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Bittersweet End to 2011 Basketball Season



**Chantelle Doerksen, Taminder Dhaliwal, Mel Poce, and Courtney Parker
(From left to right)**

(Metro Vancouver, BC) – The end of the basketball season for the Kwantlen Eagles was bittersweet for a number of Eagles athletes and coaches. Bernie Love, long time men’s coach at Kwantlen has hung up the whistle to move on from the varsity basketball scene. Also leaving the Eagles hoops program are fifth year student-athletes Taminder Dhaliwal (Surrey) and Ali Randa (Langley) who have completed their eligibility in the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association. Dhaliwal and Randa celebrated their final weekend of play at the Kwantlen Gymnasium with two victories over the Douglas College Royals.

In other news, the British Columbia Colleges’ Athletic Association (BCCAA) named their basketball all stars for the 2010-2011 season this week. The lone Eagle to be found on the prestigious All Rookie Team is Harpreet Randhawa of Williams Lake, BC. Randhawa, in his first year, was an extreme impact player for the squad. Not only did he lead the team in points per game he was also second on the team in rebounds behind Ali Bosir, a second year athlete from Surrey. Randhawa played every game of the 2010-11 season and has also been a great support to his fellow team mates.

As basketball winds down, members of the Eagles badminton team are not quite finished their athletic quests for the 2010-11 season at this point. Jensen Ly (Calgary), Ashley Jang (Richmond), Michelle Simard (Surrey), Charlette Rosales (Richmond) and Gurdeep Basran (Surrey) are preparing to compete as members of the BC Wildcard Team at the 2011 CCAA Badminton Nationals March 3-5th in Sackville New Brunswick. The Wildcard team will be coached by Eagles Head Coach Dave Cruthers and three-time BCCAA Coach of the Year (2007, 2009, 2011). For more information, or to follow the team live, head to the Eagles Athletics website at www.kwantlen.ca/eagles.

For even information about the Kwantlen Eagles, follow the team on [Twitter](#): KwantlenEagles or search us on [Facebook](#): Kwantlen Eagles

February 7, 2011

Kermodes Top Eagles



The Kwantlen Eagles Basketball teams fell to the Quest Kermodes this past weekend at home. Both Eagles squads were looking to pick up wins against the closely ranked Kermodes in the race for the final playoff position in the BCCAA. Highlights included point leaders Taminder Dhaliwal, a senior from Surrey who lead the way with 14 points Friday night and nine on Saturday. On the Men's side, Harpreet Randhawa from Williams Lake led the scoring with 19 points, 11 scored in the third quarter alone, and Ali Bosir who, on Saturday night, had a great second half, scoring 20 of his 28 points on the night. The Eagles travel to Nanaimo next weekend to take on the Mariners from Vancouver Island University. Next action at home is the final weekend of the BCCAA season, a Lower Mainland classic against the Douglas Royals of New Westminster. Games are Friday February 18 and Saturday February 19th starting at 6:00pm.

January 28, 2011

Eagles Basketball Visit Local YMCA Basketball Teams



Samantha McPhail with a member of YMCA Holly basketball team

The Kwantlen Eagles [Men's](#) and [Women's](#) Basketball teams visited basketball teams from the Langley / Surrey division of the YMCA Steve Nash Basketball Association in January. ([More](#))

January 12, 2011

Bosir & Senyuk Named KPU Winter Classic All-Stars



(Metro Vancouver, B.C.) Congratulations to Eagles [Ali Bosir](#) (Men's basketball) and [Oxana Senyuk](#) (Women's Basketball) as they were named to the 2011 Kwantlen Winter Classic All-Star teams. Please visit our [tournament page](#) for more information on the 2011 Winter Classic, including the All-Star teams and game results.

December 20, 2010

Night Riders Does It Again



A week after winning the 2010 Kwantlen Senior Boys Basketball Tournament Championship, Clayton Heights was back at it again. This time, it was their junior girls team who won the 2010 Kwantlen Junior Girls Basketball Classic. The Night Rider's Caity Estok was named the tournament Most Valuable Player.

December 17, 2010

Church Commits To Eagles



(Metro Vancouver, B.C.) The Kwantlen Eagles and the Eagles Women's Basketball head coach Matthew McKay is pleased to announce the signing of Guard Brittney Church for the 2011-2012 Season. Church, a 5'10 Guard from Langley's Brookwood Secondary, is one of the premier shooters in the class of 2011. As a Sophomore, Church led the Brookwood Junior Varsity to a BC Championship, where she also claimed Provincial Tournament MVP honors.

