

HUSKIE HOOPS

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

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Welcome to the First Issue of Our New Newsletter

Welcome to an update on your favorite basketball team – The U of S HUSKIES. For those of you who are receiving information on our Program for the first time we extend a very warm welcome. A lot has happened in the past few months in Huskie land so lets get started.



HUSKIES HIRE NEW HEAD COACH

The Huskies welcomed the new coach, Greg Jockims, back to the program after 6 years away. Greg played for the Huskies from 1983-88 and graduated with a BSPE. He was part of the so-called "fab-five" which saw the Huskies compete at nationals twice in those five years. Following his playing career he moved to the coaching ranks. From 1989 to 1992 Greg was an assistant coach with the Huskies. Then, in 1992, he left the Huskies for the West Coast to attend the National Coaching Institute (NCI) which is located on

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THE PLAN TO RESTORE HUSKIE PRIDE

The coaching staff has formulated a specific plan to rebuild the Program. The Plan is three-fold. The first component established criteria for team selection. Specifically, the coaching staff strongly believes that to rebuild our once proud Program a strong base must be established. This base has to be an attitudinal one. As a result, the coaching staff established specific criteria to evaluate the players in preparation for team selection at training camp:

1. Fitness
2. Mental and Physical Toughness
3. Competitiveness
4. Work Ethic

Every player selected to the team would have to have these characteristics in their make-up.

The second component of the plan requires a focus on Huskie Pride. To put on a Huskie jersey has great meaning to many of us. To restore that meaning to the men's Program the coaching staff has decided to use the word Pride as an acronym to describe the key attributes everyone involved in the program must "buy into".

Perseverance – Strive to succeed no matter what obstacles faced.

Respect – Give it to the Program and everyone involved.

Intensity – In everything you do.

Determination – Never give up.

Empathy – Care about your fellow Huskies.

The third component deals with recruiting. The coaching staff felt that it was important to add some confidence and experience to the roster. To accomplish this,

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the University of Victoria (UVic) Campus. While at the NCI part of Greg's education was to work as an assistant coach with the UVic Vikings under the tutelage of Guy Vetrie. During this period Greg also, in addition to completing his National Coaching Certification Program Level IV designation, began work on his Masters of Education degree in Coaching Studies from Uvic. Then in 1994 the University College of Cape Breton (UCCB) in Sydney, Nova Scotia hired Greg to coach their men's basketball team. In his first season UCCB won the conference championship and his team went on to reach the national semi-finals. Last season UCCB finished second in the tough Atlantic Universities Conference with a 12-win 8-loss record. However, when the Huskies job opened up in May Greg did not hesitate at the opportunity to return home to his alma mater and become the new head coach of the Huskies. ♦

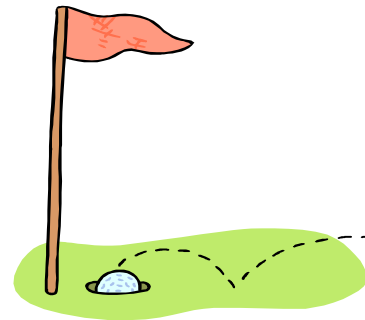


HUSKIES OPEN TRAINING CAMP

Training camp opened on September 1st for veterans and invitees. Camp began with ten fitness tests that tested the athletes in the areas of strength, anaerobic power and capacity, aerobic power, and agility. Following the fitness tests camp has been composed of 7:00am training sessions followed by evening sessions on the court 5-6 days per week. The morning sessions have consisted of either a weight training workout or a track workout. The on-court sessions in the evenings consisted of scrimmages until the 9th, when open try-outs occurred. Since September 9th evening workouts have been practice sessions which are often followed by a 25 min. run outside. As a result, the players' level of fitness has improved greatly and the team looks to be rounding into shape in preparation for the pre-season schedule. The schedule begins on October 15 at Education Gym versus the University of Regina. ♦

TOURNAMENT PLANNED FOR 1999-2000 SEASON

The Huskie Men's Basketball Foundation is planning to organize a university men and women's basketball tournament. The format will see four men's and four women's teams compete in two separate tournaments held on the same weekend. The event has not been named yet however planning is well underway and the tournament is expected to be a strong annual event for all Huskie Basketball fans. ♦



GOLF TOURNAMENT A HUGE SUCCESS

Huskie Alumni Paul Humbert, John Dewar and Kent Holoboff organized this year's golf tournament. The tournament was held on August 22 at the Harbor Golf Club and Resort in Elbow, Sask. It was a big success with 48 people participating on 12 teams. The day saw everyone arrive at 8:00am for a breakfast at Boston Pizza on 8th street in Saskatoon. From there the group jumped on a bus, which was full of canned refreshments, to Elbow. The format of the tournament was a Texas scramble. The team of Paul Rogal, Dave Eyolfson, Harold Robertson, and Jeff Yausie won with a 12 under score of 59. The team of Greg Jockims, Matt McCullough, Kirk Jones, and Rob Blais graciously accepted last place with a 2 under score of 69. Following the tournament the group returned to Saskatoon by bus, which was again full of canned refreshments, and had supper at Boston Pizza on 8th street. A great time was had by all and it is expected that two buses will be required for next year's tourney. ♦

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HOME SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Thursday, October 15	University of Regina	7:00pm
Thursday, October 22	Malispina College	7:00pm
Sunday, October 25	University of Windsor	2:00pm
Thurs/ Fri, November 19 – 20	University of Victoria	8:00pm
Fri/ Sat, November 27 – 28	University of Lethbridge	8:00pm
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 HOME WEEKEND

When: Saturday, November 28, 1998
 Where: University of Saskatchewan Campus
 Who: All Alumni Welcome
 What: Numerous Activities, which include an Alumni versus Alumni game, social activities, a Huskie home game versus the University of Lethbridge, and a chance to meet this years team.

