

# HUSKIE HOOPS

A Newsletter for the Alumni, Fans, Families, and Friends of the Men's Basketball Team

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## Only About 147 Sleeps Until Next Season!!!

Welcome Huskie Alumni Fans and Supporters to the Post-Season edition of HUSKIE HOOPS for the 1999-2000 season.

## THE REBUILDING OF THE PROGRAM-A TEAM EFFORT!

Many people have assisted in the resurgence of Huskie Basketball in Saskatchewan. The process to rebuild the program has been both rewarding and difficult. Thanks goes out to **Wac** for the time he spends away from his 4 kids to help the program .....to **Ricker** and **Matty** for their efforts in running a successful basketball tournament.....to **Turtle** for being involved in everything.....to **Stats** for his number crunching abilities.....to **Hum and Dip** for running the annual golf tournament.....to the high school coaches who helped out at Huskie Hoopfest this year (**Kory Dawe, Kevin Greiman, Barclay Patterson, Scott Ferguson, Brad Schoenfeld and Rob Blais**).....To **Weenk** for coaching and keepin the boys concentrating on the books....to **Jonsey** for coaching and having to take two recruiting trips to the west coast in March (someone's got to do it)..... to **Cle and his wife, Connie and his wife, Big Homer, Marty Leier, Pam and Todd Morrell, Murray Matheson and Doug Forsyth** for their \$\$\$\$ contributions this season..... Thanks also to the **Mirwald Scholarship donators** who helped a very thankful Seth Lang this year.....lastly thanks to everyone who has helped the Huskie Program in any way even if it has been to just attend games ♦

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## HUSKIE PUP TOPS CIAU

(Star Phoenix) - Thursday March 15, 2000, James Kenyon did what no other Saskatchewan Huskies men's basketball player has ever accomplished - win a major national athletic award. Kenyon was named the Canadian Inter-university Athletic Union's rookie of the year at the national awards banquet in Halifax.

"I knew I had a good shot," said Kenyon, a 6'5" guard from Langley, B.C. "But I wasn't too sure about the guys from the other conferences."

Kenyon averaged 17 ppg to lead the Huskies, and all rookies in the CIAU.

"It wasn't completely unexpected," said Huskie head coach Greg Jockims of Kenyon getting the nod.

Kenyon was one of the main reasons the dogs were able to generate nine more wins than the previous year and make the play-offs.

"It helped that our team improved in the won-loss column," said Jockims. "And it helps get us national exposure and a profile in other areas of the country."

In the first half of the season, Kenyon was explosive from the perimeter, draining three-pointers like they were free throws. In the second half, teams knew what he could do and started to shadow his every move.

"I had a bit of a slump in the middle of the season, but the coach told me that's usual with first-year guys," said Kenyon.

"They played a lot closer to me in the second half so I started to go to the hoop a lot more. And I had to make sure we ran our offence well to get good shots."

His only regret is the team getting knocked out of the playoffs in the first round. "I would have liked to go a little further in the playoffs," he said. "But I'm, really looking forward to next year."

Kenyon will divide his summer between Langley and Saskatoon.

"I'll be back here to do some camps," he said.

