University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Wheelchair Athletics Newsletter
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Women's Newsletter:

Warhawk Wheelchair Basketball fans:

The Men's and Women's wheelchair basketball teams were proud to host 22 games in the DLK Fieldhouse this past weekend. The Whitewater women started the tournament Friday night up against the University of Illinois. The fighting Illini came into the game excited to have their leading scorer Helen Freeman back with the team after missing last weekend's games so she could spend time with her National team Great Britain. The Warhawks came into the game excited to be playing in front of all of their friends and family. With the help of the crowd's energy and excitement the Warhawks were able to hold Illinois to only 19 points in the first half while the Warhawks were lead by Desiree Miller and Debee Steel with 8 points and 5 rebounds respectfully going into halftime leading 31 to 19. Mareike Adermann came out on fire and Sarah Binsfeld stellar defense helped the Warhawks increase their lead to over 15 and holding the fight Illini to 36.5 percent shooting for the game. The Warhawks ended the game with a 62-47 victory.

Saturday morning we started the day off by facing the University of Edinboro, PA. The fighting Scots excited by new freshmen Diamond Johnson and Kristina Caiderone came in looking to make some noise in the college division by upsetting the Warhawks. Senior Ashley Kubicz and freshman Jillian Host were not going to allow this to happen on their home court. With the offensive punch of Jillian by providing 10 points, 7 rebounds and 3 assist and the defensive pressure of Lydia Sprain and Ashley Kubicz the Warhawks end the game with a 52-22 victory.

In the third game of the tournament our schedule had us playing a rematch of last year's national championship game. The University of Alabama, who are lead by Canadian National Team member Cindy Ouellet and German National Team member Annika Zeyen. Both teams came into the game looking forward to playing each other as this is the first time that these two teams have face off against each other since last year. Alabama came ready to show the Hawks that they are still the team to beat in this year's College Division by starting the game on a 16-4 run, but after a timeout and the addition of Bethany DeVault to the line-up the Warhawks were starting to find their own game and showed Alabama that they weren't going to back down to anyone. The teams battled back and forth possession by possession as the first half game to an end with Whitewater leading 29-28. As the second half started the two teams continued to battle back and forth for the entire 20 minutes. The ladies fought hard but were not on top as the final buzzer sounded. Alabama won 63-59

Saturday night the ladies had their last game of the tournament with another rematch against the University of Illinois. This went back and forth for the first 30 minutes. The Warhawks were able to hold the fighting Illini in the closing 10 minutes of the second half, to 4 points to end the game with a 66-46 victory.

Most of all we would like to say thank you to everyone that was able to come and support our Wheelchair Basketball teams this weekend. We had some great fund-raising help from the AMA, Coaches vs. Cancer and the Murray Family. Without all of you this would not have been able to happen and it was absolutely amazing!!!

Thanks,

Dan Price
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