

# HUSKIE HOOPS

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

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## It's That Time Again!

Welcome back Huskie Fans for the second edition of HUSKIE HOOPS for the 1999-2000 season.

## HUSKIES CIAU SEASON TO DATE

### HUSKIES

Season Overall: 6-7                      opp won/loss : 67-61  
Conf Play : 4-6                          opp opp W/L :833-735  
vs Own Conf : 2-5                      vs plus .500 : 1-6  
vs Other Confs: 4-2                    vs below .500 : 5-1

DATE	OPPONENT	W- L	SCORE	DIF
Nov 27	Alberta	8- 3	L 75-101	-26
Nov 26	Alberta	8- 3	L 66-110	-44
Nov 20	Calgary	1- 7	W 76- 66	10
Nov 19	Calgary	1- 7	W 78- 48	30
Nov 13	Brandon	9- 4	W 70- 68	2
Nov 12	Brandon	9- 4	L 76- 81	-5
Nov 05	Regina	4-12	W 113- 82	31
Nov 04	Regina	4-12	L 93-101	-8
Oct 30	Lethbridge	12-1	L 73- 89	-16
Oct 29	Lethbridge	12-1	L 66- 70	-4
Oct 23	Regina	4-12	W 98- 89	9NC
Oct 22	Lethbridge	12-1	L 67- 81	-14NC
Oct 21	Lakehead	1-7	W 72- 61	11NC

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## COACHES CORNER

### LEARNING THE LESSONS FOR SUCCESS

By Don Horwood – Head Basketball Coach,  
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**“Without the fundamentals, Canada’s basketball teams will never compete successfully on the World stage”**

It seems to me that Canada’s basketball development lags because of two main things – lack of coaching knowledge at the grassroots level and the “seasons of play” rule at high schools across the country.

**Grassroots Scenario.** Coaching at the grassroots level has always been a bit of a hit-or-miss scenario. There are some good coaches, but mostly it is just some parent whose son or daughter is on the team. They need a coach, so the parent volunteers. Many of these parents work hard to do a good job, but they just don’t have the knowledge. Many take NCCP Level 1 and learn some basic fundamentals, but they don’t know how to put them into practice. Their practices are poorly organized and teaching is often non-existent. At a time when solid fundamentals must be taught, these kids are often scrimmaging or worse still, learning an offence or zone defence. At the lowest level, we need to stress proper fundamentals and we just don’t seem to have a system to get it done. Maybe we need to develop a season-long series of practice plans that are fundamentally based so that novice coaches have an organized practice layout that will help them cover the basics before they put in offenses or defences. We must not allow teams below the high school level to play zone defence. Zone defence stymies individual development of offensive and defensive skill. As a matter of fact, I now believe that zones should be banned in high school. We should force coaches to teach man-to-man offensive and defensive fundamentals.

**“Seasons of Play” Rule.** This rule may have done more to hurt basketball in Canada than anything else. An argument can be made that competitive sport should not be part of the school system, and certainly the European model suggests that may be so. Also, our hockey development is mainly outside the school system and we are still amongst the best in the world. As long as our system is dependent on the schools to help student athletes develop, we have to get them to understand that when our athletes go on display worldwide,

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## CIAU BASKETBALL STANDINGS

