

Eagles Battle Cross River Rivals Douglas College Royals



Connor Sheepwash
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METRO VANCOUVER, BC – (October 11, 2011) The Kwantlen Polytechnic University Varsity men's soccer team faced their cross river rivals the Douglas College Royals in a home and away series this weekend.

When the Eagles (0-3-4) took the field at Newton Athletic Park on Saturday, they knew they were in for a challenge. The Royals are currently ranked 7th in the CCAA national rankings and are perched on top of the PAC WEST standings with a (5-1-1) record. A slow start to the match resulted in two quick goals from penalties which allowed the Royals to take a quick 2-0 lead. After trailing 3-0 at half, second year forward Jacob Starheim (Delta) scored in the 54th minute to pull the Eagles within two goals, however that would be as close as the Eagles would get with the final score, 7-1.

Sunday proved to be a much different effort for the Eagles, coming out with a relaxed and focused mindset. For most of the match the play was evenly split between the two sides. The match score was held tightly at 2-1 until the 75th minute when the Royals managed to take control of the match and scored three quick strikes to finish off with a 5-1 victory. Key players for the Eagles over the weekend were second year midfielder Connor Sheepwash (Surrey) and third year midfielder/forward Justin Sidhu (New Westminster).

“Regardless of Douglas’ status in the league, the team responded in a positive and aggressive manner in both games, said head coach Ajit Braich. “We hope to carry the effort through for the last three games of the season.”

The Eagles travel to Prince George this Saturday to play the University of Northern British Columbia Timberwolves. Kick-off is at 3pm.