

# Experience laden soccer squad

by Alan Small

Bear head coach Len Vickery won't have to get all that used to coaching university soccer players this fall. Sure, there are some players who are just university calibre soccer players at this time, but no less than eight Golden Bears will have Canadian Soccer League experience this season.

Vickery will have on hand Norm Odinga, Gary Kern, and John Noble from the Edmonton Brick Men squad that he coached this summer. He will also have Winnipeg Fury starting midfielder Salvi Cammarata, who was runner-up for the Wilson Challenge Trophy, which is awarded to the best male athlete at the University of Alberta.

The rest of the Golden Bears are still playing for the Calgary Kickers, who play the Winnipeg Fury in the western semi-final playoff game on Thursday. That list includes forward Dave Phil-

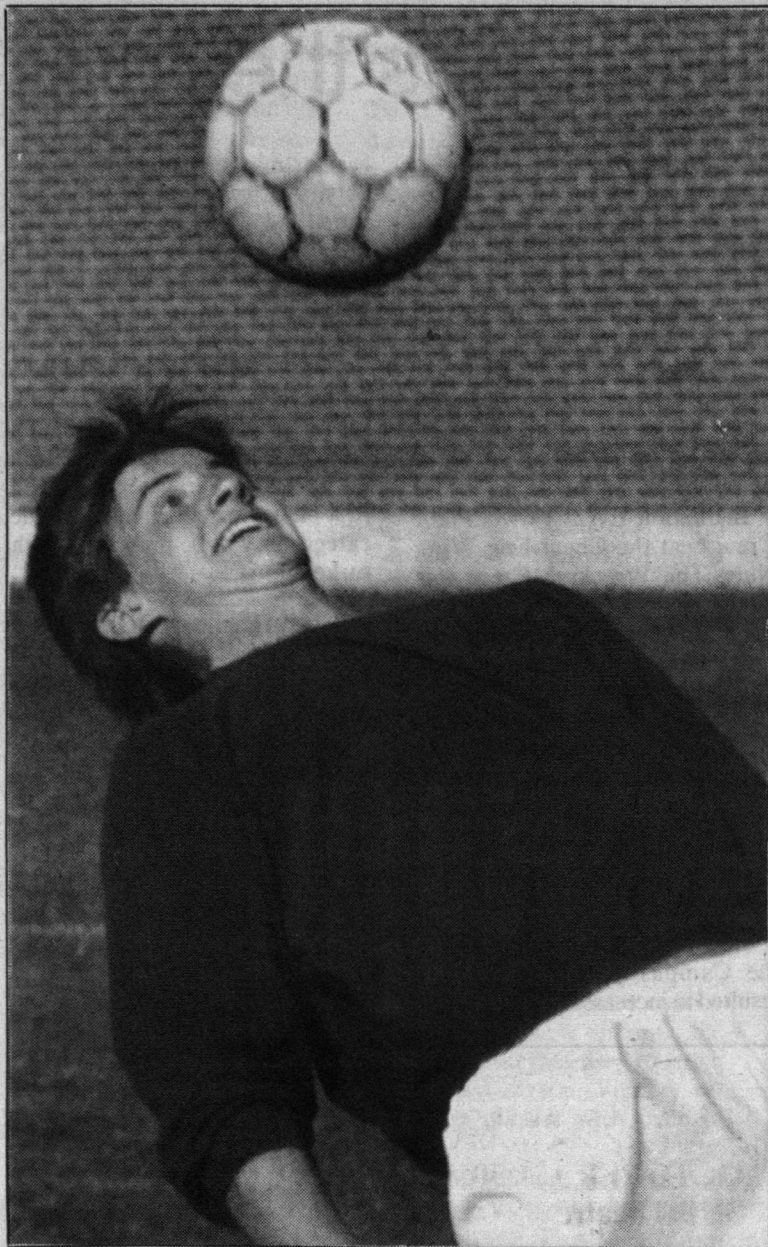
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lips, goalie Dave Hughes, and defenders Burk Kaiser and Jim Loughlin.

Loughlin says the level of CSL soccer and university soccer isn't that great.

"Lots of players in the CSL will play university soccer this fall," says Loughlin, who is in his first season with the Kickers, "it's just a small step up (from university soccer), nothing else."

