

HUSKIE HOOPS

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

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Welcome Huskie Fans!

This is the first edition of HUSKIE HOOPS for the 2000-2001 season.

2nd ANNUAL SAXON ATHLETIC COACHES CLINIC

The Huskie Men's Basketball Foundation is planning the second annual SAXON Athletic Coaches Clinic.

When: The clinic will be on Saturday October 21, 2000 at HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL in Saskatoon (211McEown Avenue)

Who: The clinicians will be:

John Dore – Concordia University (Montreal)

Greg Jockims – University of Saskatchewan

James Hillis – University of Regina

Bob Bain – York University (Toronto)

What: Clinic Topics will be as follows:

10:00 am John Dore - Defence & Special Situations

11:00 am Greg Jockims- Offensive Fundamentals

1:00 pm James Hillis – Transition Offense

2:00 pm Bob Bain - Attacking Zone Defense

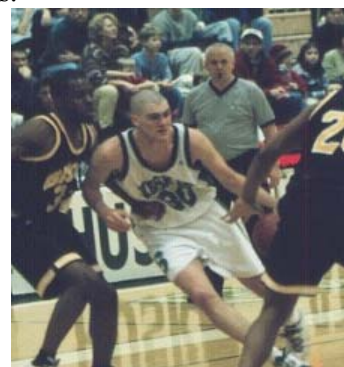
Cost: Free

To register Contact Greg Jockims at 966-6495.

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THE 2000-2001 RECRUITING CLASS HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED!

This is another outstanding recruiting class. Every player in this group has the potential to become a solid contributor to the Huskie Program during their careers. This year the recruiting class will be known for its size and toughness. Part of the philosophy of the Huskie Program is to recruit and develop players who have the potential to become big, strong and athletic for their position. Each player in this year's recruiting class has those attributes.



Jody Glines will, as a 5th year player, lead by example to help this year's recruiting class understand what it means to be a HUSKIE

1. Wayne Zarowny – 6'6" 215lbs Forward – Wayne is originally from Saskatoon where he graduated from E.D. Feehan High School. After High School he attended Medicine Hat Junior College in Alberta. Over his two seasons there Wayne established himself as one of the best players in the Alberta Junior College Ranks by being recognized as an All-star while leading the conference in rebounding. An outstanding perimeter shooter, Wayne will be looked on to add physical and aggressive play to the Huskies front line.
2. Erik Albrecher – 6'8" 225lbs Forward – Erik is from Surrey B.C. where he attended Semiahmoo Secondary High School. Erik is a big, strong athletic post player who will surely compete for

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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY JOINS CANADA WEST

On Thursday, May 11, 2000, Canada West unanimously accepted Simon Fraser University as an associate member beginning in the 2001 & 2002 season. The Association also approved an Executive Committee decision to accept Simon Fraser in men's and women's basketball for the upcoming season.

Canada West President, Sandy Slavin said, "We are happy that Simon Fraser is joining Canada West. They have a long tradition in delivering competitive athletic programs, and we feel that the basketball programs will be a great addition to our conference. With regards to the decision to allow the basketball programs to play in Canada West this season, it was a student & athlete centered decision by the Executive to ensure that the Simon Fraser athletes had a competitive venue in which to play this season." The vote to include Simon Fraser in 2000 & 2001 was not a unanimous decision, but the Executive felt that there was sufficient support from the membership to make this decision. Canada West would also like to report that there was unanimous support for the Executive's decision for Simon Fraser's entry for 2000-2001.

With the addition of Trinity Western and the GPAC schools in 1999, the shape of university sport in Western Canada has changed. The addition of Simon Fraser on a limited basis at this time and the possibility of additional sports being added in the future is a positive move for both Canada West and the CIAU.

Simon Fraser decided to join Canada West after 35 years of competing in the United States due to an inability to secure a long term scheduling alliance in the sports of men's and women's basketball. They are currently undertaking a sport-by-sport review of which other sports may join men's and women's basketball in Canada West. Mike Dinning, Director of Recreational Services and Athletics at SFU stated, "We are thrilled by today's announcement. Our decision to join Canada West may have initially been prompted by a change in our competitive environment, but we believe that we are joining an association that believes in the delivery of high quality equitable athletic programs."



SASKATOON SELECTS: CLUB BASKETBALL BEGINS IN SASK.

In late April of this year, a new concept appeared on the Saskatchewan Basketball scene; an Elite school aged club team. The concept is certainly not new to sport. There have been a number of clubs operating in other sports for years. Indeed, the whole European sport system is based on the club concept rather than our traditional school based programs. But this was new to basketball in Saskatchewan. The Huskie coaching staff felt there was a need to have potential post-secondary players getting more competition and more repetitions and club basketball was the answer.

