Women’s Newsletter:

Hello Warhawk Fans!

The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater women’s wheelchair basketball team kicked off its season this past weekend hosting the University of Illinois and the University of Arizona. In the first game of the season, our lady Warhawks squared off against the University of Illinois which is led by Great Britain National Team Member Helen Freemen and Gail Gaeng. Our Warhawks opened the season with a 67-60 victory. When people talk about team victories, these are the type of games that they are referring to. The Warhawks were led by senior Desiree Miller who provided 21 points, 7 rebounds and 7 assist and sophomore Jillian Host who provided 10 points, 9 rebounds and three assist.

In the second game of the season the lady Warhawks matched up against the University of Arizona. U of A is led by USA National Team Member Jennifer Poist and Junior National Team Member Deanna Free. Whitewater came out with its second victory of the season winning 66-41. Providing big minutes for the Warhawks were Freshmen Brittany Gustafson from Monticello, Minnesota and Laura Fuerst from Munich, Germany along with Senior Bethany DeVault, all helped lead the Warhawks to another victory.

In the final game of the weekend we squared off against the University of Arizona once again, winning 65-46 to go 3-0 on the weekend. At halftime, the Warhawks led by one. With the support of her teammates the Warhawks were led by Senior Mareike Adermann who dropped in 40 points, 13 rebounds and 5 assist.

We would like to say thank you to all of the friends, families and volunteers for coming out and making this tournament such a great success, we truly couldn’t have done it without you!

We hope everyone has a happy and safe thanksgiving.

Thanks,
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Men’s Newsletter:

Warhawk Wheelchair Basketball fanatics,

It was a long tough weekend for our very young Men’s Wheelchair Basketball team. Injuries and transfer students missing in a young roster provided an opportunity for our young hoopers to step-up their games and find their niche within the program.

Our tournament opener was against an experienced squad from the University of Missouri. While our defense needed some work; our offense was held to 35% shooting. This was a common theme for the weekend as shots that we expect to fall were not falling for us. With only Derrick Bisnett reaching double digit scoring, we fell short in the end with a final score of 59-43 to take our first loss of the weekend.

The University of Edinboro was ready and excited to take us on as they watched our poor shooting from earlier in the day. We were able to bounce back and shoot 66% in our second game on Friday. Derrick Bisnett led all scorers with 31 points and Ben Kenyon added 20 points. Our team bounced back with a win to the tune of 70-57.

The Mustangs of Southwest Minnesota State University posed a challenge heading into our Friday night game. They have twin towers in Brown and Klinker. While their height did the bulk of the scoring for them, we were able to hold their team to 30% shooting with an excellent individual effort on the defensive end from our true freshman, Ryan Nelson. He was all over the court making scoring a difficult task for the Mustangs.

We were handed two losses on Saturday from the University of Illinois and the University of Texas-Arlington. They were able to expose our inexperience while capitalizing on their years of experience. These teams showed why they are early favorites in the hunt for a championship this young wheelchair basketball season.
Our young team showed great promise as we received great minutes from up and down our line-up. We are excited to throw Shai Ron back in the mix and add Jake Williams in the second semester. The team bounced back this week to have our best practices of the year. These losses have taught our team the level we need to be practicing at to become successful. Although, taking 3 losses on the weekend is tough; it is truly a learning experience for our young team. A loss is only a loss, if you don’t learn anything from it.

Watch for our next tournament schedule online. We will be playing at home again on January 11-13. See you there and check online to familiarize yourself with our new team.

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