

HUSKIE HOOPS

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It's That Time Again!

Welcome back Huskie Fans for the second edition of HUSKIE HOOPS for the 1998-99 season..

HUSKIES OPEN THE SEASON

October 15 – vs. Regina

The Huskies opened the season against provincial rival the University of Regina. This night saw the Huskies pick up their first win of the season by defeating the Cougars 80-74. Ryan Kazakoff was the leading scorer and rebounder with 15 and 8 respectively. Wade Bourassa had a strong game with 13 points, which included 3 for 5 shooting from the 3 point line; Devin Reeve added 12 points. The game marked the debut of the new regime and the Huskies had a positive debut by out hustling and out working the Cougars in every facet of the game.

October 22 – vs. Malispina

In the second game of the season the Huskies took on the Malispina Mariners. The Mariners are from Nainimo, BC. and are one of the premier College teams in the country. In this game the Mariners defeated the Huskies by the score of 65-53. The Huskies played poorly particularly at the offensive end. Scoring only 53 points in a University game is simply not going to get the job done. The Mariners had a big front line, which gave the Huskies difficulty all game. Devin

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THE RECRUITING SEASON HAS BEGUN!



The recruiting season has begun. The coaching staff is very optimistic about this year's recruiting class and has already viewed too many high school games to count in an attempt to identify and recruit players. This year's class contains many players who are going to help put the Huskies in a position to once again compete for a conference championship. The primary recruiting goal this year is to add players to the program who are "big" for the position the coaching staff wants them to play; who are good athletes; and are those willing to embrace the Huskie acronym -Pride- which stands for Perseverance, Respect, Intensity, Determination and Empathy.

It is too early to identify any players on the recruiting priority list but it is safe to say that the recruiting goals for this season will be accomplished ♦

INTERLOCKING SCHEDULE WITH GPAC ANNOUNCED

Next season the Canada west conference (CWUAA); which consists of the University of Victoria, University of Alberta, University of British Columbia, University of Calgary, University of Lethbridge, University of Saskatchewan, and Trinity Western University (as of next year); will begin an interlocking schedule with the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC). GPAC consists of the University of Regina, University of Winnipeg, University of Manitoba, and Brandon University. With the interlocking schedule the number of league games will remain at 20; however, the result will be an unbalanced schedule that will be on a two-year cycle. In other words, we will play each team in the CWUAA and GPAC twice per year; in year one we will play some teams on the road twice and the other teams at home

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Reeve led the Huskies with 10 points and was the only player on the home team to reach double figures. This game marked the emergence of some of the weaknesses of this year's edition of the Huskies. Poor rebounding, poor interior defense, a lack of scoring from in the paint and poor perimeter shooting led to the Huskies demise in this game.

October 25 – vs. Windsor

In the third exhibition game of the season the Huskies played against the Windsor Lancers. Windsor competes in the Ontario West conference. The Huskies were defeated 80-68 in this match-up. Rebounding was the story of this game for the Huskies as they gave up 23 offense rebounds. The offensive rebounding enabled the Lancers to get 20 more shot attempts than the Huskies which is a sure fire way to win a game. Ali Wilson was the Huskies leading scorer with 11 and back up point guard, Seth Lang, was the leading rebounder with 7.

October 30-31 – University of Regina Tournament

In game one of this tournament the Huskies traveled down the #11 highway for a rematch with the University of Regina. The game saw the Cougars avenge their earlier loss to the Huskies by winning the game 75-55. The story of this game was turnovers as the Huskies turned the ball over 39 times. Ryan Kazakoff led the Dogs in scoring and rebounding with 15 and 10 respectively but also had 10 turnovers. This was an extremely disappointing loss for the Huskies because it was against their provincial rival.

In game two the Huskies took on a NAIA team from Montana. The Huskies again had turnover problems dropping the game by a score of 102-77. Steve Berchaminski was the team's leading scorer and rebounder with 24 and 7.

November 5-7 – Golden Bear Tournament

In game one of the Golden Bear tournament at the University of Alberta the Huskies played against the University of Manitoba. The game saw the return of Ryan Leier to the lineup after clearing up some academic difficulties. The Huskies played a strong first half and were leading 30-27 at the break. However in the second half the Bisons went into a 1-3-1 zone that the Huskies could not solve which resulted in a score of 65-52 for Manitoba. Ryan Leier led the Huskies in scoring with 11 and Ryan Kazakoff led in rebounding with 13.

Game two was against Trinity Western University from Vancouver. The Huskies again had a strong first half leading at the break 41-40. However, in the second half the Spartans strong physical play produced a 89-71 victory. Ryan Leier led the Dogs in scoring and rebounding with 15 and 8 respectively.

