

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 2001-2002 season.

3rd ANNUAL SAXON ATHLETIC COACHES CLINIC

The Huskie Men's Basketball Foundation is planning the Third Annual SAXON ATHLETIC Coaches Clinic.

When: The clinic will be on Saturday October 27, 2001 at BISHOP JAMES MAHONEY HIGH SCHOOL in Saskatoon (231 Primrose Drive) starting at 10 am

Who: The clinicians will be:

Guy Vetrie– University of Victoria
Greg Jockims – University of Saskatchewan
James Hillis – University of Regina
Jerry Hemmings – Brandon University

What: Clinic Topics will be as follows:

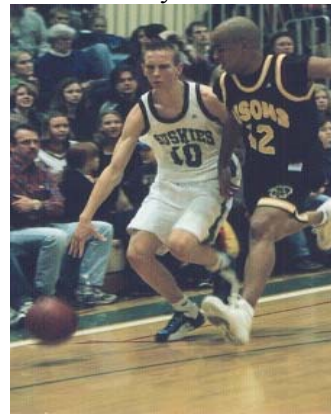
10:00 am Guy Vetrie – Offensive Concepts
11:00 am Greg Jockims- Defensive Fundamentals
12 Noon – Lunch – sponsored by Basketball Sask.
1:00 pm James Hillis – Special Plays for Special Situations
2:00 pm Jerry Hemmings – Championship Defense

Cost: Free

To register: Contact Greg Jockims at 966-6495.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR RETURNS!

James Kenyon, the Canada West and CIAU rookie of the year in the 1999-2000 season returns to the Huskie line-up this season. He returns following a year spent at Langara College in Vancouver where he concentrated on academic pursuits. As a result, James returns to the program with a newfound focus on his studies and a desire to reestablish himself as one of the premier shooting guards in the country.



Academically, while at Langara College, he began to focus on a Kinesiology Degree. He was successful in all courses taken and that result has given him confidence coming into this academic year. Athletically he continued to work on his basketball skills by competing in a local senior men's league.

As a result, with a year of physical and mental maturation, James is ready to refocus on his goal of helping the Huskies vie for a Canada West Championship. During his rookie campaign with the Huskies, James was named to the CIAU All-Canadian team.

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ROSTER PLAYERS

Derek Boechler, 2 nd Year	6'4"	210lb-Guard
Jamie Charlton, 5 th Year	6'2"	185lb-Guard
Trevor Cranston, 1 st Year	6'4"	190lb-Guard
Trent Folk, 1 st Year	6'6"	220lb-Forward
Mitch Grant, 1 st Year	5'10"	180lb-Guard
Matthew Greenberg, 1 st Year	6'6"	185lb-Guard
Sean Homenick, 2 nd Year	6'8"	210lb-Forward
James Kenyon, 2 nd Year	6'5"	180lb-Guard
Seth Lang, 4 th Year	6'1"	185lb-Guard
Kevin Langdon, 1 st Year	6'6"	210lb-Forward
Rob Lovelace, 1 st Year	5'11"	185lb-Guard
Nathan Nowak, 1 st Year	6'6"	220lb-Forward
Calvin Palmer, 5 th Year	6'6"	230lb-Forward
Matt Penner, 1 st Year	6'4"	195lb-Guard

REDSHIRTS

Jordan Cossette, RS	6'4"	180lb-Guard
Stephen Galbraith, RS	6'3"	175lb-Guard
Sam Lamontagne, RS	6'1"	210lb-Guard
Dan Langdon, RS	7'1"	200lb-Forward
Jamal Manning, RS	6'2"	180lb-Guard
Mark Thompson, RS	6'4"	175lb-Guard

STAFF

Greg Jockims, Head Coach, 4th Season
Kirk Jones, Assistant Coach, 4th Season
Bob Weenk, Assistant Coach, 7th Season
Brian Chmarney, Student Assistant, 3rd Season
Mark Grandberg, Manager, 2nd Season
Nicole McCann, Trainer, 1st Season
Brienne Schwark, Trainer, 1st Season
Bree Rooke, Trainer, 1st Season ♦

FIRST ANNUAL PRAIRIE DOG CLASSIC SUMMER TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS

The first annual Prairie Dog Men's Club Basketball tournament was held at the U of S this past July. With 5 midget boys teams from Alberta & Saskatchewan and 7 Juvenile boys teams from the same provinces, it was a busy, basketball-filled weekend.

