Hello Warhawk Fans!

The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater wheelchair basketball teams traveled to the University of Alabama this past weekend for the last set of conference games before Nationals. In the first game of the weekend, the Warhawks squared off against the University of Edinboro. The Warhawks came out on top with a 60-17 victory. Whitewater was lead by Ashley Kubicz who provided 14 points and 15 rebounds and Debee Steel who punched in 20 points in the victory.

Saturday morning we faced the University of Illinois, who are lead by Gail Gaeng and Helen Freemen. Whitewater came out on top with an 87-55 in a great team victory. The Warhawks were lead by Becca Murray who had 29 points 8 rebounds and 7 assist. Desiree Miller also added 23 points 7 rebounds and 8 assist.

In the final game of the weekend, we squared off against the University of Alabama. This game was going to determine the number one seed for Nationals. The University of Alabama is lead by Canadian National team member Cindy Quellet, German National team member Annika Zeyen and Karolina Lingyte. Our Warhawks battled until the end but came up short, losing 67-76. The Warhawks were lead by Mareike Adermann who had 23 points, 11 rebounds and 4 assists along with Desiree Miller who had 26 points and 7 rebounds.

We will be going into Nationals as the number two seed and will face the host, the University of Illinois, in the first round. We invite everyone to make the trip and come support your Warhawks. We hope to see everyone there and would like to thank all of our family and friends who have supported us this entire season! Our program would not be where it is today if it wasn’t for all of you!

Thanks,

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Wheelchair Basketball Supporters,

The trip to Tuscaloosa, AL was very long. The team used this time to get some homework done, play some Euchre, and watch some movies. Our team makes the trip fly by as we spend the time growing together off the court.

Our first game of the weekend had us scheduled to play the University of Edinboro, out of Pennsylvania. This weekend was the last tournament of season play before the NIWBT (National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball Tournament), which is being held at the University of Illinois. The head coach for Edinboro was in disagreement of some non called fouls and this misunderstanding lead to some choice words. Choice words lead to a forfeited game chalking up our first win of the weekend barely breaking a sweat.

The second game of the weekend started at 8 AM on Saturday morning. We played against the University of Texas-Arlington and this was our 5th game of the season against them. The series was tied at 2 heading into this rubber match. An anemic 31% shooting from the field dug us a hole early that we were unable to dig ourselves out of. Chris Okon and Andre Bienek took on the brunt of the scoring for us adding 21 and 18 respectively. The offensive attack of UTA had four players in double digits making it difficult to stop all of their threats. They shot 52% from the field and took the rubber match of the series.

It was a difficult schedule as our second game had us playing a very tough U of I team at 5 PM. Our bus driver needed time off so the team was at the gym all day and did a great job of fighting the fatigue that can happen from sitting at a gym all day. Although Canadian Nick Goncin lead all scorers with 40 points, the balanced attack of Okon, Kenyon, and Bienek proved to be a challenge to stop. They scored 29, 21, and 20 to help us to our second win of the weekend.

In a late night, prime time match-up, we played the University of Alabama at 9 PM on Saturday night. After an overtime thriller in Whitewater, Alabama was looking for some revenge on their home floor. Alabama started and stayed in control for the majority of the game. Our team fought back and was able to finally take the lead with a shot from Shai Ron in the final seconds of the game. The final score was 72-70.
This final weekend set us as the number 2 seed in the college division. Our first match-up in U of I will be against the University of Edinboro. We invite everyone to make the trip and come support your Warhawks. We hope to see everyone there and would like to thank everyone for your interest in our program up to this point.

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