Game three was against the McGill Redmen from Montreal. The Huskies were down by 5 at the half and lost by the

score of 74-61. The Huskies again had trouble scoring; Vance Verhoeven was the only player in double figures with 10 points.

November 13-14 – at Alberta

League play opened in Alberta for two games against the Bears. The dogs dropped both games. In game one score was 99-66. Leading scorer was Devin Reeve with 19 points and the leading rebounder was Jamie Dickson with 6. In game two the score was 88-63 for the bears. In both games the Huskies had difficulties scoring and keeping Alberta off of the boards. The Huskies lack of size and athleticism was very evident during these games and cemented, in the coaches minds, the need to recruit big athletic kids in the next couple of years.

November 19-20 – vs. Victoria

These games marked the first home league weekend of the year and also a chance for Coach Jockims to coach against his former coach Guy Vetric. In game one the Huskies were defeated by the score of 71-39. Leading the way for the dogs was Ryan Leier with 18 points and Paul Seipp with 6 rebounds. In game two the Vikes again prevailed by the score of 101-57. Vance Verhoeven led the team in scoring and rebounding with 17 and 5 respectively. Strength inside was the story of this weekend with the Victoria forwards dominating play at both ends.

November 27-28 – vs. Lethbridge

The final league games of the first half saw the Pronghorns travel to Saskatoon. In game one the score was 94-79 for Lethbridge. Leading the way for the Huskies was Ryan Leier with 17 points and 6 rebounds. In game two the Horns again defeated the Huskies by the score of 96-77. Ryan Kazakoff led the way with 17 points and 7 rebounds. The Huskies played their best 2 games of the year; however, the superior guard play of Lethbridge was the deciding factor in both games.

December 28-30 – Wesman Classic Tournament

Over the Xmas break the Huskies traveled to Winnipeg. In the first game the Huskies took on the home squad the Winnipeg Wesman. The Huskies came out strong in the first half and opened a 33 to 27 lead; however, the Wesmen bounced back in the second half to defeat the Huskies 76 to 64. Poor defence in the second half coupled to bad decision making down the stretch caused the Huskies' demise.

In game two the Huskies defeated the Briercrest Clippers by the score of 75 to 55. The Huskies led 35 to 27 at the half. Ryan Kazakoff led the way with 16 points.

In the consolation final the Huskies were defeated by the Lakehead Norwesters from Thunder Bay 93 to 71. Darcy Berggren was the leading scorer with 20 points ♦

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HOME SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Fri/Sat, January 15-16	University of Calgary	8:00pm
Fri/Sat, January 22-23	University of Alberta	8:00pm
Fri/Sat, February 12-13	University of British Columbia	8:00pm

ALUMNI EVENING IN CALGARY

When: Friday, February 19, 1998
 Where: Village Park Inn, Calgary
 Who: All Alumni Welcome
 What: A meet and greet is planned for the present Huskie team and all Alumni in Calgary and the surrounding areas following the Huskies game versus the University of Calgary ♦

SEASON TO DATE VERSUS CIAU COMPETITION – AT A GLANCE

DATE	OPPONENT	W- L	SCORE	DIF
Dec 30	Lakehead	4- 7	L 71-93	-22
Dec 28	Winnipeg	3-13	L 64-78	-14
Nov 28	Lethbridge	11- 3	L 77-96	-19
Nov 27	Lethbridge	11- 3	L 79-94	-15
Nov 20	Victoria	13- 4	L 57-101	-44
Nov 19	Victoria	13- 4	L 39- 71	-32
Nov 14	Alberta	15- 3	L 63- 88	-25
Nov 13	Alberta	15- 3	L 66- 99	-33
Nov 07	McGill	2-11	L 61- 74	-13
Nov 05	Manitoba	4-10	L 52- 65	-13
Oct 30	Regina	2- 5	L 55- 75	-20
Oct 25	Windsor	4- 6	L 68- 80	-12
Oct 15	Regina	2- 5	W 80- 74	6

SUMMARY

Season Overall: 1-12
 Conf Play : 0- 6
 vs Own Conf : 0- 6
 vs Other Confs: 1- 6
 opp won/loss : 80-75
 opp opp W/L : 1133-774
 vs plus .500 : 0- 6
 vs below .500 : 1- 6
 Streak : L12
 Last 10 games : 0-10
 For : 832, 64 ppg
 Against : 1088, 83 ppg ♦

twice. The following year the schedule would be reversed with us playing the teams at home that in the previous year we had played on the road. The primary disappointment in this new concept has to do with rivalries. Now that we will only be playing each team twice per year we will be losing some of the spark to the rivalries that have developed over the years. On the positive side, the Saskatoon basketball fan will get the chance to see a number of teams play that don't often compete at Education gym.