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.



four players were added to the roster who have college experience in successful programs. The players are: Darcy Berggren (6'6", forward, Red Deer College) from Naicam, Sk.; Vance Verhoeven (6'5", forward, Caribou College) from Grindrod, B.C.; Ryan Kazakoff (6'4", forward, Caribou College) from Kamloops, B.C.; and Ali Wilson (6'1", guard, Caribou College) from Victoria, B.C.

In summary, the coaching staff has formulated a plan to restore Huskie Pride to the Program. The plan includes a specific team selection process; a focus on the fostering Pride in the Program; and lastly the recruitment of experienced confident newcomers. By putting this plan into action the coaching staff believes that Huskie Pride will return to the Men's Program. ♦

ALUMNI FUNCTIONS PLANNED

The Huskie Men's Basketball Foundation is planning two alumni weekends, one in Saskatoon and one in Calgary. The first function is planned for the weekend of November 27th and 28th of this year. Events are planned all day on the 28th. The day will begin with an Alumni versus Alumni game at Education Gym from 2:00 to 5:00pm. Following the game there will be an Alumni supper held at Marquis Hall on campus. After the meal there will be a return to Education Gym to see the Huskies take-on the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns. Once the game is over there will be a post game reception in the Small Gym at the Education Building. We hope most of our Alumni and friends will be able to attend this great day of events.

The second Alumni function will take place in Calgary on Friday, February 19th. The Huskies have a lot of basketball Alumni and friends in Calgary and as a result it is important to reach out to this important group. As a result, a post game reception will be held at the Village Park Inn following the Huskies game versus the University of Calgary. Again it is hoped that many of our Alumni and friends will be able to attend. ♦

TEAM IS SELECTED

Final cuts were made to the team on September 17th. The coaching staff has decided to carry 14 roster players and 1 red shirt. The red shirt is Jody Glines who will practice with the team but will not suit up for the green and white this year. The players that the Huskies will go to war with are as follows:

Darcy Berggren - 6'6" Forward, Naicam, Sk.
Wade Bourassa - 5'10" Guard, Holy Cross
Brett Czarnota - 6'0" Guard, Holy Cross
Ryan Leier - 6'0" Guard, Aden Bowman
Jamie Dickson - 6'3" Guard, Aden Bowman
Paul Seipp - 6'2" Forward, Bishop Mahoney
Jody Glines - 6'6" Forward, Mount Royal
Scott Gordon - 6'0" Guard, Holy Cross
Seth Lang - 6'0" Guard, Regina, Sk.
Vance Verhoeven - 6'5" Forward, Grindrod, B.C.
Ali Wilson - 6'1" Guard, Victoria, B.C.
Lucas Syme - 6'2" Forward, Edmonton, Alb.
Devin Reeve - 6'6" Forward, Victoria, B.C.
Steve Berchaminski - 6'6" Forward, Holy Cross
Ryan Kazakoff - 6'4" Forward, Kamloops, B.C.

Greg Jockims - Head Coach
Bob Weenk - Assistant Coach
Kirk Jones - Assistant Coach
Travis Grindle - Assistant Coach
Graham Matsalla - Athletic Therapist
Scott Herndier - Athletic Therapist

PLANS FOR NEW COLLEGE OF KINESIOLOGY WELL UNDERWAY

Planning for the long awaited new facility is well underway. With the demolition of the College of Phys. Ed. Plans are being created for a new 28 million dollar College of Kinesiology (there was also a name change). It appears that it is going to be built facing College Drive to the west of the remaining Phys. Ed. Building. The remaining structure contains gym 2 and the pool, the new structure will be connected to this. What is exciting for Huskie fans is that the proposed plans include the construction of a 2500 seat gymnasium. This is an exciting time here at the University of Saskatchewan. ♦

COACHES CORNER

Tips for Developing Team Cohesion

1. "Good people find a way to be successful, bad people find a way to be unsuccessful". If players can't get along with each other and don't respect the coaches or each other then dissension will tear a team apart.... AS A RESULT SELECT ONLY GOOD PEOPLE FOR YOUR TEAM.
2. Players need to know each other as human beings not just athletes.
 - a. Bring Team together for non-basketball activities.
 - b. Conduct team study sessions.
 - c. Have Team socials.
3. Honesty needs to be a team policy.
4. Define the roles of the players. Each player must know their role on the team and be willing to play that role for the good of the team. Be brutally honest with the players when describing their contributions to the team.
5. Post no individual statistics only team statistics.
6. Teach positive communication methods to players.
7. Invoke punishment for lack of team spirit.
8. Have pre-game team meals.
9. Require players to show respect for each other.
 - a. Require athletes to support each other daily with specific actions: point to the passer that enables the player to score; huddle on Ft; slap hands of FT shooter.
 - b. Pick up players who fall down or dive on floor.
10. Have the players involved in the team goal-setting process. ♦

NEWS AND NOTES

- A couple marriages took place this summer among our Alumni. Brent Allison was married to Laura Laird in Regina and Matt McCullough was married to Barb Bilyk in Yorkton.
- In other news former Huskie great-Dean Wiebe has joined the teaching ranks by landing a job at Lakeridge Elementary School here in Saskatoon.

In Wrapping up this edition of HUSKIE HOOPS we would like to thank all the Huskie fans for your support in the past and look forward to your continued support in the future. We are working hard to give you a basketball Program to be proud of.

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