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Laurier names new head coach for men's soccer team

Waterloo resident Tony Lea has been named head coach of the Wilfrid Laurier University Golden Hawks soccer team.

The appointment, effective immediately, was announced Friday by WLU director of athletics Rich Newbrough.

"I am delighted to have Tony take over as head coach of our men's soccer program. I'm sure he will be able to maintain the proud reputation we have earned in soccer," he said.

Lea, who is general manager for Ukcan Investments Inc. in Kitchener, replaces Barry Lyon who decided to step down at the end of 1989 season.

Formerly a soccer coach at the University of Leeds in England, Lea coached his team to the English Schools FA national championship for students under 19 in 1985.

He was an assistant coach at Laurier in 1989 when the Golden Hawks won their division but were beaten in the national semi-final in Vancouver.

"With Mr. Lea, we maintain a degree of continuity, which is

important," said Newbrough. "Tony knows the players and the players know Tony."

Under Lyon, who started the WLU soccer team in 1980, the soccer Hawks had a record of 99 wins, 29 losses and 22 ties in league games and playoffs. The team has been ranked in the national top 10 every year.

Lea, a 42-year-old native of Wales, has lived in Canada since 1988. He is married and has two children.