

Island Rivals Victorious over Eagles in Home Weekend Games



METRO VANCOUVER, BC – (January 23, 2012) – In the first of a long stretch of home games for the Eagles, Kwantlen Polytechnic University played host to, and battled hard against, both their Vancouver Island rivals in the PACWEST Conference with games against the VIU Mariners on Friday, January 20th and the Camosun College Chargers on Saturday, January 21st.

The Men's Eagles fought hard against the VIU Mariners and were down 36 - 38 at the half in a very closely contested game. The third quarter continued this trend as the Eagles were only down by 5 points, however, the Mariners increased their lead in the fourth with a number of free throws to finish the game with an 84 – 72 win over the Eagles. The Eagles rallied hard and had four athletes in double digit scoring throughout the match. Second-year guard, Mark Mitchell (Toronto, ON) led with 16 points; first-year guard, Aaron Ram (Surrey) followed closely with 15 points; third-year forward,

Varinder Singh (Delta), had 12 points; and first-year point guard, Chris Arcangel (Toronto, ON), rounded out the team with 11 points. Singh also led the team with 10 assists and 5 rebounds.

On Saturday, January 21st, the Eagles welcomed the Camosun College Chargers for another hotly contested match. With a slow start, the Eagles rallied back to lead the Chargers 29 – 28 going into the half. Despite a strong third quarter, the Eagles faltered in the fourth allowing the Chargers to take the lead with the aid of 14 opportunities at the free throw line to win the game 77 – 66. The Eagles saw two athletes in double digits with Chris Arcangel (Toronto, ON) leading with 14 points and Varinder Singh (Delta) following with another 12 points. Singh led in team assists again with 4 while teammate Mark Mitchell (Toronto, ON) led the team in rebounds with a total of 7.

Despite the losses, the Eagles Men played hard and close matches against two of the top teams in the PACWEST conference. VIU is currently leading in 1st place with Camosun in 3rd after Week 6 action. Of the games, Head Coach Stefon Wilson was positive and direct with what the Eagles need to focus on stating, "We played very well for the first three quarters of both games. We have to do a better job of closing out games. VIU scored 25 points in the 4th and Camosun scored 28 points. Camosun only scored 28 points in the entire first half of the game. This clearly shows how important it is to finish games."

The Eagles continue their hosting responsibilities playing Quest College on Friday, January 27th and against Capilano University on Saturday, January 28th. Both games will see tip-offs for the Women at 6:00pm and for the Men at 8:00pm.

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