Last year, as a Junior, Church was one of the Brookwood Varsity's leading scorers at the AAA Girls Championships, helping the squad to an 8th place finish. Church's Brookwood team is currently the [top ranked 3A girls team in BC](#), coming of a tournament win at WJ Mouat Secondary where Church was named tournament MVP. "We're excited to add a player of Brittney's caliber" noted Coach McKay. "We continue to add talent to the young and improving crop of current Eagles. Brittney is our second early commitment for 2011, which speaks to the growing reputation of our women's program. We hope to add one or two more pieces after the conclusion of our season".

November 29, 2010

Chargers Top Eagles



(Metro Vancouver, B.C.) – The Camosun Chargers of Victoria took on the Kwantlen Eagles this past weekend in BCCAA Basketball competition. The Eagles were looking to secure their first win at home heading into the Christmas break

The women's team got off to a good start defensively Friday, leading 28-26 at half. They were not able to hold onto their game plan heading into the second half and a bout of poor rebounding in the third quarter allowed Camosun to take the lead late in the third quarter on their way to a 78-57 victory. Rookie Guard/Forward Oxana Senyuk (Vancouver) led all Eagles with 16 points off the bench. Strong performances were also turned in by 5th year guard Taminder Dhaliwal (Surrey) and freshman guard Courtney Parker (Langley) with 14 points each.

The team got off to a slow start Saturday missing several open shots and committing some careless turnovers in allowing Camosun to jump out to a 20-6 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Eagles stormed back to take a 25-24 lead midway through the second. Some great shooting by the Chargers took them into the half with a 14 point lead.

The Eagles cut the lead to as few as 9 in the third, but turnovers and poor defensive rotations allowed the Chargers to go on a 21-0 run late in the third which sealed the 86-53 victory for Camosun. Mel Poce (Calgary) led the Eagles with 4 assists off the bench, and solid offensive contributions were had again by Taminder Dhaliwal (15 points) and Oxana Senyuk (11 points, 6 rebounds).

Next up for the Eagles is a home tournament over the holiday break and then back into BCCAA league action taking on the Capilano University Blues from North Vancouver January 14th.

November 22, 2010

Eagles' Hoops take on Bearcats

(METRO VANCOUVER, BC) – The Kwantlen Eagles Men's and Women's Basketball teams continued their young season this past weekend by taking on the Columbia Bible College (CBC) Bearcats from Abbotsford. Both Eagles teams were looking to secure their first win of the season and had high hopes after defeats on both the men's and women's sides in exhibition play.

Both teams were facing each other with a losing record to mark Friday night's matchup. The Bearcats from CBC had a similar start facing strong opponents, and unable to put up a win. The Eagles, although both teams have had some close matches, were also looking to find that illusive first 'W'.

The Women's team took to the floor and had great success with wins in both games. On Friday night, the team came out with very little energy or intensity on starting off the first two minutes down ten to one. After refocusing, the Eagles took the lead going into the half and held the Bearcats to only two field goals in the second period and edging out a 68-61 win. Veteran captain, Taminder Dhaliwal (Surrey) led all scorers with 25 points, while guard Erin Mufford (Langley) and forward Chantelle Doerksen (Abbotsford) both hit key shots in the fourth quarter.

On Saturday, the team came out much more focused and with better energy and showed solid defense in building a 40-18 halftime lead. Lapses in concentration allowed CBC to close the gap in the second half to as close as 12 points, before the game ending with a decisive 72-52 win for Kwantlen. Guard Mel Poce (Calgary) and forwards Chantelle Doerksen and Becca Gaukel (Chilliwack) tied for the team lead in scoring at 14 points each. Forward Samantha McPhail (Vancouver) led the eagles with 10 rebounds off the bench, while Poce also contributed four assists.

On the Men's side there was a struggle to gain their first win. Friday night's game saw the Eagles go down by a score of 79-82 in a tight match. The Eagles however, were able to bounce back for their Saturday tipoff and came out on top with the first win of the year by a score of 81-72. Doug Meyers (Coquitlam) led the way with 22 points and six rebounds, while rookies Harpreet Randhawa (Williams Lake) had 20 points and eight rebounds and Julio Epondulon (Vancouver) had 17 points and six rebounds in the Eagles victory. "It was a very good win for the guys. It was a big load lifted off their shoulders to finally get their first league win" says Coach Bernie Love. "The guys have been playing so hard and have lost a lot of close games, so I was happy for their hard work to finally be rewarded."

