

## Eagles Dominate in Home Opener Weekend



**METRO VANCOUVER, BC – (November 28, 2011)** – The Kwantlen Polytechnic University Eagles Women's basketball team played host to Columbia Bible College (CBC) at their season home opener on Friday, November 25th and rallied to a victorious win against the Bearcats.

In front of a solid crowd of family and KPU students, the Eagles took to the court first and quickly increased their lead in the first quarter which they never surrendered throughout the game. The Eagles made 21 of 47 three-pointers with second-year guard, Anna Work (Everett, WA), leading the team hitting 37 points, 7 rebounds, and 7 assists on their way to a commanding 119 – 52 win over the Bearcats. “ The girls came out strong. They were prepared and ready and played well as a team”, stated Head Coach, Dan Nayebzadeh, commenting on the commanding victory.

Early in the fourth quarter, third-year guard, Erin Vekic (Port Coquitlam), shot a three-pointer that took the Eagles over the 100 point plateau. This marks the first time in KPU Eagles history that the women's basketball team tallied a score above 100 points in a single game and is the second highest score in PACWEST Women's Basketball history.

The Eagle women had a difficult second game of the weekend against the Douglas College Royals on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> compared to their strong win on Friday. Never leading during the game until the final seven seconds of the fourth quarter, the Eagles rallied hard and played as a team to overcome the Royals in a tight 50 – 48 victory. A foul on Douglas College in the Eagles' end of the court in the final eighteen seconds of the game gave center Samantha (Sam) McPhail (Vancouver) the opportunity needed to hit both free throws to tie the game giving the Eagles the push to pull ahead and claim the victory in the dying seconds of the game. McPhail also had 9 points and 10 rebounds throughout the close contest. The two wins for the Eagle women places them in a 3 -3 standing in the PACWEST league.

Dan Nayebzadeh recounted the nail biting game, stating “[The girls] never gave up and played as a team throughout showing lots of character. It was a good effort for the team.”

The Eagles will play their next games before the long holiday break Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at Langara College taking to the court for a 6PM start.

Complete game results can be found at: [www.kwantlen.ca/eagles](http://www.kwantlen.ca/eagles)