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## **Eagles Split Weekend Matches and Qualify for Provincial Championships**



**METRO VANCOUVER, BC -- (October 24, 2011)** --The Kwantlen Polytechnic University Eagles women's soccer team played two away matches this weekend against the Langara Falcons (8-0-4) and the Quest Kermodes (5-2-5). Despite playing a solid road game, the Eagles lost a close 2-1 match to Langara, but were able to rebound on Sunday with a 1-0 victory against Quest.

When the Eagles took to the field on Saturday to play Langara they knew that a victory against the Falcons would likely clinch top spot in Group A of the PACWEST conference. Right from the opening whistle the match was a hard fought affair with both teams trying to get the upper hand. Langara opened the scoring on a scrambled play inside the penalty area to take a 1-0 lead. Kwantlen fought hard to even the match and was rewarded when second year forward Yva Rodriguez (Port Coquitlam) fed a beautiful ball through to third year forward Shanay Sangha (Richmond) who calmly stroke the ball into the net to pull the Eagles into a 1-1 tie heading into half.

The Eagles came out flying in the second half, playing some of the best soccer of the season in the opening 20 minutes. Unfortunately it was not enough as Langara scored in the 88<sup>th</sup> minute to break the tie and give Langara a 2-1 victory.

With needing only one point to clinch second spot in Group A, the Eagles came out with purpose on Sunday against Quest. A well struck free kick from rookie midfielder Janessa Moore (Vernon) ricocheted off the bar directly to Shanay Sangha (Richmond) who headed in her league leading 11<sup>th</sup> goal of the season to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead.

Sound defensive play from second year midfielder Nicole Gibbons (Delta), first year midfielder Kathleen Ehman (Langley) and Meghan Neilson kept the Kermodes at bay. Eagle's goalkeeper Melina Gomez (North Vancouver) made an outstanding save off of a deflected ball from the edge of the penalty to preserve her league leading 6<sup>th</sup> shutout of the season.

The Eagles finished the season in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Group A of the PACWEST soccer standings with a record of 7-0-5.

The Eagles will next play on Friday October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in Kelowna against Vancouver Island University in the quarterfinals of the 2011 Soccer Provincial Championships.

Complete games results can be found at [www.kwantlen.ca/eagles](http://www.kwantlen.ca/eagles)

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