The Midget boys played a round robin with Edmonton Grant McEwen emerging victorious, followed by Wayne Dyck's Saskatoon Phantoms. Todd Morrell's East Side Lakers finished third in spite of being a team made up of Grade 8's, followed by Rob Blais' Saskatoon Trojans and Edmonton's Yellowhead Midgets. While not all of the games were close, the players all got lots of floor time and competed energetically. Three Saskatoon teams meant that 30 to 40 midget aged boys were playing elite summer basketball, most of who would not otherwise have had the opportunity.

The Juveniles were divided into 2 pools with the host Prairie Dogs playing in both. In the A pool, the dogs came out on top over three Calgary teams: The Dino's A & B squads and the Selects. In the B pool, the Dogs defeated Humboldt/Watrous (coached by Kevin Grieman and Jeff Schlosser), Barry Rawlyk's Saskatoon Knights, and the Parkland Heat from Red Deer.

For a first effort, the tournament was a success; lots of teams playing lots of games; good basketball and another step for the club program.

Next year, we hope to get more teams (local and out of province) more games and more sponsors

HUSKIE ATHLETICS HONORS STUDENT ATHLETES FOR SHINING IN THE CLASSROOM

Canadian Inter-University Sport and the University of Saskatchewan have declared their annual All-Academic Team members comprised of those student athletes, managers and trainers best combining athletics and academics. The CIS and the University of Saskatchewan's criteria for selection to these teams differ with the university having the more demanding of the two. The CIS Royal Bank Academic All-Canadian Team includes those student athletes who completed a year of eligibility while maintaining an 80% average or above on a minimum of 18 credit units during the regular session. The Huskie Athletic Program All-Academic First Team is composed of all student athletes, trainers and managers who have contributed to our program while maintaining a sessional average of >79.5% and who carried a class-load of 24 credit units or more during the 2000-01 academic year. The All-Academic Second Team is compiled from the same students but recognizes those with a sessional average of between 74.5% and 79.5% while carrying at least 24 credit units. This past season Huskie Athletes placed 48 on the Huskie Athletics All-Academic First Team, 54 on the Huskie Athletics All-Academic Second Team and 42 who met the CIS standard as Royal Bank Academic All-Canadians. To put it another way, the 2000-2001 Huskie Athletic Complement consisted of 334 athletes (27 of whom were multi-sport athletes) and 26 student trainers and managers for a total of 361 student participants. 30% percent of the individuals attained All-Academic standing. The recognition of top academic performers concludes another very successful season of academics and athletics for Huskie Athletes.

Four players from the men's basketball team received All-Academic honours. Seth Lang, a 4th year Commerce student from Regina led the way with Paul Seipp, a 5th year graduate in Engineering, BJ Melle, a 5th year graduate in Education, and Trevor Cranston, a 2nd year Commerce student, completed the list of men's basketball players on the All-Academic team.

2001 GOLF TOURNAMENT

Once again the Huskie Men's Basketball Foundation successfully ran the annual golf tournament. This year's tournament was held on August 25 at Holiday Park Golf Course in Saskatoon. This marks the first time in recent years that the tournament has been held in Saskatoon. The winners of the Texas Scramble format were the team of Rick Johnson, Al Fulton, Jim Bouvier and Bruce Rempel with a score of 18 under par. In second place was the team of Chirs Mirwald, Paul Humbert, John Dewar and John Festival. This second place team was a special group for two reasons. First; Chirs Mirwald was the first golfer in tournament history to achieve a hole in 1. Secondly, John Festival, a former Huskie, came in from Calgary to attend the tournament. Pen in next year's tournament date (Saturday August 24, 2002), as we hope is to expand this enjoyable event.

