

Kwantlen Eagles Soar to Victory Against the UNBC Timberwolves



METRO VANCOUVER, BC – (October 3, 2011) – Sporting pink in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Kwantlen Polytechnic University Eagles soccer teams battled the University of Northern British Columbia Timberwolves Saturday, October 1. The result was a 6-0 win for the Eagles women's team and a tough fought 3-2 loss for the Eagles men's team.

Fresh off their announcement of being accepted into the Canada West conference of the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS), the UNBC Timberwolves women's team came out with a lot of intensity and were able to hold the Eagles to only one goal in the first. While the Eagles struggled to find their rhythm in the first half, a couple of half-time substitutes were able to bring new life to the team. Offensively, third year forward Shanay Sangha (Richmond) and second year midfielder Yva Rodriguez (Port Coquitlam) paced the Eagles with 2 goals each, Rodriguez netting her second on a well-placed header.

Other goals came from rookie Kathleen Ehman (Langley), who got the decisive touch at the near post after strong run and driven cross from Dominique Lang. Rounding out the scoring was another rookie Chelsey Lal (Delta). She calmly tucked the ball away in off the far post after a nifty run with the ball. This was Chelsea's first ever goal in the PACWEST and came after a few close calls in previous games.

Head Coach Gord Smith was quick to give credit to the back line and second-year goalkeeper Melina Gomez (North Vancouver) who together combined for their third shutout in the past four games.

The Eagles men's team did not fare as well losing a tough 3-2 loss. The Eagles started off the match quickly by netting two goals in the first half, but were unable to hold onto the lead, falling 3-2 to the hard charging Timberwolves. The Eagles goals were scored by first-year forward Marcos Teodoro Da Silva (Burnaby) and second-year midfielder Connor Sheepwash (Surrey).

The Eagles next play a home and home series against the rival Douglas College Royals this weekend. The Eagles will host the Royals on Saturday October 9 at Newton Athletic Park, and will then travel across the Port Mann Bridge for a Sunday rematch in Coquitlam (Charles Best Secondary School). The women play at 12:00 pm and the men play at 2:00 pm both days.

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