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Vanessa Martinez Lagunas is currently the Head Coach of the University of Manitoba Bison Women's Soccer Team. Her team competes in the highest Canadian University League (U SPORTS) as part of the Canada West Conference. She is also a FIFA Technical Expert and has taught FIFA coaching courses in many countries around the world including basic, intermediate, and advanced levels. She has been part of the FIFA Technical Study Group in several occasions helping with the technical, tactical, and physical analysis of various FIFA Women's World Cups (youth and senior levels). She is a former Assistant Coach of the U17/U16 German Women's National Teams. She holds multiple coaching credentials including the USSF National "A" License, NSCAA Premier Diploma, USSF National Youth License, USSF National Goalkeeping License, and, most notably, the UEFA Pro License from the German Soccer Federation (DFB). She experienced a successful playing career, as she represented Mexico internationally with the Mexican National Women's Team and the Mexican National

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