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## ORLOV NAMED VARSITY BLUES SOCCER HEAD COACH



The University of Toronto is pleased to announce that Ilya Orlov has been named the Varsity Blues full-time soccer head coach, effective immediately.

Orlov has served as the Blues men's soccer lead assistant coach for the past four seasons, helping the team to two OUA bronze-medal finishes and two national championship berths.

"Ilya is a proven leader, motivator and coach," said Beth Ali, U of T's executive director of athletics and physical activity. "He brings knowledge and experience from which our student-athletes will benefit and his understanding of our program will allow him to hit the ground running."

From December 2015 to October 2017, Orlov was the League1 assistant coach and under 21 head coach for the North Toronto Soccer Club and is currently the head coach of the Alliance United Football Club in League1.

He was the youth performance centre coach with FC Union Berlin in Germany in 2017 and attended international internships with Fulham FC in London and Korono Kielce in Poland in 2016, as well as Feyenoord Rotterdam in Holland in 2015 and KUPS FC in Finland in 2014.

"It is a tremendous honour to become the head coach of the University of Toronto Varsity Blues soccer program," said Orlov. "I am excited for the challenge ahead and working with the student-athletes in this role. The aim is to help the student-athletes develop into hard working and excellent people by providing them with the best possible learning environment on and off the field."

Orlov holds a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from York University. While at York, he was twice named an OUA first team all-star, helped the Lions to the 2010 national championship title and represented Canada at the FISU Summer Universiade in Shenzhen, China.

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