Game
November 5-7	Canada West Play-Offs at Home of Canada West Winner
November 10-14	CIS National Championships At Toronto

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