Hello Warhawk Fans!

The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater women’s wheelchair basketball team kicked off the second semester conference schedule by traveling to Champaign, Illinois the weekend of January 26th for a two game series against the University of Illinois. Our lady Warhawks squared off against the University of Illinois who are led by Great Britain National Team Member Helen Freemans and Gail Gaeng. Our Warhawks opened the first game with a 75-47 victory. The Warhawks were led by senior Desiree Miller who provided 28 points going 4/5 from the three point line. In the second game of the weekend our lady Warhawks were lead by Mariska Beijer who provided 28 points shooting 13/16 from the field and providing 9 rebounds and 3 assist in a 82-52 victory.

This past weekend our Men’s and Women’s took a long bus trip that was packed tight and traveled to Edinboro, PA. In the first game of the weekend our ladies matched up against the University of Alabama in the rematch of last year’s championship game. Alabama is lead by German National team member Annika Zeyen, Canadian National team members Katie Harnock, Cindy Quellet and Elisha Williams. Our ladies came out ready to go and played some of the best team basketball of the season thus far. The Lady Warhawks came out on top winning 72-54. In the second game of the weekend our Warhawks squared off against the University of Illinois, once again our ladies came out and played good team basketball from start to finish winning 63-36. In the third game of the weekend the Warhawks squared off against the University of Edinboro, winning 65-16. Our ladies were lead by freshman Laura Furst who provided 28 points and Brittany Gustafson who was 1 rebound shy of a double double providing 15 points and 9 rebounds. In the fourth and final game of the weekend the Warhawks once again squared off against the University of Alabama, in a back and forth battle for the Warhawks came out on top winning 67-48.

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Warhawk Fans,

It has been a busy start to our semester. Our Men’s team is finding their strengths and gaining experience with every game. The youth of our team was evident early in our season. It is exciting to see where our team is heading but we have a very difficult road ahead. There are some fantastic teams in our division standing in our way and proving that anyone can win on any given day.

January 11-12

The Warhawk Invitational on January 11 and 12th had us playing host to the Milwaukee Bucks and RIC Hornets from Chicago. Both of these Men’s teams had experienced and star studded rosters that includes Paralympians. It was a great weekend of challenging basketball that was full of learning experiences that helped us define who we are as a team. The Paralympian riddled roster that is the Milwaukee Bucks took the chance to hand us our hats on our first game Friday night. Ben Kenyon led the way with 19 points, but in the end it was a tough learning experience to the tune of 77-44 in favor of the Bucks. On Saturday we fought hard to play against two talented ball players in Tom Smurr and Joe Gugliotta, both played in Italy last season. We found that pushing the pace on the offensive end was an advantageous attack for our quick line-ups. Line-up after line-up was rotated in and we never skipped a beat. It was a great team effort led by three players scoring double digits for us, Ben Kenyon, Jake Williams and Derrick Bisnett. Our final game of the weekend was a rematch against the powerhouse that is the Milwaukee Bucks. In a game that showed our best effort and intensity of the season, we bounced back to fall short by the smallest of margins. While the low post force for the Bucks was too much to handle in the end, our Warhawks fell short by 9 points. Although, it was a loss in the books; our team showed heart and dedication to the team philosophy.

January 25-26

In our first collegiate battle of the semester, we traveled to the University of Missouri to battle it out against the University of Missouri, University of Illinois, Southwest Minnesota State University and the University of Texas-Arlington. We opened against Mizzou in a challenging game that gave us an opportunity for payback after a 1st semester loss. In a tightly contested basketball game that went back and forth, Jake Williams nearly recorded a triple-double with 35 points, 13 rebounds and 9 assists. In the end we came out on top with an 11 point victory. The established and experienced Illini proved to be more of a challenge than our team was ready for.
The Illini top scorers of Goncin and Kozai recorded 30 and 28 respectively to hand us our first loss of the weekend to the final score of 86-66. We bounced back to play the Mustangs of SMSU on Saturday morning. Jake Williams led the way against his former team with 30 points and had some solid help on the offensive end from Derrick Bisnett with 20 points. Our last game of the weekend had us playing the Movin’ Mavs. In our best effort of the weekend, we pushed UTA the whole game but fell short in the end.

February 1-2

The very long bus ride to Edinboro, PA was very tightly and strategically packed as traveling with the Men’s and Women’s team and all the equipment proved to be a challenge. Our staff and athletes did a great job of working together to make the trip possible and enjoyable. While we came out of the weekend with a 2-2 record; our record did not reflect the growth of our team. The weekend was a great stepping stone for our team. After losing big to Illinois in our first two games, it came down to the last few possessions. Although, we fell short by 5 points, our team gained the confidence that we are on the same level as the best teams in our conference. The top team in our division at this point is Alabama and in a back-and-forth game with the giant of our division Alabama took home the win in the end. Your Warhawks recorded 2 wins on the weekend against the Scots of Edinboro and the Missouri Tigers. It was a great start to the semester and we look forward to our continued growth.

Come out and watch our friendly scrimmage against the Milwaukee Bucks this Friday night at 7:00 pm in the main gym of the Williams Center.

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