

Friday the 13th Games Prove to be Unlucky for Eagles

METRO VANCOUVER, BC – (January 16, 2012) – The Kwantlen Polytechnic University Eagles basketball teams began the second half of their season with a long road trip to Prince George for their contest against the University of Northern BC (UNBC) Timberwolves on January 13th.

The Women's Eagles had a tough game against the Timberwolves who are currently in the top spot in the PACWEST conference. Losing the match 43 – 92, the Eagles never really controlled the game but still had some strong performances. First-year guard Brittney Church (Langley) hit three three-pointers in the first half and led the team with 11 points while second-year forward, Carrie Snaychuk (Kelowna), led the team with 6 rebounds. Although not reflected in the score, the Eagles defense played well with guard Jessica Villadiego (Surrey) and center Samantha McPhail (Vancouver) leading the charge. "Although Jess and Sam played well, we need to work on transition defense," stated Assistant Coach, Emily Wright. "We didn't get many shots up and had difficulty defending some of the Timberwolves in the paint."

The Men's Eagles started out strong against the 2nd place Timberwolves and amidst a loud local crowd but began to fall behind in the second quarter, eventually losing the match 56 – 92. Despite the point differential, the Eagles had three players in double digit points led by second-year guard, Mark Mitchell (Toronto, ON), with 21 points and 3 assists. Fellow Ontarian and first-year point guard, Chris Arcangel (Toronto), followed with 10 points as did third-year forward, Varinder Singh (Delta). The deciding factor in the game showed when the Eagles were out rebounded 28 – 50 (56%) by the Timberwolves. "The game got away from us in the second quarter and we never recovered," said Head Coach Stefon Wilson. "UNBC shot the ball well from the field and we shot the ball poorly. We were out rebounded [so] we must be tougher on the glass in future games."

The Eagles are preparing to host a stretch of home games beginning this weekend with games against the island universities. Vancouver Island University visits Kwantlen on Friday, January 20th at 6:00pm while the Camosun College Chargers take to the court on Saturday, January 21st with a 1:00pm tip-off. All games are hosted at the Kwantlen – Surrey Campus Gym.

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

Kwantlen Polytechnic University has been serving the Metro Vancouver region for 30 years, and has opened doors to success for more than 200,000 people. Four campuses—Richmond, Surrey, Cloverdale and Langley—offer a comprehensive range of sought-after programs, including business, liberal arts and science, design, health, trades and technology, apprenticeships, horticulture, and academic and career advancement. Over 17,000 students annually have a choice from over 135 programs, including bachelor's degrees, associate degrees, diplomas, certificates and citations.

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