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## Eagles Badminton Coach Earns Second Coach of the Year Award



(Surrey, BC) – Kwantlen Eagles badminton head coach, Dave Cruthers garnered another prestigious award for the University as he was presented with the British Columbia Colleges' Athletic Association (BCCAA) Coach of the Year award for 2008-2009. This is the second time in three years that Cruthers has been named BCCAA Coach of the Year.

This season was an outstanding year for Cruthers who guided the Eagles team to win consecutive BCCAA silver medals and four individual medals (one silver and three bronze medals); the best result in the program's five-year history. "It's always great when you can improve from one year to the next" said head coach Dave Cruthers. "Winning our first medal [last year] was great but winning four this year, it definitely shows that we are on the right track."

Cruthers was able to compile a squad that mixed several key rookies with an established group of veterans. "It has always been my goal to build this program into a perennial contender" commented Cruthers. "Last year proved that we had the foundation to compete in the BCCAA [earning a BCCAA silver medal] but with the additions of Peter [Huang] and Willis [Kwee], we have now taken the next step into building an elite program."

"Dave is extremely passionate about badminton, and in only a short period of time, has demonstrated his ability to recruit and develop a competitive university-level team," said Elise Le Brun, Director of Athletics and Recreation. "We're very proud of his accomplishment and the team's overall performance this year."

The Eagles have now garnered a total three BCCAA Coach of the Year award winners including Dave Cruthers (2008-2009 & 2006-2007) and Bernie Love, men's basketball in (2002-2003).