

# FREE Boise Youth Soccer Clinic

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm**

**Union University Soccer Field  
Jackson, TN**

Union University Soccer Team announced today that Art Walls, the United States Soccer Federation's (USSF) former Director of National Team Coaching has agreed to conduct the Boise Youth Soccer Clinic in October. This clinic will be a one-day event as part of the Boise Cup 2000. All Tennessee kids between the ages 7 to 18 are invited to participate free of charge. The first 300 kids will receive a free clinic T-shirt. At half time of the championship match, several lucky clinic participants will be picked to attempt a penalty kick worth \$1,000.

The Boise Cup 2000 will begin on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Union University Soccer Complex with Bethel College playing Mid-Continent College. At 8 pm Union University will play Freed-Hardeman. On Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm the consolation game will kick off. The free Boise Youth Soccer Clinic will be held from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. At 7:00 pm the Championship match will kickoff. Admission to all games will be free.

Art Walls, a former professional star in the English Premiership, is one of the primary people responsible for the United States dominance in International Women's Soccer during the decade of the 90's. The Women's National Team, with stars like Mia Hamm and Michelle Akers, won the World Cup in 1991 and 1999. In his role as Director of National Team Management for the USSF and Chairman of National Coaching Committee, Mr. Walls was involved in developing the highly successful U.S. Women's National team. He is also directly responsible for building the U.S. Men's National Team that qualified for the World Cup in 1998 for the first time in over forty years

Mr. Walls played in the English Premiership for the Tran Mere Rovers and for Airdire in the Scottish First Division. He is regularly quoted in *Soccer American*, the leading soccer related newspaper in the U.S. Mr. Walls has also worked with the Scottish National Team on various occasions.

Mr. Walls considers his influence on Michelle Akers' career to be one of his greatest accomplishments. In the early 1990's it appeared that Michelle's career was over due to some severe health problems. After months of work with Mr. Walls, however, she got her second chance. Michelle has since become the heart and soul and the U.S. Women's National Team, playing a major role in the victory against China in the 1999 Women's World Cup Final.

All kids interested in attending the Boise Youth Soccer Clinic should report to Union University Soccer field by 3:30 pm on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Plan on staying for the Championship match which kicks off at 7 pm for a chance at taking a penalty kick worth \$1,000. No reservations are necessary. If you have any questions, contact Dr. Darin White, head coach of the Union University Men's Soccer team, at 901-661-5108.