AUAA - Baldwin	GP	W	L	PF	PA	Pts.
Saint Mary's	5	4	1	408	352	8
St. Francis Xavier	5	4	1	433	365	8
Memorial	6	4	2	459	446	8
Dalhousie	6	3	3	423	475	6
AUAA - Nelson	GP	W	L	PF	PA	Pts.
Acadia	6	3	3	472	461	6
UCCB	8	3	5	624	644	6
UNB	6	2	4	439	473	4
UPEI	6	1	5	462	504	2
QSSF	GP	W	L	PF	PA	Pts.
Concordia	6	4	2	491	424	8
McGill	6	3	3	402	374	6
Bishop's	6	0	6	402	466	0
Laval	6	0	6	383	502	0
OUA - East	GP	W	L	PF	PA	Pts.
Laurentian	6	5	1	450	385	10
Ryerson	5	4	1	414	377	8
York	6	4	2	403	408	8
Queen's	5	3	2	331	301	6
Ottawa	5	3	2	328	348	6
Carleton	5	3	2	330	344	6
Toronto	6	2	4	468	464	4
OUA - West	GP	W	L	PF	PA	Pts.
Waterloo	2	1	1	135	126	2
Lakehead	2	1	1	126	135	2
Brock	0	0	0	0	0	0
Laurier	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western	0	0	0	0	0	0
Windsor	0	0	0	0	0	0
McMaster	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guelph	0	0	0	0	0	0
Canada West	GP	W	L	PF	PA	Pts.
Lethbridge	10	9	1	833	710	18
UBC	8	6	2	577	540	12
Victoria	10	6	4	696	651	12
Alberta	8	5	3	741	625	10
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>8</b>
Trinity Western	8	2	6	590	667	4
Calgary	8	1	7	470	555	2
GPAC	GP	W	L	PF	PA	Pts.
Manitoba	10	6	4	708	723	12
Brandon	8	4	4	576	586	8
Winnipeg	8	3	5	576	609	6
Regina	8	2	6	606	677	4

## 1999-2000 REMAINING SCHEDULE

December 29-30 @ Dickinson State University  
**January 14-15 vs. Manitoba**  
 January 21-22 @ Winnipeg  
**January 28-29 vs. Trinity Western**  
**February 4-5 vs. UBC**  
 February 11-12 @ Victoria  
 February 18-20 quarter Finals – 6 @ 3, 5 @ 4  
 February 25-27 Semi-Finals – W @ 2, W @ 1  
 March 3-5 Final – Winner at Top Finisher  
 March 16-19 CIAU Championships ♦

## MEN'S RPI Through Dec 5, 1999

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 %

Rk	Name	W	L	Pct	Sched	RPI
1	<a href="#">Lethbridge</a>	12	1	0.923	0.570	0.628
2	<a href="#">McMaster</a>	6	1	0.857	0.575	0.621
3	<a href="#">UBC</a>	11	3	0.786	0.607	0.620
4	<a href="#">Alberta</a>	8	3	0.727	0.605	0.605
5	<a href="#">Western</a>	10	0	1.000	0.422	0.577
6	<a href="#">Brandon</a>	9	4	0.692	0.537	0.561
7	<a href="#">Saint Mary's</a>	10	3	0.769	0.504	0.560
8	<a href="#">Memorial</a>	6	3	0.667	0.520	0.556
9	<a href="#">St.FX</a>	8	1	0.889	0.446	0.556
10	<a href="#">Windsor</a>	4	3	0.571	0.569	0.554
11	<a href="#">Ryerson</a>	8	2	0.800	0.443	0.541
12	<a href="#">Acadia</a>	7	7	0.500	0.574	0.535
13	<a href="#">UNB</a>	6	6	0.500	0.552	0.528
14	<a href="#">Saskatchewan</a>	6	7	0.462	0.523	0.510
15	<a href="#">Concordia</a>	6	4	0.600	0.494	0.506
16	<a href="#">Laurentian</a>	10	4	0.714	0.414	0.501
17	<a href="#">Waterloo</a>	7	7	0.500	0.492	0.498
18	<a href="#">Brock</a>	5	6	0.455	0.508	0.493
19	<a href="#">York</a>	6	7	0.462	0.512	0.492
20	<a href="#">Laurier</a>	3	7	0.300	0.584	0.489
21	<a href="#">Carleton</a>	5	6	0.455	0.495	0.485
22	<a href="#">McGill</a>	5	9	0.357	0.547	0.481
23	<a href="#">Manitoba</a>	8	8	0.500	0.459	0.479
24	<a href="#">Winnipeg</a>	5	10	0.333	0.503	0.472
25	<a href="#">Guelph</a>	4	5	0.444	0.495	0.471
26	<a href="#">Victoria</a>	6	4	0.600	0.397	0.469
27	<a href="#">Cape Breton</a>	5	7	0.417	0.452	0.461
28	<a href="#">Trinity Western</a>	3	9	0.250	0.516	0.452
29	<a href="#">Queen's</a>	5	6	0.455	0.426	0.452
30	<a href="#">Dalhousie</a>	5	9	0.357	0.437	0.432
31	<a href="#">Calgary</a>	1	7	0.125	0.533	0.431
32	<a href="#">Toronto</a>	4	8	0.333	0.439	0.424
33	<a href="#">Ottawa</a>	4	5	0.444	0.364	0.418
34	<a href="#">Regina</a>	4	12	0.250	0.424	0.415
35	<a href="#">Lakehead</a>	1	7	0.125	0.500	0.414
36	<a href="#">UPEI</a>	2	12	0.143	0.469	0.402
37	<a href="#">Laval</a>	2	9	0.182	0.454	0.396
38	<a href="#">Bishop's</a>	2	7	0.222	0.438	0.394