Next up for the Eagles in Red is a home stand against the Camosun Chargers of Victoria. Tipoff is Friday and Saturday night at 6:00pm for the women and 8:00pm for the men. Friday night's game will be preceded by a special banner raising ceremony, celebrating the Women's soccer team recent conference win at the BC Provincial Championships. This marks the Eagles Soccer team's second consecutive season on top of the BC standings. Doors will open at 5:00pm and the ceremony will commence at 5:30pm.

November 19, 2010

Weekend Double-Header at CBC



Chantelle Doerksen Rebeckah Gaukel

The Kwantlen Eagles Men's and Women's Basketball teams will be traveling to Columbia Bible College this weekend for a double header showdown. In their most recent outing, the Women's Eagles lost their back to back games against the UBC-O heat. With this weekend's match up against the winless CBC Bearcats, BCCAA Women's Basketball rebound leaders [Chantelle Doerksen](#) (sixth place) and [Rebeckah Gaukel](#) (eighth place) will look to continue to control the boards while providing an edge for the Women's Eagles as they are seeking for their first regular season win.

November 10, 2010

Eagles Basketball Home Opener This Weekend



Taminder Dhaliwal Harpreet Randawa

The Kwantlen Eagles Men's and Women's Basketball teams will be hosting the UBC-O Heat this weekend as they march into the second week of the 2010-2011 BCCAA basketball season. The Women's Eagles will be led by fifth year guard Taminder Dhaliwal, who is currently ranked seventh in points per game average in the league. On the Men's side, rookie Harpreet Randhawa

will be looking to extend his fast start to this young season, where he is currently the league's leader in rebounds with nine boards per game, and also ranked third in points per game average.

November 4, 2010

Eagles Heads South For Exhibition Play



Corban College



Lewis & Clark College

(Surrey, B.C.) The Kwantlen Polytechnic University Women's basketball team is heading south to Oregon for a pair of exhibition games with weekend. First up for the Eagles is NAIA school Corban College (Salem, OR) Saturday at 7:30pm. Corban College is predicted to finish second in the Cascade Conference, according to the pre-season coaches poll and received votes in the preseason national Top 24 rankings. On Sunday, the Eagles take on the NCAA Division III Lewis and Clark College Pioneers at 1pm in Portland. The Pioneers finished 16-10 last season on the way to a third place finish in their conference. "This is a great test for our young and improving squad and should provide a positive catalyst going forward to our games against UBC-O next weekend" noted Head Coach Matthew McKay.

October 1, 2010

O'Connor Commits To Eagles



(Surrey, B.C.) Kwantlen Polytechnic University Women's Basketball Coach Matthew McKay is pleased to announce the signing of point guard Tessa O'Connor for the 2011-2012 season. O'Connor is currently in her senior year at North Vancouver's Carson Graham Secondary. A former Provincial Team member, O'Connor played a significant role as a Junior on a Carson Graham varsity girls team which qualified for the 2010 AAA Girls Provincial Championships. "At 5'7, Tessa adds size along with skill and athleticism to our back court" said McKay, adding "she has the ability to be successful at both guard spots in our league". McKay recalled the recruiting process that developed through the summer: "I remembered Tessa from a camp several years ago, but she really caught the eye of our coaching staff at the Best in the West tournament last summer, after which I had an opportunity to work with her at camp following the tournament. We invited her out to visit the campus and take part in our summer open gyms, where we were very impressed with her ability and maturity. However, what really set Tessa apart from many other high school athletes was her work ethic and desire to improve."

O'Connor plans to enroll in Kwantlen's Nursing program. The combination of academics and athletics attracted O'Connor to Kwantlen, however it was the relationships which developed during her visits to campus and the atmosphere around the team which convinced her that Kwantlen was the right place for her, saying "I liked the school and the program looked promising. The team and staff were very nice and accepting". The Eagles Women's Basketball Team open up their exhibition season October 1st at Vancouver's Langara College.

July 16, 2010

Eagles Women's Basketball Release Exhibition Schedule



Corban College Warriors

(Surrey, B.C.) The Kwantlen Eagles Women's Basketball teams' [five game exhibition schedule](#) includes familiar foes, as well as competitions across the border. For the month of October, the Women's Eagles will be visiting Langara College (Oct. 2) and Capilano University (Oct. 23), while hosting Columbia Bible College at home on Friday, October 15 (Game time at 7:00pm).

