

Eagles Basketball Looks Forward to PACWEST Season

METRO VANCOUVER, BC (November 1st, 2012) – The 2012-13 PACWEST Basketball season is set to begin this weekend for the Eagles who will be facing the Columbia Bible College (CBC) Bearcats on Friday, November 2nd in Abbotsford at CBC.



During the 2011-2012 season, the Women's Eagles went 6W-10L in regular league play and made it through to the first round of the PACWEST Provincial Championships against Capilano University. The Eagles will look for leadership from the six returning athletes including second-year guard and 2011-2012 PACWEST All-Rookie Team Member, Jessica Villadiego (Surrey) who led the team in minutes per game last season, along with third-year post Samantha McPhail (Vancouver). A solid defender for the Eagles, McPhail finished ninth in the PACWEST in rebounding in 2011 (8 rpg) and averaged double-doubles in points and rebounds. Second-year Head Coach Dan Nayebyzadeh and third-year Assistant Coach Emily Wright are excited to add depth to the squad this year with six rookies and one transfer. Key recruits include forwards, Laura Geissert (Germany), Amber-Lee Kavanagh (Langley), and Sara Kurath (Abbotsford) as well as guard Haeley Williams (Maple Ridge),

who are expected to contribute greatly to the success of the Eagles this year.

In the eight-team league, the Men's Eagles are starting to make their mark and become a force of power. Returning as head coach, Stefon Wilson and Assistant Coach Jason Price welcome back five returning players from the 2011-2012 season, which saw the Eagles finish with a (6W-10L) season. Leading and captaining the team with the most Eagles' experience is fourth-year centre Ali Bosir (Surrey), who placed eighth in the PACWEST in rebounds (7.13 rpg) through the 2011-2012 season. Guard Chris Arcangel (Toronto) also rejoins the Eagles in his second year. The Men's Team is looking to their new recruits to increase the tempo of the team to create more possessions and scoring opportunities. The additions such as second-year guard and forward Nii-Nortey Engmann (Surrey) coming from Trinity Western University along with first-year guard and 2012 Delview graduate Aleksander Mihajilovic (Delta) will round out the team and help in the Eagles pursuit of a successful season.



In addition to starting the league's season this Friday, the Men's Eagles will play host to the North West Indian College (NWIC) from the NWAC conference in an exhibition game at the Surrey campus Gymnasium on Saturday, November 3rd at 5:00pm while the Women's Eagles travel to Whatcom Community College (Bellingham, WA) for an exhibition game on Sunday, November 4th.

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

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