## HUSKY/MOHAWK SHOOTOUT WRAP-UP

The first annual Husky/Mowhawk Shoot-out was a huge success. The teams that participated were extremely impressed with our hospitality, the organization and quality of play at the tournament. Lakehead University, the University of Regina, and the University of Lethbridge all expressed a strong interest to return in the future.

The first annual SAXON Coaches Clinic, held in conjunction with the tournament, was also very successful. Over 40 coaches from around the province attended. The topics covered by the four tournament coaches were - Building Man to Man Defence, Developing the "Big-Man", "The Transition Game", and Attacking Zone Presses. Positive feedback was received from all those who attended.

The first annual Referees Clinic was also held in combination with the tournament. Referees from around the province attended a seminar conducted by Bill Crowley, a top level official from Vancouver, who was brought in by the Tournament Organizing Committee for the event.

The tournament's final standings were as follows:

First	Lethbridge	3 wins	0 losses
Second	Saskatchewan	2 wins	1 loss
Third	Regina	1 win	2 losses
Fourth	Lakehead	0 wins	3 losses

In closing, the success of this annual tournament would not have been achieved without the hard work of the organizing committee:

Rick Johnson – Tournament Chair  
David Karwacki  
Ian Donaldson  
Kent Holoboff  
Matt McCullough

I know everyone involved with Huskie Basketball greatly appreciated all their efforts.

**Thank-you to all those who attended and assisted with the tournament – SEE YOU NEXT YEAR ♦**

## HUSKIE MEN'S BASKETBALL FOUNDATION PLANNING A TEAM TRIP TO HAWAII IN 2000

The Huskie Men's Basketball Foundation has committed to raising \$10,000 to put towards a Huskie Men's Basketball Tour of Hawaii. The trip is tentatively planned for December 16 to 23, 2000. While in Hawaii the Huskies will play 4 games against NCAA Division 1, 2 and NAIA teams. This competitive schedule will allow the team to continue to raise its level of play (as well as get a tan). Trips like this one are planned for every second year and are just another component in the Huskies re-emergence as one of the top basketball programs in the Country ♦

it is a reflection of our school system as well as our sport system. Excellence in sport is as valuable as excellence in music, drama, math, physics. I believe the school system should encourage excellence in all endeavors, not just academics.

The "Seasons of Play" rule has hurt basketball because schools can't practice until a certain deadline (this varies across Canada). The problem with these deadlines is that they do not allow a coach to teach the fundamentals and get ready for his/her first game, which might be two weeks after the deadline. No coach can teach the fundamentals plus put in team offences and defences in two weeks. So what gets left out? Two-foot jump stop, pivoting, passing, blocking - out, one-on-one defence, one-on-one offense, dribbling, ball-handling, shooting, and so on, There just isn't enough time to teach the skills and for kids to get the practice time necessary to improve these skills. Do you think the Yugoslav basketball kids are told, "You can't start practicing until such and such a date. We don't want you to get too good."