"At home I'll get a part-time job, but nothing too heavy, so I can play ♦



## CIAU BASKETBALL STANDINGS

| AUAA Baldwin | G  | W  | L  | F    | A    | P  |
|--------------|----|----|----|------|------|----|
| StFX         | 20 | 16 | 4  | 1690 | 1476 | 32 |
| Saint Mary's | 20 | 15 | 5  | 1504 | 1352 | 30 |
| Memorial     | 20 | 8  | 12 | 1575 | 1634 | 16 |
| Dalhousie    | 20 | 5  | 15 | 1424 | 1642 | 10 |
| AUAA Nelson  | G  | W  | L  | F    | A    | P  |
| UNB          | 20 | 13 | 7  | 1506 | 1466 | 26 |
| Acadia       | 20 | 12 | 8  | 1475 | 1364 | 24 |
| UCCB         | 20 | 9  | 11 | 1543 | 1562 | 18 |
| UPEI         | 20 | 2  | 18 | 1387 | 1608 | 4  |
| QUEBEC       | G  | W  | L  | F    | A    | P  |
| Concordia    | 20 | 13 | 7  | 1576 | 1540 | 26 |
| Bishop's     | 20 | 8  | 12 | 1424 | 1427 | 16 |
| McGill       | 20 | 7  | 13 | 1383 | 1425 | 14 |
| Laval        | 20 | 7  | 13 | 1457 | 1546 | 14 |
| ONTARIO East | G  | W  | L  | F    | A    | P  |
| Ryerson      | 20 | 17 | 3  | 1671 | 1474 | 34 |
| Laurentian   | 20 | 16 | 4  | 1599 | 1408 | 32 |
| Carleton     | 20 | 11 | 9  | 1321 | 1357 | 22 |
| Queen's      | 20 | 10 | 10 | 1360 | 1323 | 20 |
| York         | 20 | 10 | 10 | 1423 | 1416 | 20 |
| Toronto      | 20 | 6  | 14 | 1516 | 1593 | 12 |
| Ottawa       | 20 | 5  | 15 | 1344 | 1565 | 10 |
| ONTARIO West | G  | W  | L  | F    | A    | P  |
| Western      | 14 | 13 | 1  | 1177 | 952  | 26 |
| McMaster     | 14 | 12 | 2  | 1156 | 970  | 24 |
| Brock        | 14 | 8  | 6  | 1006 | 1000 | 16 |
| Guelph       | 14 | 7  | 7  | 982  | 938  | 14 |
| Lakehead     | 14 | 5  | 9  | 1007 | 1012 | 10 |
| Waterloo     | 14 | 4  | 10 | 885  | 972  | 8  |
| Windsor      | 14 | 4  | 10 | 981  | 1118 | 8  |
| Laurier      | 14 | 3  | 11 | 813  | 1045 | 6  |
| GREAT PLAINS | G  | W  | L  | F    | A    | P  |
| Brandon      | 20 | 11 | 9  | 1497 | 1467 | 22 |
| Manitoba     | 20 | 9  | 11 | 1405 | 1437 | 18 |
| Winnipeg     | 20 | 9  | 11 | 1455 | 1544 | 18 |
| Regina       | 20 | 4  | 16 | 1503 | 1739 | 8  |
| CANADA WEST  | G  | W  | L  | F    | A    | P  |
| Lethbridge   | 20 | 18 | 2  | 1702 | 1411 | 36 |
| Alberta      | 20 | 15 | 5  | 1686 | 1422 | 30 |
| UBC          | 20 | 12 | 8  | 1484 | 1476 | 24 |
| Victoria     | 20 | 11 | 9  | 1419 | 1381 | 22 |
| Saskatchewan | 20 | 10 | 10 | 1530 | 1547 | 20 |
| Calgary      | 20 | 7  | 13 | 1312 | 1396 | 14 |
| TWU          | 20 | 4  | 16 | 1383 | 1556 | 8  |

### FINAL 8 in HALIFAX

#### Friday March 17

Lethbridge 90 Concordia 77

St. F.X. 82 McMaster 79

Western 90 Laurentian 78

Brandon 73 Alberta 57

#### Saturday March 18

St. F.X. 80 Lethbridge 75 - Semi-Final

Brandon 61 Western 58 - Semi-Final

McMaster 93 Concordia 77

Alberta 78 Laurentian 65

#### Sunday March 19

Alberta 68 McMaster 57 - Consolation Final

St. F.X. 61 Brandon 60 - National Championship Game ♦

## RPI - FINAL

The RPI is a calculated ranking, an estimate of the relative power of all the teams in a league, like CIAU Men's Basketball. The software is quite complex, but the math is simple. Simply stated, the RPI Value is a total of:  
 25% of a teams' winning %  
 50% of their opponents' winning % against other teams  
 25% of their opponents' opponents' winning %