COACH'S CORNER COACH'S SURVIVAL TIPS

1. Believe in yourself and believe in what you are doing as a coach.
2. Be fair, firm and maintain a positive attitude. Your players will pick up on it and respect you for it.
3. Be very careful about having a senior on your team who has limited ability that will only see limited playing time. Carefully explain to that player what his or her role will be. It takes a very special person to accept the fact that younger players will be playing in front of him or her. A disgruntled senior on your squad is an ingredient for disaster.
4. If you're losing, lose because you're young, not because you stink. Rebuild. Pay attention to your junior squad and feeder systems. If time allows, work with those players or go to see some of their games. The kids will be impressed that the high school coach came to see them play. It means allot and will pay dividends down the road

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2000-2001 SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE**

OCTOBER 11-13	@ UNIVERSITY OF REGINA TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER 19	@ VICTORIA
OCTOBER 20	@TRINITY WESTERN
OCTOBER 25-27	3RD ANNUAL HUSKY & MOHAWK SHOOT-OUT
OCTOBER 26	HUSKIE BASKETBALL ALUMNI & BOOSTER NIGHT
NOVEMBER 2-3	VS. LETHBRIDGE
NOVEMBER 9-10	@ ALBERTA
NOVEMBER 16-17	VS. CALGARY
NOVEMBER 23-24	@ BRANDON
DECEMBER 28-30	@ WESMEN CLASSIC IN WINNIPEG
JANUARY 4-5	@ TRINITY WESTERN
JANUARY 11-12	VS. REGINA
JANUARY 18-19	@ CALGARY
JANUARY 25-26	@ LETHBRIDGE
FEBRUARY 1-2	VS. ALBERTA
FEBRUARY 8-9	VS. VICTORIA
FEBRUARY 15-17	DIVISION SEMI-FINALS –3@2
FEBRUARY 22-24	DIVISION-FINALS – W@1
MARCH 1-2	FINAL FOUR @ CENTRAL– TBA
March 15-17	CIAU Championships at Halifax ♦

**HUSKIE ALUMNI, BOOSTER, AND
PARENT NIGHT TO BE HELD ON THE
FRIDAY NIGHT OF THE
TOURNAMENT**

When: Friday, October 26, 2001 at approximately
10:00pm

Where: Quality Hotel, Downtown Saskatoon

Who: All Huskie Basketball Alumni, Boosters,
Players, Parents, and Family

**PRAIRIE DOGS CLUB TEAM
ENJOYS SUCCESSFUL
SUMMER**

This summer Brian Chmarney and I coached the Prairie Dogs and our pleased that we achieved the goals we set out for the team this summer. First, we provided a place for high potential players to play. Seventeen players were played for the team this summer and a core of seven players played every game. Secondly, we played a large number of games against high levels of competition. The "Young Dogs " played 25 games and every game featured a high level of intensity. We faced teams that were big power teams, teams that executed set plays flawlessly, inner city athletic run and gun teams, teams that pressed, teams that ran a four corners stall. In short we faced a wide variety of styles. A third goal was to introduce the players to the commitment and feel of being an elite player. I can't stress how pleased I am at how the players responded to being offered the chance to play and work hard. We never hid the fact that we expect high standards of effort, focus and commitment of the players in this program. This just shows what I have always believed that young people want to play, want to be pushed, want to get better. We only need provide the right opportunities. At the end of the summer we had more players wanting to play than we were able to accommodate. We hope to expand the program next year for this reason. The last goal is player improvement, and we certainly saw this. Most of the team attended the summer workouts on weeknights with the Huskie players as well as team practices. The games we played enabled them to put their new improved skills into practice. An indication of the improvement is in the team's record. After beginning 1-2 the team went on to finish 20-5 winning our own tournament as well as the prestigious Pitt Meadows Tournament in BC. As the summer went on we won games mostly because our players played harder, were more skilled and played smarter than the opposition. A tribute to the team's poise is a 12-2 record in games decided by eight points or less. We had a very big team and of course it takes big guys longer to develop. Highlights were a blowout of the U of Calgary Jr. Dinos where we shot 11-11 from the three point line in the first half, a 102-73 victory over Team Saskatchewan despite the fact neither of our two centers (6-8 Steve Uzelman of North Battleford and 6-9 Lane Manson of Watrous) played; a triple overtime playoff win over BC powerhouse White Rock Christian on a Ryan Lynchuck's (Mount Royal) buzzer beater, and the tournament championship in B.C.