Loughlin spent his Christmas holidays last year with Canada's youth team in Guatemala trying to qualify for the Youth World Cup. Kaiser has international soccer experience as well; he captained the youth team that played



Jim Loughlin is one of eight Bears who played in the CSL.

in the Youth World Cup last fall in Chile, where they tied two games and lost one.

"We tied with Italy and Brazil, but we lost to Nigeria," said Kaiser, "at that level we compare pretty well with the other teams in the world, but the teams in Europe and South America have

great pro leagues, while in Canada we're just getting ours established. That's where we fall behind."

Kaiser will miss the first month of the Bears schedule as he will try out with the national team, which will play Guatemala in the opening round of the CONCA-

CAF qualifying for the World Cup.

"They'll be cutting down to 18 or 19 players," says Kaiser, "I hope to be fighting for the last few spots. We'll see after the first week of practice."

Vickery is a little more confident of Kaiser's chances with the national team. "There's a good chance he'll be there," says Vickery, "he has a definite chance of making the bench, and he'll possibly be in the lineup."

Vickery will have to do without Kaiser, Loughlin, and the rest of the Calgarians, as well as Cammarata until Monday, when their commitment to their CSL teams run out, but that will give Vickery a chance to look at his newcomers, who will get a chance to play in Vancouver this weekend

in a tournament against UBC Capilano College, and Croatia. UBC is consistently in the top five teams in Canada at the university level, and are ranked number one at the start of this year, while Capilano College is the top college club in the country. Just in case you thought Vancouver wasn't a hotbed for soccer, Croatia is one of the top senior league teams in the nation, going into the senior nationals which take place in late September.

The Bears play their first home games of the season next weekend when they play Lethbridge and Calgary next Friday and Saturday afternoons. Friday's game starts at 4 pm while Saturday's game is a 2 pm start. Both games take place at the field at Faculte St. Jean.

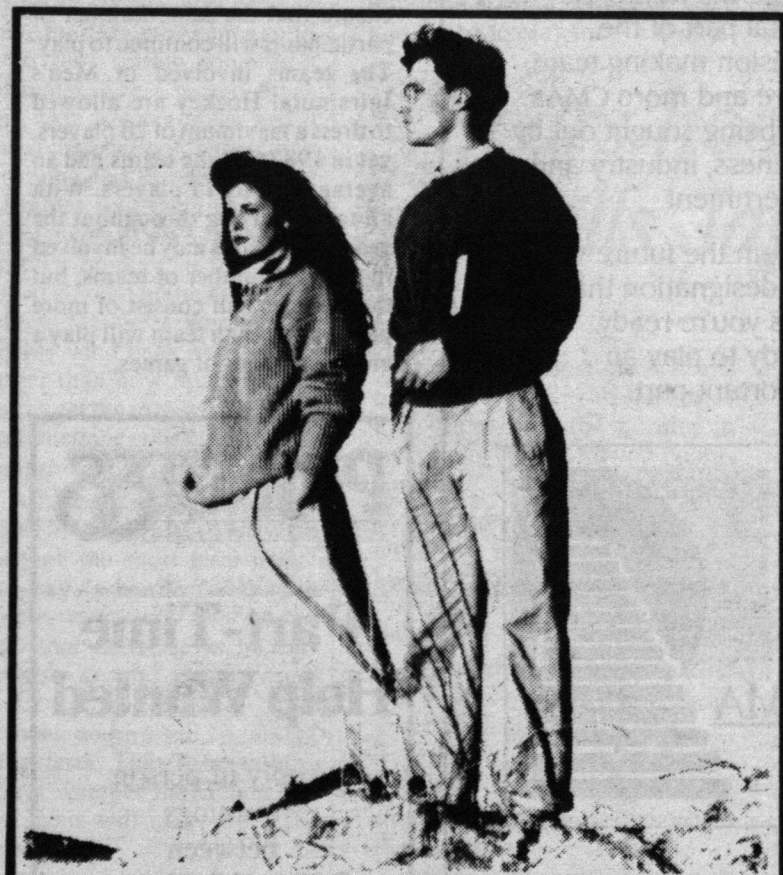
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