

Hoop realities

UPEI's winning women of basketball

According to coach Tracy Ellsworth, the key to success in AUSA women's basketball is a fine mix of senior experience and quality rookies. If this is the case, then this season's women Panthers appear well on their way to unlocking the door to the league championship.

"We're certainly looking to win the AUAs. [But there's] a lot of work ahead of us yet," Ellsworth says that if they win the title, they're looking to represent the AUSA well at the national level.

UPEI is currently two points ahead of Memorial University in the league standings, and boast a record of 11-2. The women split their last games against Memorial with close scores, and will be play-

ing their last last weekend of the season in Newfoundland.

Eirann Rigby and Jennifer Johnson have been contributing substantially to the strong season, with 22 and 20 points per game respectively. Marie-Claire Couture rounds out the triad of veteran perimeter players. Ellsworth notes that their play has been instrumental.

"They want to win badly this year," she said. "They lead by example, as well as by voice."

But the team does not stop with these leaders.

"Our second lineup is comparable to other teams' starters," said Krista Connolly, a second year forward. "We've got more than one person scoring all the points...

a deep bench."

Connolly adds that, with eight rookies, the team is one of the youngest in the AUSA. This is complementary to UPEI's fast, athletic game.

The level of play in the AUSA this season has been on track with the past number of years, Ellsworth says, with all of the league's teams playing very competitively. The team must be prepared every night in order to do well.

With seven games left in the regular season, Ellsworth says that the team is capable of going 7-0. Whether they will or not, she says, is up to the team.

"We've been ready more often than not," she said. "I have high hopes and so does the team."

UPEI/Myron's I.B.L. Week #11

Monday, Feb. 9th

8pm Alumni vs. Spacejam
AVC vs. Da Bills

9pm Criminals vs. The Slobs
Crazy vs. Billy K.

10pm Bezerkers vs. Dale C.
Team X vs. Court Jesters

Tuesday, Feb. 10th

8pm Crazy vs. The Gamecocks
Jen S. vs. Dale C.

9pm Da Bills vs. Alumni
AVC vs. Court Jesters

10pm Spacejam vs. Brotherhood

UPEI/Myron's I.B.L. Week #12

Monday, Feb. 16th

8pm Alumni vs. AVC
Team X vs. Spacejam

9pm Criminals vs. Billy K.
Brotherhood vs. Court Jesters

10pm Da Bills vs. Bezerkers

Tuesday, Feb. 17th

8pm Alumni vs. Dale C.
Jen S. vs. Team X

9pm Da Bills vs. Brotherhood

10pm Bezerkers vs. Court Jesters

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