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## 2007 MPSF MEN'S SOCCER Co-COACHES OF THE YEAR

WOODLAND, Calif. – By a vote of their head coaching peers, **Bobby Muuss** of DENVER (first-year) and **Mario Sanchez** of UNLV (2<sup>nd</sup> year) have been selected 2007 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Co-Coaches of the Year in Men's Soccer.

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### **2007 MPSF Co-Coach of the Year**

**BOBBY MUUSS • 1<sup>ST</sup> Year • UNIVERSITY of DENVER**



In his first year as head coach of the University of Denver, **Bobby Muuss** led the Pioneers to a 10-4-4 overall record and 6-1-3 in the MPSF. In a tight conference race, Denver ended the season on an eight-game unbeaten streak but finished just behind five-time MPSF champion New Mexico in the standings. The Pioneers knocked off then-No. 22 Washington 4-1 on the road and twice tied New Mexico, when the Lobos were ranked No. 22 and No. 24. With a balanced lineup, Denver outshot opponents 296-188 while outscoring them 31-16. Prior to this season, Muuss was the top assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Wake Forest. During his six seasons in Winston-Salem, the Demon Deacons appeared in the NCAA Tournament each season and reached the College Cup for the first time in school history last season. Muuss began his coaching career as a volunteer assistant for four seasons at Connecticut, including 2000 when the Huskies won the NCAA title. The East Islip, N.Y., native played soccer at Southern Connecticut State, winning the 1995 Division II national championship. Muuss and his wife, Keri, have a daughter, Camryn.

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**MARIO SANCHEZ • 2<sup>ND</sup> Year • UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS**



**Mario Sanchez** guided the Rebels to its best season since 2002 (12-8), as UNLV finished with a 7-10-2 mark. Even more impressive was the six-game win improvement from last season, when UNLV finished with a 1-15-2 mark. The Rebels were greatly improved on defense, allowing just 28 goals while its 1.41 GAA ranked third in the league. UNLV also posted an exciting 2-1 overtime victory over 21st-ranked New Mexico on Nov. 3 in Las Vegas, and had a win over regionally ranked Cal Poly (4-3) on its resume, while seven of its losses were by just one goal. Sanchez came to Las Vegas from Akron, where he was an assistant coach for the men's soccer program from 2003-2005. While on the Zips staff, he helped guide them to three NCAA appearances, including an appearance in the Elite Eight in the 2005 NCAA Tournament, where they tied eventual national champion Maryland. The Zips finished the 2005 season with an 18-1-4 record and were ranked No. 1 in the nation for four straight weeks. A 1999 graduate of Fresno State, Sanchez was a four-year starter and two-time captain for the Bulldogs, where he played from 1993-97, earning All-Far West Region honors in 1995 and 1997, before becoming a Bulldog assistant from 1999-2003. He played for the national champion Central Coast Roadrunners in the United Soccer League from 1996-97, and was a third-round draft choice in the MLS by the Kansas City Wizards in 1998. Sanchez also played for Orange County Zodiac (1999) and Stanislaus Cruisers (2001) in the USL Professional Division. Mario and wife Shana have two children, son Sebastian (3) and daughter Ella (2).

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