| Mens CHEERS RPI 2000 |                           |    |    |       |       |       |
|----------------------|---------------------------|----|----|-------|-------|-------|
|                      | Name                      | W  | L  | Pct   | Sched | RPI   |
| 1                    | <a href="#">Leth.</a>     | 27 | 4  | 0.871 | 0.534 | 0.604 |
| 2                    | <a href="#">McMaster</a>  | 22 | 5  | 0.815 | 0.534 | 0.592 |
| 3                    | <a href="#">Alberta</a>   | 24 | 7  | 0.774 | 0.555 | 0.592 |
| 4                    | <a href="#">Western</a>   | 26 | 2  | 0.929 | 0.452 | 0.578 |
| 5                    | <a href="#">StFX</a>      | 25 | 4  | 0.862 | 0.49  | 0.576 |
| 6                    | <a href="#">Ryerson</a>   | 24 | 5  | 0.828 | 0.484 | 0.567 |
| 7                    | <a href="#">Lauren.</a>   | 23 | 7  | 0.767 | 0.475 | 0.55  |
| 8                    | <a href="#">St Mary's</a> | 25 | 9  | 0.735 | 0.495 | 0.548 |
| 9                    | <a href="#">Victoria</a>  | 15 | 12 | 0.556 | 0.559 | 0.545 |
| 10                   | <a href="#">UBC</a>       | 19 | 14 | 0.576 | 0.523 | 0.533 |
| 11                   | <a href="#">Concordia</a> | 18 | 11 | 0.621 | 0.491 | 0.523 |
| 12                   | <a href="#">UNB</a>       | 17 | 12 | 0.586 | 0.501 | 0.521 |
| 13                   | <a href="#">Brandon</a>   | 21 | 12 | 0.636 | 0.468 | 0.518 |
| 14                   | <a href="#">Acadia</a>    | 18 | 15 | 0.545 | 0.506 | 0.514 |
| 15                   | <a href="#">UCCB</a>      | 13 | 15 | 0.464 | 0.523 | 0.504 |
| 16                   | <a href="#">Sask</a>      | 12 | 13 | 0.48  | 0.506 | 0.504 |
| 17                   | <a href="#">Brock</a>     | 14 | 15 | 0.483 | 0.51  | 0.503 |
| 18                   | <a href="#">Carleton</a>  | 13 | 13 | 0.5   | 0.506 | 0.5   |
| 19                   | <a href="#">Guelph</a>    | 13 | 14 | 0.481 | 0.504 | 0.499 |
| 20                   | <a href="#">Queen's</a>   | 14 | 17 | 0.452 | 0.524 | 0.497 |
| 21                   | <a href="#">Manitoba</a>  | 15 | 19 | 0.441 | 0.507 | 0.494 |
| 22                   | <a href="#">York</a>      | 14 | 16 | 0.467 | 0.489 | 0.486 |
| 23                   | <a href="#">Lakehead</a>  | 8  | 17 | 0.32  | 0.549 | 0.484 |
| 24                   | <a href="#">Winnipeg</a>  | 13 | 19 | 0.406 | 0.494 | 0.48  |
| 25                   | <a href="#">Waterloo</a>  | 11 | 19 | 0.367 | 0.515 | 0.48  |
| 26                   | <a href="#">Memorial</a>  | 10 | 17 | 0.37  | 0.515 | 0.479 |
| 27                   | <a href="#">McGill</a>    | 11 | 21 | 0.344 | 0.522 | 0.472 |
| 28                   | <a href="#">Windsor</a>   | 9  | 14 | 0.391 | 0.487 | 0.471 |
| 29                   | <a href="#">Laurier</a>   | 7  | 19 | 0.269 | 0.537 | 0.465 |
| 30                   | <a href="#">Calgary</a>   | 8  | 17 | 0.32  | 0.502 | 0.464 |
| 31                   | <a href="#">TWU</a>       | 6  | 20 | 0.231 | 0.543 | 0.462 |
| 32                   | <a href="#">Bishop's</a>  | 10 | 14 | 0.417 | 0.446 | 0.453 |
| 33                   | <a href="#">Dalhousie</a> | 8  | 22 | 0.267 | 0.507 | 0.452 |
| 34                   | <a href="#">Laval</a>     | 9  | 16 | 0.36  | 0.47  | 0.451 |
| 35                   | <a href="#">Regina</a>    | 7  | 24 | 0.226 | 0.516 | 0.45  |
| 36                   | <a href="#">Toronto</a>   | 9  | 20 | 0.31  | 0.486 | 0.448 |
| 37                   | <a href="#">UPEI</a>      | 3  | 27 | 0.1   | 0.511 | 0.417 |
| 38                   | <a href="#">Ottawa</a>    | 6  | 20 | 0.231 | 0.461 | 0.416 |

## RECRUITING SEASON IN FULL SWING!

Recruiting is vitally important if you want to have a successful university basketball program. As a result, the Huskie coaching staff is very diligent in this area. So far this season the coaching staff has made scouting trips to Vancouver (twice), Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, North Battleford, Humboldt and of course has visited every Saskatoon high school numerous times.

Recruiting at the University level usually is a 6-stage process:

**Stage 1 – Player Identification** – The coaching staff identifies players who appear to have the potential to play at the university level.

**Stage 2 – Determine Priorities** – Once the identification process has been completed the coaching staff sits down and ranks potential recruits in order of needs and their interest in the U of S.

**Stage 3 - Campus Visits** – Once priorities are determined players are brought in for a Campus visit. During this trip potential recruits get the opportunity to meet with current players and other “key” people.

**Stage 5 - Home Visits** – Often times a home visit is required to meet with parents of potential recruit to answer any questions they might have.

