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Men's Soccer Program Goes in New Direction with Coaching Staff

Edmonton, AB – The Concordia Thunder Athletics Department is pleased to announce the appointments of Mr. Franco Imbrogno as the Head Coach and Mr. Ian Skitch as the Associate Coach of the Thunder Men's Soccer Team.

Imbrogno has a long history with the Concordia Thunder Athletics program. He was a former player on the Men's Soccer team (1999-2001), Assistant Coach of the Women's Soccer team (2009-12) and since 2013, has been the Head Coach of the Women's Soccer team. Imbrogno has been deeply involved in soccer across the province as an Alberta Provincial Team coach since 2007 and is an active CSA-NCCP Learning Facilitator. While Imbrogno will remain at the helm for the Women's Soccer Team, he will oversee the Men's program in the areas of recruitment, administration and future path development.

Skitch joins the Men's Soccer program staff as the Associate Coach and will be responsible for player development and training for the upcoming 2014 ACAC season. Skitch previously played NCAA Division 1 at the University of Philadelphia (1985-89) and with the Canadian National Youth Team player pool (1982-84). His extensive coaching experience is highlighted by six seasons as an Ontario Provincial team coach (including the 2009 Canada Games Ontario Men's team), three seasons as the Head Coach of Fleming College Knights Men's Soccer Team in the OCAA and serves as a CSA-NCCP Master Learning Facilitator for the Canadian Soccer Association. Skitch holds a CSA 'A' coaching license.

Recruitment inquiries for either the Men's or Women's Thunder Soccer programs may be directed to Franco Imbrogno at franco.imbrogno@concordia.ab.ca.

Previous Head Coach, Mr. Sasha Samadi, recently stepped down after 10 seasons to pursue other soccer and career opportunities.

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Concordia Thunder Athletics

The Concordia University College of Alberta Thunder Athletics program has a proud history of excellence at the highest levels both provincially and nationally. The Thunder have been a part of the Alberta Colleges Athletics Conference (ACAC) since 1992 and have more than 150 student-athletes representing the school in the sports of badminton, basketball, cross country running, curling, golf, hockey, indoor track, soccer and volleyball. To learn more about Thunder Athletics, please visit <http://athletics.concordia.ab.ca/>.

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