

Yngreso Commands Court against Top Ranked Team



METRO VANCOUVER, BC (January 14th, 2013) – The Women's Eagles played host to two of the PACWEST's top teams proving to be a formidable force against both despite splitting the weekend's games. The first placed Capilano Blues (8-1) visited the Eagles (5-4) on Friday, January 11th for a close match-up and, sharing third place in the standings, the Quest Kermodes (5-4) were handed a defeat on Saturday, January 12th.

Facing off against the Capilano Blues the Eagles came out flat on home court, giving the Blues a chance to capitalize on a number of free throws, putting them ahead of the Eagles at the half by ten points (47 – 37). In a second half that was littered with free throws in the Blues favour, it was second-year guard, Jeannine Yngreso (Surrey), who picked up the momentum and kept the Eagles in the game with a monstrous tally of 20 points [18 points coming from three-point territory]. Despite both teams racking up 40 points equally in the second half, it was the ten-point differential from the first half that would seal the deal and hand the Eagles a loss of 77 – 87. Three Eagles saw double digits against the Blues with Yngreso leading the pack with a total of 22 points, 2 rebounds and 2 assists, including making 6 three-pointers in 8 attempts (75%). Fellow

second-year guard, Jessica Villadiego (Surrey), put up 19 points with 6 assists and 4 steals as well as 7 rebounds. Veteran third-year centre, Samantha McPhail (Vancouver), added 19 total points (5 of 7 free throws), 2 steals and 2 assists, and 6 rebounds.

"We had a slow start which saw us get down big early. From there on it was just tough to claw back", said Head Coach, Dan Nayebyzadeh, of the loss. "At times, we played well. [W]e executed and got to the free throw line. [However], defensively, we cannot let the other team hit as many 3's and take as many free throws as what happened in this game."

On Saturday, the Quest Kermodes visited Kwantlen in a battle of third-ranked teams in the PACWEST Conference. It was déjà vu as the Eagles found themselves trailing at the half by ten points again in a 32 – 42 game which included the largest lead of 13 points in favor of the Kermodes. Avoiding a repeat of the night before, the Eagles rallied hard in the second half posting an impressive 46 points in a heavily weighted fourth quarter and doubling Quest's 23 points to go on to a 78 – 65 victory. First-year forward, Sara Kurath (Abbotsford), had an impressive second half to total 16 points (12 points in the second half) along with her 6 rebounds, 2 steals, and 1 block. McPhail put 17 points on the score board and collected 9 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal and 2 big blocks during thirty-three minutes of play. Villadiego rounded out the Eagles' double digits with 15 points, 3 rebounds, 5 assists, 5 steals, and another Eagle block.

Stated Coach Nayebyzadeh, "I thought the girls competed pretty hard and we were resilient to come back from a 13 [point deficit] and have a great fourth quarter (25 – 8) to get the win. It was a team effort and the girls worked hard enough to deserve the win."

The Women's Eagles hang on to a three-way tie for 3rd place in the PACWEST standings with 6W and 5L after Week #7. The Eagles will be on the road for the next set of games visiting the Langara Falcons on Friday, January 18th and the Douglas College Royals on Saturday, January 19th. Both games tip off at 6:00pm.