In November, the Eagles will travel down to Oregon for a double-header weekend. First game will be on Saturday, November 6th against Corban College (NAIA), followed by Lewis & Clark College (NCAA Div. III) on Sunday, November 7th. The 2010 exhibition schedule should provide the young Eagles an excellent chance to prepare themselves for the upcoming BCCAA league play starting Friday, November 12th at home against the UBC-O Heat.

May 3, 2010

Eagles Signs Recruit



The Department of Athletics and Recreation is pleased to announce that Makenzie Johnston have committed to the Women's basketball team for the 2010-2011 season. Makenzie is coming to Kwantlen from Princeton Secondary, where she captained the Rebels to a 9th place finish at the 'A' Provincial Championships. Makenzie earned multiple All-Stars and Tournament MVP awards throughout the season and was named an Okanagan Valley All-Star in 2010.

In addition to her exploits on the court, Makenzie is an honour student and multi-sport athlete, playing on the school soccer and volleyball teams as well. Makenzie also volunteers as a coach for the local elementary school spring basketball league.

April 28, 2010

Eagles Signs Three More Recruits



(Surrey, B.C.) The Department of Athletics and Recreation is pleased to announce that Mel Poce, Bianca Palitti, and Rebeckah Gaukel have committed to the Women's basketball team for the 2010-2011 season.

Mel Poce, played point guard and captained the Western Canada squad in Calgary that finished 7th at the Alberta 4A Championships this past season. She was the MVP of the Alberta Shooting Star's prospects game as a grade 11, a Best in the West Camp All-Star last summer, as well as a Calgary City All-Star this past season.

Bianca Palitti, a Delta resident, played three years for the varsity girls team at Holy Cross. She was a two-time BC Catholic Schools Championships All-Star, as well as a Surrey Firefighters tournament, and Fraser Valley Championships All-Star. Palitti was also a honor roll Student, and member of the student council at her high school.

Rebeckah Gaukel, is a member of the Mission Secondary's 2008 Provincial Championship squad, and a Fraser Valley AA All-Star in 2009. According to Matthew McKay, Eagles Women's Basketball Head Coach, "Rebeckah adds size and skill to next year's squad. A versatile player, Rebeckah can post up smaller players and play on the perimeter as well." Rebeckah will be studying criminology at Kwantlen this fall.

April 22, 2010

Eagles Signs Four Recruits



Erin Mufford, Courtney Parker, and Oxana Senyuk

(Surrey, B.C.) The Department of Athletics and Recreation is pleased to announce that Amy Beauchamp, Erin Mufford, Courtney Parker, and Oxana Senyuk have all committed to the Women's basketball team for the 2010-2011 season.

Amy Beauchamp played forward at Holy Cross, where she was a honor roll student. Her basketball resume includes: Member of the Firefighters Dream Team, BC Catholic Championships All-star and best defensive player, Fraser Valley AA all-star. Amy is working towards her goal of being a teacher.

Erin Mufford played guard at Brookwood Secondary, where she took on the role of the team captain that finished 8th place overall in BC. Mufford was also awarded with multiple all-star awards, and had been a honor roll student throughout her high school years. She is currently enrolled in the general studies here at Kwantlen, and is interested in Kwantlen's nursing program.

Courtney Parker played point guard this past season at Brookwood Secondary in Langley. As a multi-sport athlete, Parker played for Brookwood's soccer team as well. Parker is interested enrolling in the Business and Marketing programs here at Kwantlen.

Oxana Senyuk is a guard from Moscrop Secondary in Burnaby. She is a former member of the 3D Elite and SFU club programs. She had been awarded with multiple tournament all-stars and awards throughout her high school career. An honor roll student, Senyuk is interested in Kwantlen's nursing program.

March 30, 2010

Kwantlen Eagles Appoint Matthew McKay as Women's Basketball Head Coach



(Surrey, B.C.) The Department of Athletics and Recreation is pleased to introduce a familiar face back to the Eagles coaching team. Matthew McKay joins the Eagles as Head Coach of the Women's Basketball team and brings with him a home court advantage. He was an Assistant Coach with the Eagles from 2006 to 2008.

McKay brings extensive coaching experience having coached Fraser Valley Regional teams, BC Provincial teams and Best of the West camps. McKay is also a high school teacher and coaches at North Delta Secondary.

“It's great to have Matthew back with the Eagles program”, said Director of Athletics, Elise Le Brun. “His experience both the high school level and as an assistant coach at the university level will be a great asset in this position. He is familiar with the players, and is passionate about the Eagles basketball program.”