

The Eagles Dominate in Home Opener Weekend



METRO VANCOUVER, BC – (November 28, 2011) – The Kwantlen Polytechnic University Eagles basketball teams played host to Columbia Bible College (CBC) at their season home opener on Friday, November 25th rallying to victorious wins against the Bearcats. On Saturday, November 26th, the Eagles visited Douglas College where the Eagles split the games with the Women defeating the Royals and the Men suffering their fourth loss of the season.

In front of a solid crowd of family and KPU students, the Eagles welcomed the Bearcats for their season opener. The Eagle Women took the court first and quickly increased their lead in the first quarter which was never relinquished throughout the game. The Eagles made 21 of 47 three-pointers with second-year guard, Anna Work (Everett, WA), leading the team hitting 37 points, 7 rebounds, and 7 assists on their way to a commanding 119 – 52 win over the Bearcats. Early in the fourth quarter, third-year guard, Erin Vekic (Port Coquitlam), shot a three-pointer that took Eagles over the 100 point plateau. This marks the first time in KPU Eagles history that the women’s basketball team tallied a score above 100 points in a single game.

The Eagles Men’s team would have a very close game against the Bearcats for their home opener. A fast-paced game, the Eagles narrowly held onto the lead and only widening the gap at the end of the fourth quarter to a 94 – 82 victory. Freshman point guard, Aaron Ram (Surrey), led the team with 21 points followed closely by veteran center, Ali Bosir (Surrey) with 18 points and 18 rebounds. Recent PACWEST “Athlete of the Week”, AJ Adusei (North Delta) also added to the win with a strong showing of 17 points and 7 assists. The highlight for the home crowd was a huge dunk by Ali Bosir over two Bearcats opponents in the third quarter.

The second game of the weekend saw the Eagles visiting the Douglas College Royals on Saturday, November 26th. The Eagle Women’s team had a difficult game against the Royals. Never leading during the game until the final seconds of the fourth quarter, the Eagles rallied hard and played as a team to overcome their opponents in a very close 50 – 48 victory. A foul on Douglas College in the Eagle’s end of the court in the final 18 seconds of the game gave center Samantha (Sam) McPhail (Vancouver) the opportunity needed to hit both free throws to tie giving the team the push to pull ahead and claim the victory. McPhail also had 9 points and 10 rebounds throughout the close contest. The two wins for the Eagle Women places them in a 3 -3 standing in the PACWEST league.

The Eagles Men’s team was defeated by the Douglas College Royals in Saturday’s game 96 - 88. A close game, the Eagles attacked the rim strongly but were unable to capitalize on the fouls with 10 missed free throws. Aaron Ram (Surrey) continued his weekend of terror by adding another 25 points during the game. Second-year point guard, AJ Adusei (North Delta) led the team with 26 points while third-year

center, Ali Bosir (Surrey) had another double-double with 10 points and 13 rebounds. After Week 3, the Eagles Men’s team sits at a 2 – 4 record.

The Eagles will play their next games before the holiday break Thursday, December 1st at Langara College. The women take the court at 6 PM and the men take to the court at 8 PM.

Complete game results can be found at: www.kwantlen.ca/eagles

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