**Stage 6 – Commitments.-** After all five stages are complete the coaching staff hopes for a commitment from the player. If a commitment to attend the U of S is made then the process is over. If no commitment is made then the coaching staff returns to stage 2 and works through the process again ♦

## HUSKIE HOOPFEST 2000

The Huskies Annual Identification Camp called Huskie HoopFest was held on April 15 and 16, 2000. Forty-five players from around western Canada attended the two-day event. Four players came from BC, 6 from Alberta and the rest were from Saskatchewan. The majority of the players were either in grade 12 or attending a Junior College. The remaining players were from grades 9 to 11. The goal of Huskie HoopFest is give potential university players the chance to display their talents in a highly competitive setting. The format of the weekend includes a crash course on Huskie Basketball that includes a discussion of what Huskie Pride means. This is followed by a presentation of what it means to be a Huskie from Coaching Philosophy to player expectations. The players are then divided into teams, some instruction occurs but the majority of time during the four 2-hour sessions is taken up by organized scrimmages. Last season four players who attended the camp went onto successful first seasons with the Huskies. The coaching staff hopes to have a similar result come from the group that attended this year’s HoopFest ♦

## HUSKIES CIAU SEASON

**Season Overall: 12-13**  
**Conf Play : 10-10**  
**vs Own Conf : 6- 9**  
**vs Other Confs: 6- 4**  
**Streak : L2**  
**For : 1897, 75 ppg**

**opp won/loss : 346-338**  
**opp opp W/L :10518-9537**  
**vs plus .500 : 3-10**  
**vs below .500 : 9- 3**  
**Last 10 games : 4- 6**  
**Against : 1932, 77 ppg**

| DATE   | OPPONENT | W- L    | SCORE   | DIF |     |
|--------|----------|---------|---------|-----|-----|
| Feb 19 | Victoria | 15-12 L | 68- 85  | -17 | PL  |
| Feb 18 | Victoria | 15-12 L | 62- 69  | -7  | PL  |
| Feb 12 | Victoria | 15-12 W | 80- 72  | 8   |     |
| Feb 11 | Victoria | 15-12 L | 59- 84  | -25 |     |
| Feb 05 | UBC      | 19-14 L | 63- 79  | -16 |     |
| Feb 04 | UBC      | 19-14 W | 87- 78  | 9   |     |
| Jan 29 | TWU      | 6-20 W  | 76- 67  | 9   |     |
| Jan 28 | TWU      | 6-20 W  | 74- 54  | 20  |     |
| Jan 22 | Winnipeg | 13-19 L | 76- 82  | -6  |     |
| Jan 21 | Winnipeg | 13-19 L | 77- 85  | -8  |     |
| Jan 15 | Manitoba | 15-19 W | 73- 63  | 10  |     |
| Jan 14 | Manitoba | 15-19 W | 79- 67  | 12  |     |
| Nov 27 | Alberta  | 24- 7 L | 75-101  | -26 |     |
| Nov 26 | Alberta  | 24- 7 L | 66-110  | -44 |     |
| Nov 20 | Calgary  | 8-17 W  | 76- 66  | 10  |     |
| Nov 19 | Calgary  | 8-17 W  | 78- 48  | 30  |     |
| Nov 13 | Brandon  | 21-12 W | 70- 68  | 2   |     |
| Nov 12 | Brandon  | 21-12 L | 76- 81  | -5  |     |
| Nov 05 | Regina   | 7-24 W  | 113- 82 | 31  |     |
| Nov 04 | Regina   | 7-24 L  | 93-101  | -8  |     |
| Oct 30 | Leth     | 27- 4 L | 73- 89  | -16 |     |
| Oct 29 | Leth     | 27- 4 L | 66- 70  | -4  |     |
| Oct 23 | Regina   | 7-24 W  | 98- 89  | 9   | NC  |
| Oct 22 | Leth     | 27- 4 L | 67- 81  | -14 | NC  |
| Oct 21 | Lakehead | 8-17 W  | 72- 61  | 11  | NC♦ |

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Huskie Men’s Basketball Foundation will again be running the annual Golf Tournament. This summer the tournament will be held on **August 26th**. Space is limited so get you applications in early.

### SUMMER CAMPS 2000

The Huskies are working towards the 2000 edition of the Summer Basketball Camps. This year four camps are being offered:

Main #1: July 3-7, Ages 12-17, 9am to 4pm daily  
 Main #2: July 10-14, Ages 12-17, 9am to 4pm daily  
 Elite Guard: July 3-7, Ages 13-17, 6pm to 9pm daily  
 Elite Forward: July 10-14, Ages 13-17, 6pm to 9pm daily  
 For more information contact Greg Jockims at 966-6495.