After meeting with the players and their parents, we put together a schedule that would get approximately 20 practices and 10 – 20 games for those who were interested. Initially we had 15 or 16 participants in the program, but lost 3 to provincial teams and a couple of others to work commitments. Our final roster was always in some flux, but we took 11 players to Edmonton for a tournament where we finished third with a 5 – 1 record., and ten players to a tournament in Las Vegas where we went 0 – 4 against some of the best players in the world in this age group. We had planned to compete in a further tournament in Edmonton, but work commitments and a higher than expected cost for the U.S. trip prompted the decision to shut down at the end of July.

As this was the first year of the club's existence, we were attempting to get our feet wet and explore the potential of the concept. From the Huskie perspective, the club was successful on every level. The players learned a great deal and had a good time at a reasonable cost. The competition they faced made them better players and with most of them going back to their high school programs, those teams should also benefit. As well, we had a number of players who are potential Huskies practicing and competing at an elite level; players who, for the most part, would not have been playing otherwise.

Our group consisted of players from John Paul II in North Battleford, St. Mary in Prince Albert, Watrous High School and Bishop James Mahoney and St. Joes in Saskatoon. Next year, our goal is to expand; perhaps more teams, more tournaments (including one in Saskatoon) and more coaches involved. If you want to know more or are interested in becoming involved in club basketball, please contact any member of the Huskie Coaching Staff.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2000-2001 SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

OCTOBER 12	CARONPORT @ HUMBOLDT
OCTOBER 19-21	2 ND ANNUAL HUSKY / MOHAWK SHOOT-OUT
OCTOBER 20	HUSKIE BASKETBALL BOOSTER NIGHT
OCTOBER 27-28	VS. SIMON FRASER
NOVEMBER 3-4	@ BRANDON
NOVEMBER 10-11	VS. LETHBRIDGE
NOVEMBER 17-18	@ MANITOBA
NOVEMBER 24-25	@ UBC
DECEMBER 28-30	@ WESMAN CLASSIC IN WINNIPEG
JANUARY 5-6	@ TRINITY WESTERN
JANUARY 12-13	VS. ALBERTA
JANUARY 19-20	VS. VICTORIA
JANUARY 26-27	@ CALGARY
FEBRUARY 2	@ REGINA
FEBRUARY 3	VS. REGINA
FEBRUARY 9-10	VS. WINNIPEG
FEBRUARY 16-18	QUARTER FINALS -6@3,5 @ 4
FEBRUARY 23-25	SEMI-FINALS - W@ 2, W @ 1
MARCH 2-4	FINAL-WINNER AT TOP FINISHER
MARCH 16-18	CIAU CHAMPIONSHIPS AT HALIFAX

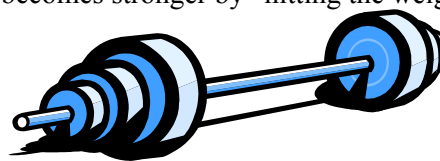


ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT HELD A ELBOW THIS YEAR

Huskie Alumni Paul Humbert, John Dewar and Kent Holoboff again organized this year's golf tournament. The tournament was held on August 28 at the Harbour Golf Club and Resort in Elbow, Sask. 38 players participated on 10 teams. The format of the tournament was a Texas scramble. The team of Dave Shockey, Dale Brooks, and Gord Reid tied the team of Al Fulton, Jim Bouvier and Barclay Schlosser for the win with a 9 under score of 62. ♦

significant playing time this season. He is in excellent condition and will be immediately asked to contribute both on the boards and at the defensive end of the floor.

- B.J. Melle – 6'5" 210lbs Guard – BJ is from Medicine Hat. Prior to attending university he played 3 years at Medicine Hat College. Following his Junior college degree he played for the University of Saskatchewan during the 1997-98 season. After two years away he now returns to the Huskie line-up. B.J. is a big, strong perimeter player, who can knock down the 3.
- Mitch Grant – 5'11" 180lbs Guard – Mitch graduated last spring from Bishop James Mahoney High School in Saskatoon. While at BJM he was instrumental in helping his team win a provincial championship last season. His deadly 3-point shooting ability combined with his toughness give Mitch the potential to become a solid university player.
- Trevor Cranston – 6'4" 200lbs Guard – Trevor comes to the Huskies from Strathcona High School in Edmonton. He is an outstanding perimeter shooter with excellent ball skills. Trevor has the potential to be a prominent contributor to the Huskie Program in the near future.
- Rob Lovelace – 5'11" 170lbs Point Guard – Rob is a graduate of Holy Cross High School in Saskatoon where he played for Barry Rawlyk. In grade eleven Rob played a major role in helping his team win a provincial championship. His excellent court sense, defensive toughness and athletic ability give Rob all the attributes required to become an outstanding university point guard.
- Matt Penner – 6'5" 180lbs Small Forward – Matt is a graduate of St. Joseph's High School in Saskatoon. Matt along with Rob is one of the two athletes with the most potential coming out of Saskatoon High School basketball this past season. He is an explosive athlete who can drive to the basket or shoot the 3. Matt's development will proceed rapidly as he gains experience and becomes stronger by "hitting the weights" ♦



