

Eagles Victorious in Must-Win Weekend



METRO VANCOUVER, BC – (February 6, 2012) – As the PACWEST Basketball season enters the home stretch, both Kwantlen Polytechnic University Men's and Women's Eagles teams found themselves in must-win situations in the qualification race for Provincial Championships and capitalizing on that motivation to a string of victories.

The Eagles reigned victorious over the visiting Douglas College Royals on Friday, February 3rd as the Women's team led the charge to a 68 – 53 win, ending their five-game losing streak. Paving the way for the first win after returning from the break was second-year center, Samantha McPhail (Vancouver) with 17 points and 12 rebounds and going 5 for 6 (83%) from the free throw line. Second-year guard, Anna Work (Everett, WA) came back to the stats list with double-digit points on the board (14) and shooting 100% (5 for 5) at the free throw

line as did first-year guard, Jessica Villadiego (Surrey), tallying 12 points while pressuring the Royals' guard. The Women's Eagles led in total points throughout every quarter and, as a team, shot an impressive 80% from the free throw line.

Continuing their weekend of dominance, the Women's Eagles traveled to Columbia Bible College on Saturday, February 4th for a show-down with the Bearcats. First-year guard, Cassandra Micona (Mission), led the Eagles with 18 points on their way to a commanding 83 – 43 victory. Adding to this point differential, and following closely with double-digits, was first-year guard, Brittney Church (Langley), with 17 points and going 5 for 11 from the free throw line. "Offensively, we have started to get better scoring chances as was seen in our game against Douglas College", stated Head Coach Dan Nayebyzadeh. "We also did a good job of this against CBC, shooting 13 for 13 from the free throw line. [If we] continue to take good shots and get the high percentages, we will continue to have this type of success."

After Week 8, both the Eagles Women and Men have taken sole possession of 6th place in the PACWEST standings. The Eagles will host the Langara College Falcons on Thursday, February 9th heading into the final two games of the regular season with tip-off for the Women at 6:00pm and for the Men at 8:00pm.

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

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