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## '11 - '12 Eagles Women's Basketball Preview



**Left to Right: Anna Work, Brittney Church, Sam van den Boogard, and Christina Brown (Front)**

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As the Kwantlen Polytechnic University women's basketball team gets reacquainted on court as a fairly new team returns following a 4-14 year last season. Seasoned new coach Dan Nayebzadeh added back onto the roster last season's prime players but focused on building ground up, and going to back to the essentials – the players.

"It's a large recruiting class because we felt we had to make some changes to create a new culture and a winning environment," said Nayebzadeh.

Seven new players have started the pre-season alongside previously signed athletes [Anna Work](#), [Brittney Church](#), as well as sophomores [Oxana Senyuk](#) and [Samantha McPhail](#).

The fairly newborn roster spent the summer working on building chemistry and raising morale. And it's worked, said the team's assistant coach Emily Wright. In the four games played in the pre-season thus far the group has nabbed three wins.

"We've seen progresses and improvements," Wright said. "The team is starting to really gel and

the way they play together is better on daily basis.”

New bells and whistles in place, the team is to open the season against the Camosun Chargers Nov. 11 with their first home game on Nov. 25 against Columbia Bible College’s Bearcats.

“The group this year is all about process and getting to the final goal of reaching our full potential,” said Wright. “I would say we have a great group of hard-working girls.”

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