### 3 ON 3 TOURNAMENT

On the weekend of July 8-9 the Huskies again will be teaming up with STARS Basketball to hold our annual 3 on 3 tournament for ages 8 to 80 in the Market Mall parking lot. For more information contact Greg Jockims at 966-6495 ♦

# CLUB BASKETBALL IN ITS INFANCY IN SASKATOON

Club Basketball is a necessity if our great sport is to continue to grow and develop here in Saskatoon and Saskatchewan. This summer the Huskie coaching staff has worked diligently to begin the formation of the Saskatoon Selects. The Selects Club is being formed to provide players who want to excel in the sport of basketball with the opportunity to do so. In the first season the Selects will attempt to run one boy's team this summer with the goal of adding another boys team and two girls teams in the next couple of years.. This summer the boys' team will be made up from selected players from Saskatoon and surrounding areas who are in the grades of 10 to 12.

The Selects Program will be developmental, including skill training, exhibition games, and tournament participation in Western Canada and the U.S. The goal of the Selects Club is to provide senior high school players with the opportunity to participate on spring and summer touring teams between May and July. Through total dedication and working relationships with the **University of Saskatchewan's Basketball Program** the Selects Program wants to provide development opportunities to approximately fifteen boys

The goals and objectives of this program are to:

- Deliver a new team who will be very competitive and who will potentially become seasoned prospects for Canadian universities and who will achieve athletic, emotional and maturation objectives established by the organizing committee.
- Demonstrate how dedication, commitment, focused enthusiasm and belief in today's youth can lead to quality performance and the shaping of tomorrow's leaders.

The Selects program includes:

- Specialized coaching & practice sessions.
- Advanced skill development.
- Plyometric and weight training.
- Sport psychology and nutrition instruction
- Extensive physical training.

## Tentative Tournament & Activity Schedule

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| <b>May 1 – 24</b>   | Practice –2 to 3/Week, TBA                     |
| <b>May 26 – 28</b>  | Twin Cities Shoot-out, Minneapolis, USA        |
| <b>July 10 – 20</b> | Practice – 2 to 3?/Week, TBA                   |
| <b>July 15 – 18</b> | Las Vegas Tournament                           |
| <b>July 29 – 31</b> | Hoops International Tournament<br>Edmonton, AB |

A Minimum of 13-15 High Caliber Games as well as a minimum of 15 - 20 Practices

Please contact Greg Jockims at 966 – 6495 if you at all interested in this new venture and would like to get involved at the ground level. It is a goal that this organization becomes autonomous from Huskie Basketball. It is also hoped that this team will generate the formation of similar clubs in Saskatoon and Saskatchewan ♦

# COACHES CORNER

Build a High School Off-Season Program. By

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Coaches need to organize an off-season program for players. It needs to be comprehensive, thoroughly thought out and balanced. There are many components to the off-season plan, and here are some possibilities.

## Shooting Program

The shooting program should begin in April or May and continue into the fall. All shooting should be done in the morning before school or summer camps. Our program is the 20,000 shot club. It is a program designed for two players, both of whom shoot 200 times a day during a 45-minute workout. The ultimate goal is to shoot the ball 20,000 times in the summer. Players receive a plaque for reaching this goal.

## Weight-Lifting Program

Your weight-lifting program begins in late April or early May. The lifting program begins with a two-day-per-week schedule. It gradually increases so your players can ease into preparation. Once the summer months arrive, have your players lift three days per week to increase the amount of repetitions and weight.

## High School Camp

Your high school camp is an opportunity for players to improve individual skills and understand team concepts. The camp is set up at the beginning of the summer and gets players in the correct frame of mind that will carry them throughout the next several months.

## Summer Leagues, Tournaments

The majority of your players should participate in summer leagues and tournaments. Participation gives players plenty of playing time and a chance to identify the areas they and the team need to work on. Arrange the best competition possible to challenge your players. Still, keep things simple during the games. Don't run multiple offenses or defense. Choose your team's key offense and defense and have your players run them in the summer. Let the players coach themselves to build leadership skills.

## Skill Development

Skill development is the most important and final element of your off-season program. One important part of skill development is the shooting program. Other aspects are: ball-handling drills, stationary moves, shots on the move, footwork and specialty shots. Your players do the program in the morning or afternoon. Combined with the shooting workout, a player should complete a full workout in 1 ½ hours.

This program does not force a student-athlete to give up other sports or activities. This program is designed to make your players better. The off-season program instills confidence and self-esteem by making your players understand and appreciate hard work, dedication and sacrifice. ♦

See you next season!!

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