THE 2ND ANNUAL HUSKY/MOHAWK SHOOT-OUT IS SET TO GO!!!

The second annual Husky/Mohawk Shoot-Out Tournament is ready to go. Concordia University from Montreal, York University from Toronto, the University of Regina and the hometown U of S Huskies will be the participants. The tournament will begin on Thursday, October 19 and running through to Saturday, October 21. The tournament format will be a round robin with two games being played each day.

In addition to the on court action other events are planned. The annual Alumni/Boosters and Parents Social will be held during the tournament. This event will take place on the Friday evening of the tournament following the games. The annual Saxon Athletic Coaches Clinic will take place on the Saturday of the tournament at Holy Cross High School. The overall weekend schedule is as follows:

Thursday, October 19

6:00 Regina versus Concordia
8:00 Huskies versus York

Friday, October 20

6:00 York versus Concordia
8:00 Huskies versus Regina
10:00 Booster Function at Quality Hotel

Saturday, October 21

10-12 Coaches Clinic at Holy Cross High School
1-3 Coaches Clinic at Holy Cross High School
1-3 Referees Clinic
6:00 York versus Regina
8:00 Huskies versus Concordia

The organizing of this year's tournament and surrounding events continues to exemplify the Huskie Basketball Program's resolve to develop one of the premier basketball programs in the CIAU. If you would like to help us in our aspirations and get involved with the tournament, just get in contact with the Huskie coaching staff. If you are unable to provide direct assistance and still want to contribute. We are hopeful that you can make it out as a spectator to the tournament, and all the team's remaining games for the year ♦

NEWS AND NOTES

- The head coach was recently married. In May of 2000 Greg and new wife Shana were married in Las Vegas. The marriage week was combined of course, with the annual Nike Basketball Coaches Clinic ♦



2000-2001 HUSKIE MEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

Name	Yr	Ht	Hometown
#10 Rob Lovelace	1	5'10"	Saskatoon
#11 Ryan Leier	5	6'1"	Saskatoon
#12 Seth Lang	3	6'1"	Regina
#13 Derek Beochler	1	6'3"	Saskatoon
#14 Erik Albrecher	1	6'8"	Surrey, BC
#15 Calvin Palmer	4	6'6"	Calgary, AB
#20 Ian Ferguson	2	6'6"	Edmonton, AB
#21 Sean Homenick	1	6'9"	Saskatoon
#22 Kyle Vermette	2	6'4"	Prince Albert
#23 Jamie Charlton	4	6'3"	Weyburn
#24 Steve Berschaminski	4	6'6"	Saskatoon
#25 Wayne Zarowny	3	6'6"	Saskatoon
#30 Jody Glines	5	6'6"	Saskatoon
#31 B.J. Melle	5	6'5"	Med. Hat, AB
Mitch Grant	1	5'10"	Saskatoon
Trevor Cranston	1	6'4"	Edmonton, AB
Matt Penner	1	6'5"	Saskatoon

HUSKIE ALUMNI, BOOSTER, AND PARENT NIGHT BEING HELD ON TOURNAMENT WEEKEND

Each year during the Husky/Mohawk Shoot-Out the Huskie Basketball Program has a get together of alumni, boosters, and friends. It is an opportunity to meet and mingle with current Huskie players and coaching staff. This year's event will take place on Friday October 20 at 10:00pm following the Huskies game versus the University of Regina. The Quality Hotel in downtown Saskatoon will be hosting this social event. All those who attend will find food, drinks and a good time. For more information contact Greg Jockims at 966-6495.

TOM GOSSE TO BE HONORED

Each year during the Husky/Mohawk Shoot-Out the Huskie Men's Basketball Foundation honors someone who has contributed to the betterment of basketball in the province. Former Huskie Star, Tom Gosse, will be honored this year. Tom will be presented with a memento recognizing his outstanding playing career at the University of Saskatchewan. The presentation will be made prior to the start of Huskie game versus the University of Regina on Friday October 20 at the Husky/Mohawk Shoot-Out ♦

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