

Eagles Manage a Split Against the Royals



Eagles Assistant Coach Joan McEachern & Marissa Dionne
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METRO VANCOUVER, BC – (October 12, 2011) The Kwantlen Polytechnic University Varsity women's soccer team faced their cross river rivals, the Douglas College Royals, in a home and home series this past weekend that saw each home team come out with a victory.

The Eagles kicked off the weekend's games honouring 5th year midfielder, Marissa Dionne's (North Delta) final home game for the Eagles. Dionne joined the Eagles in 2007 and has played an integral role in the contributing to the Eagles' Provincial Bronze (2008), Provincial Gold (2009), National Bronze (2009) and Provincial Gold (2010) Championship finishes.

Despite starting slowly, the Eagles took a 1-0 lead into half when 3rd year forward Shanay Sangha (Richmond) opened the scoring in the 21st minute of the match.

The second half of the match was a much different story. A couple of key substitutions for the Eagles were able to bring a lot of energy to the pitch which translated into a much better effort. Second year Forward Dominique Lang (Langley) opened the flood gates netting a goal in the 50th minute. The women continued to press forward scoring four more times including two more goals from Shanay Sangha who finished with a hat trick. Goals by rookie midfielder Jenessa Moore (Vernon) and second year forward Kathleen Gratz (Surrey) rounded out a much deserved 6-0 victory.

Sunday's rematch in Coquitlam started off much better for the Eagles. The women came out much more determined than the previous match and managed to score an early goal when Shanay Sangha placed a shot past the Douglas keeper in the 5th minute of the match. Unfortunately the Eagles were unable to keep their early momentum as Douglas scored two late goals to edge out a tough fought 2-1 victory.

The play of forward Shanay Sangha caught the eye of the Eagles coaching staff this weekend. Shanay scored four goals over the course of the two matches, edging her up to 1st place on the leaderboard in scoring in the PAC WEST. Commenting on her performance, head coach Gordon Smith said that Shanay "has shown great effort and leadership in training this season which has translated well on the pitch. Not only is Shanay scoring timely goals for the club, but she is becoming a real leader on and off the pitch."

The Eagles currently sit in 3rd place in Group A with a 5-0-4 record.

The Eagles travel to Prince George this Saturday to play the University of Northern British Columbia Timberwolves. Kick-off is at 1pm.