We need to be encouraging to our players to play year-round and not put roadblocks in their way. Can you imagine the best hockey players in Canada being told, "You can't start hockey until volleyball and football are over." We need to encourage coaches to start earlier and spend six to eight weeks on fundamentals before games begin. What about a positive rule like, "You must start practices October 1," rather than a negative rule, "You can't start until..." One of the arguments used by administrators for the seasons of play rule is that it gives students a chance to play more than one sport. A counter-argument would be that if students had to pick only one of two, that would open up a place on one of the teams for another student who might not otherwise get that opportunity. Certainly educators can't be against more students having an opportunity to experience school sports. It would also allow the students who are serious to get a good base of fundamental skills before being thrown into games.

Our system of school sports is based on the American system and they are among the best in the world at most sports. The difference is they take sport seriously in the school system. In basketball, they have Grade 8 teams, Grade 9 teams, Grade 10 teams, junior varsity teams, and varsity teams. The head coach of the varsity team oversees all the programs. They work together to ensure that in the early grades they work only on fundamentals. As a result, they can start later with the varsity team because the players have already learned the fundamentals. Contrast that with our own experience. When my youngest son was in junior high, there was only one team for grades 7, 8, 9. His total junior high season consisted of 10 league games plus two playoff games. Unless we change the junior high system to have teams in grades 7, 8, 9, we must extend the senior high school season so that coaches will have time to teach and kids will have a chance to learn and practice fundamentals ♦

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## HUSKIE ALUMNUS HONOURED

Each year during the Husky/Mohawk Shootout the Huskie Men's Basketball Foundation intends to honor an Alumnus who has contributed to the betterment of basketball. This year's recipient was **Dr. Bob Mirwald**.

Bob Mirwald was born May 22, 1940 in Regina. The post World War II provincial capital provided a fertile sports field for the talented young athlete. The high school of Campion College was the setting for his beginning in basketball. Upon graduation from high school Bob decided to attend Queens University in Kingston Ontario rather than traveling south to the United States where he had several scholarship offers. However, after one year in Kingston and a season of basketball with the "Golden Gaels" he returned to Regina.

The decade of the sixties saw Bob become a Saskatchewan basketball leader, both as a player and a coach. Four outstanding playing years followed: the first two with Coach Sam Stewart's Regina College Cougars and then two with the Huskies. In Regina he again teamed with his Campion teammate and close friend - Rodger Tourigny. They were joined by Pat Lawson from Regina Central to significantly raise the level of Regina College basketball. When these three Reginians transferred to the University of Saskatchewan in 1961 there was joy in "Huskietoon." The Huskies were competitive in the tough W.C.I.A.A., which included the University of Manitoba as well as U.B.C., Alberta and Calgary. Bob and Pat Lawson were named W.C.I.A.A. all-stars in 1963.

Bob Mirwald graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 1963 with a Bachelor of Commerce degree. His area of specialty was administration and his professional and academic direction encompassed health, physical education and coaching. After completing a Master of Science degree at the University of Oregon in 1965 he returned to the University of Saskatchewan to research, teach and coach.

The second half of the 60's decade were his coaching years. He was Coach Don Newton's assistant in 1965-66. He was named head coach of the Huskies, when Coach Newton moved to the University of Calgary, in 1966-67. He continued as the Huskie mentor through the 68-69 season. Don Fry replaced his old teammate and continued as the Huskie coach for four years, at which time Bob resumed the reins for the 73-74 season. Bob Mirwald became Dr. Robert Mirwald in 1973 upon completion of his Ph.D. studies at the University of Saskatchewan. The personal qualities of focus, dedication, a great memory and humor enabled Bob to be a quality Dean of the College of Physical Education from 1986-1996. Today he continues as an active research professor in the College of Kinesiology as well as a big fan of Huskie Basketball.