During the play-offs teams revert back to their conferences. Next season the play-off structure in Canada-West has been expanded from 4 team to 6 making the play-offs. This is primarily due to two things: the schedule being unbalanced; and the addition of Trinity Western to the conference. As a result the play-offs will occur over 3 weekends instead of two. The first weekend of play-offs will be 3rd versus 6th and 4th versus 5th. The first and second place teams in league play get a bye get a bye to the semi-finals. Time will tell to see if these changes will be beneficial to our league and our program ♦

COACHES CORNER

TEAM DISCIPLINE

- The coaching staff needs to be disciplined and lead by example.
- Recruit self-disciplined players. Tell players that the goal is for them to become self-disciplined people because that = success.
- Hold players accountable for their actions.
- Have only a few rules - Have the players and coaches develop the rules together.
- Team Rules Should Be:
 - Simple
 - Should be set by team members and coaches
 - Should be lifestyle Oriented
 - Be applied to all team members regardless of the quality of the player
- Call team rules: "NECESSARY GUIDELINES TO ALLOW US TO BE THE VERY BEST WE CAN BE"
- Establish a sequential order of discipline: taking away privileges, banishment from practice..game suspension..suspended from team.
- Explain to players: "Team goals are set in October, but it is the successful achievement of the individual goals, through self-disciplined work in the off-season, that enables the team to meet its goals on game days".
- AREAS FOR RULES
 - Tardiness
 - Drinking
 - Drugs
 - Class attendance
 - Dress code
 - Maintaining a clean locker room.
 - Curfew
 - Coming on and off the floor in games ♦

ALUMNI WEEKEND A BIG SUCCESS

The Alumni Weekend held on November 28, 1998 was a big success. Kudos go out to Dave Karwacki, Ian Donaldson and Kent Holoboff for putting everything together. More than 30 alumni attended the day's events that culminated with a reception after the Huskies game versus the University of Lethbridge.

As a result of the Huskie Football team reaching the Vanier Cup, the day's festivities revolved around the game. The alumni congregated at Boston Pizza on 8th Street in Saskatoon to watch the game. Plenty of fun was had by all that attended. Not only did the alumni witness an excellent result in the football game but also they had much more fun recalling and discussing all the great memories from their involvement in the Huskie Program. Later the Alumni and friends attended the Huskie game and sat in a special reserved section of the gym. Following the game, a reception was held in the small gym at the Education building. Again many memories and stories of the past were bounced around.

The event was viewed as enjoyable for all that attended and, as a result, is sure to become an annual event. If we didn't see you this year we hope to see you next year. ♦

NEWS AND NOTES

- Travis Grindle, who started the year as a Huskies assistant coach, left the team to take an administrative job with the Winnipeg Thunder, a professional Basketball team in Winnipeg.
- Luke Syme, a second year forward from Edmonton, is still recovering from a knee injury suffered just prior to the start of the exhibition season. He is expected back sometime this month.
- The head coach is also recovering from a knee injury. He dislocated his knee just prior to the start of the senior men's basketball season in October. The prognosis doesn't look great for a quick recovery but he is expected to return to playing by next season.
- Brett Czarnota, a graduate of Holy Cross High School in Saskatoon, has joined the Huskies after completing his first season on the football team. Brett's position was slotback and kicker for the football team; he is playing at the shooting guard position for the basketball team. ♦

HUSKIE BASKETBALL ANNUAL CLINICS HAVE BEGAN

The first annual Huskie Basketball Clinics have begun. The first clinic was held at Dalmeny on December 3rd and 4th. It was a success with over 30 kids attending the 2 evening clinic. The second clinic was held at Outlook on two successive Sundays-December 6 and December 13. This clinic saw over 60 kids from the ages of 7 to 17 attend.

The Huskie basketball program is committed to reaching out to the community. The primary way this can be accomplished is through the organization and running of one, two and three day basketball clinics in Saskatoon and around the province. These clinics are to be, generally, run in cooperation with local basketball enthusiasts. This cooperative atmosphere enables both the local program and the Huskie program to benefit. However, probably the best thing about the clinics is that they provide a great opportunity for the Huskie coaching staff and players to meet kids from all around Saskatoon and northern Saskatchewan.

The Huskie coaching staff is currently looking to the spring for the programs next set of Huskie Clinics. If you are interested in this unique opportunity just get in touch with one of the Huskie coaching staff to discuss the details. ♦



In closing, I want to thank everyone for his or her thoughts and support to date. Our Huskie Program is laying the groundwork this year for a run at the conference title and a return to nationals in the next few years. Any support that you can give us to help us reach our goal has been and will be very much appreciated

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