Dr. Bob Mirwald is a person most worthy of this inaugural presentation. Bob was honored during half time of the Huskies Game October 22. ♦

## HUSKIES DETERMINED TO DEVELOP CLUB BASKETBALL IN SASKATOON

The spring and summer of 2000 will see the Huskie Basketball Program put energies towards the development of the Saskatchewan Selects. The Selects will be a Basketball Club with a goal of featuring two teams in its first season. One team will be made up of selected players who have high school eligibility remaining. The second team will be made up of university aged players. The teams will be selected in early April. The Club's season will run from April through July and will consist of practices and competitions throughout Western Canada and the United States. The philosophy of the Selects Club will be to provide players who want to excel in basketball with the opportunity to do so. For more information contact Greg Jockims.

## Canada West/GPAC Statistical Leaders

SCORING	FG	3FG	FT	P	Avg
1 D Balderson, LE	36	37	26	209	20.9
2 Josh Hall, TW	46	8	46	162	20.3
3 Earnest Bell, BD	36	7	24	117	19.5
4 O Okwumabua, MA 73		2	30	182	18.2
5 Allister Wilmott, VI 38		18	45	175	17.5
6 N. Maglisceau, AL 47		0	39	133	16.6
7 S. Goebel, RE 27		17	26	131	16.4
<b>8 James Kenyon, SA 32</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>15.9</b>
<b>9 Jody Glines, SA 46</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>15.8</b>
10 Spencer Holt, LE 45	5	52	157	15.7	15.7

FIELD-GOAL %	A	M	Pct
1 Pat Crevolin, AL	60	40	66.7
<b>2 Calvin Palmer, SA</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>62.5</b>
3 Nick Maglisceau, AL	77	47	61.0
4 Etienne Orr-Ewing, VI	85	51	60.0
5 Josh Hall, TW	78	46	59.0
6 Earnest Bell, BD	62	36	58.1
7 Malcolm Campbell, TW	69	40	58.0
<b>8 Jody Glines, SA</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>56.1</b>
9 Courtenay Kolla, BC	40	22	55.0
10 Chris Wilde, LE	60	32	53.3

3FIELD-GOAL %	A	M	Pct
1 Danny Balderson, LE	74	37	50.0
2 Paul Fust, MA	28	14	50.0
<b>3 James Kenyon, SA</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>47.8</b>
4 Jeff Loomis, CA	30	14	46.7
5 M. Lechasseur, MA	41	19	46.3
<b>6 Jody Glines, SA</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>45.8</b>
7 Max Darrah, AL	18	8	44.4
8 Steven Podwin, RE	18	8	44.4
9 Nino Sose, BC	21	9	42.9
10 Brad Berikoff, AL	26	11	42.3

FREE-THROW %	A	M	Pct
1 Josh Hall, TW	53	46	86.8
2 Phil Scherer, AL	30	26	86.7
3 Allister Wilmott, VI	52	45	86.5
4 Brad Berikoff, AL	37	32	86.5
5 Earnest Bell, BD	28	24	85.7
6 Matej Maroti, WP	29	24	82.8
7 Joe Dominguez, WP2	6	21	80.8
8 Courtenay Kolla, BC	53	42	79.2
9 Ryan Hall, LE	43	34	79.1
<b>10 James Kenyon, SA</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>78.4</b>

REBOUNDS	G	O	D	Reb	Avg
1 J. Harden, BD	8	34	45	79	9.9
2 O Okwumabua, MA 10		34	56	90	9.0
<b>3 Jody Glines, SA 10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>8.5</b>
4 E. Orr-Ewing, VI 10		28	52	80	8.0
5 Earnest Bell, BD 6		11	35	46	7.7
6 Tyler Wright, RE 8		20	39	59	7.4
7 Chris Harris, CA 8		22	35	57	7.1
<b>8 Calvin Palmer, SA 10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>6.6</b>
9 Chris Wilde, LE 10		30	34	64	6.4
10 Jon Fast, BC		8	11	39	5.0

In closing, I want to thank everyone for their thoughts and support.

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