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## Countdown to hoops Women's basketball squad begins inaugural season on Saturday, November 14; men's team opens on the 9th

*By the NSU Sports Information Office*

For most coaches taking over a first-year program, confidence might—naturally—be a problem. But for Marilyn Rule, the new coach of the fledgling women's basketball program at Nova Southeastern University, there's no shortage of enthusiasm. "Oh, we're really excited about this season," said Rule, hired this past mid-May to lead the Knights' newest of 11 Nova Southeastern University athletic teams. "I'm very confident in our team this year, but it's not only because of the talent we have, but also because of the situation the rest of the [Florida Sun Conference] is in. Of the now-six teams, four of them—including us—are either new teams or have new coaches with new systems. So, really, it's anybody's ballgame...and we feel real good about it."

Don't mistake Rule's comments for cocky, for she—and her team—are far from it. But they know the talent level which Rule put together to make up the school's first unit, and couldn't be any more pleased. What the Knights will show this year when the season kicks off on November 14 with a 3 p.m. home game (played at Broward Community College's George Mayer Gymnasium, Building 10) against Edward Waters College is a nice blend of rookie and veteran talent, featuring three freshman, four sophomores and four juniors.

Highlighting the roster includes three veteran players from Hillsborough Community College, including Sharnel Carr, Telesicia Nash and Nitashi Ealey. They attended the west coast's two-year school from 1997-98, gaining a good knowledge of the college basketball level—and a good knowledge of themselves, too. "That'll definitely be a plus for our team," Rule said. "Having played together for the past couple seasons has given them a bond and chemistry that the rest of the team is slowly starting to put together."

Other college veterans include: junior Jennifer Beckman, a

junior transfer from Lynn University who starred with Jupiter High School; Tajuna Lee, another junior who comes to Nova Southeastern University from Valencia Community College; sophomore Lisa Del Rio, who spent two years at Broward Community College and, before that, four years at Cooper City High; another Lynn transfer, and sophomore Heidi Turczynski, who set 3-point records while playing high school ball at Barron Collier. Sophomore Theresa Howe is also a walk-on from Pittsburgh, PA (she attended North Catholic High, graduating in 1997), while the freshmen include Jessica Hoppe (a 1998 graduate of Hollywood Christian School) and the Hickey sisters, Brianne and Meghanne, both of which earned numerous honors while playing for Lyman High School.

The men's squad also opens up this month, with Tony McAndrews' unit hosting Benedict College on Monday, November 9, at 7 p.m. "This could be a very good year for us," said McAndrews, whose Knights finished 15-17 overall, 8-6 in the Florida Sun Conference last season. "We have a good group of returners back, plus a solid list of newcomers, so I'm expecting an exciting season." The returners include perhaps the top three at their respective positions: junior guard Jeff Payanis, senior forward Sherard Hernandez, and senior center Robert Robinson. Both Hernandez and Robinson were All-Conference picks last year, while Payanis was 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation among assist leaders. Local newcomers include former Ely High standout Reggie McNair, Douglas graduate Eric Windell, St. Thomas Aquinas graduates Marquis Kiffin and Kevin Moore, Chaminade-Madonna's Chris Duggin, and Stranahan's Vernon Osgood. Veteran sophomores Troy Railsback and Andy Platt, along with other newcomers Dan MacLachlan, David Goldeano, Trevor Markham and Brad Kaczynski round out the Knights' roster.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
1		2 3 p.m. Baseball VS Trinity 7 p.m. Volleyball @ Lynn University	3 6 p.m. Volleyball vs. Madonna @ Palm Beach Atlantic College TBA Men's Soccer Conference	4 WB National TBA Men's Soccer Conference	5 3 p.m. Baseball VS. Trinity TBA Volleyball Conference Tournament TBA Women's Soccer @ Embry- Riddle Univeristy FSC Tournament TBA Men's Soccer Conference	6 TBA Cross Country @ Flagler TBA Volleyball Conference Tournament TBA Women's Soccer @ Embry- Riddle Univeristy FSC Tournament TBA Men's Soccer Conference	7		
8 7 p.m. Men's Basketball VS Benedict College		9 7 p.m. Volleyball VS. Miami- Dade Wolfson		10		11	12 8 p.m. Men's Basketball @ Webber College Tournament TBA Women's Soccer Regionals TBA Men's Soccer Regionals	13 3 p.m. Men's Basketball @ Webber College Tournament 3 p.m. Women's Basketball @ Edward Waters TBA Women's Soccer Regionals TBA Men's Soccer Regionals	14
15		16 7 p.m. Volleyball VS. Lynn University	17	18	19 6 p.m. Men's Basketball @ Pickle Classic 8 p.m. Women's Basketball @ Central Florida CC Tournament TBA Volleyball Regional Tournament @ Palm Beach Atlantic College	20 12 p.m. Women's Basketball @ Central Florida CC Tournament TBA Men's Basketball @ Pickle Classic TBA Cross Country Nationals TBA Volleyball Regional Tournament @ Palm Beach Atlantic College	21		
22 TBA Women's Soccer Nationals TBA Men's Soccer Nationals	23 TBA Women's Soccer Nationals TBA Men's Soccer Nationals	24 TBA Women's Soccer Nationals TBA Men's Soccer Nationals	25 Thanksgiving Day University Closed TBA Women's Soccer Nationals TBA Men's Soccer Nationals	26 University Closed 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball @ Eckerd College Tournament TBA Women's Soccer Nationals TBA Men's Soccer Nationals	27 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball @ Eckerd College Tournament TBA Women's Soccer Nationals TBA Men's Soccer Nationals	28			
29 3 p.m. Baseball Mini World Series	30								

Home volleyball and basketball games played at Broward Community College Central Campus Building 10 (George Mayer Gym)



## NSU notes, quotes and anecdotes...

### NSU set for conference tourneys

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL— Five Nova Southeastern University intercollegiate athletic teams will be representing the school at respective Florida Sun Conference championship tournaments this Friday and Saturday across the state. From north to south: the men's and women's cross country teams will run on Saturday morning at Flagler College in St. Augustine; the men's and women's soccer teams will compete on Friday and Saturday at Embry-Riddle University in Daytona Beach; and the volleyball squad plays Friday and Saturday at Palm Beach Atlantic College in West Palm Beach.

#### \*CROSS-COUNTRY

##### Hannon expected to return for FSC meet this Saturday

Ken Ward's unit is expecting a big lift this Saturday as senior Chris Hannon (New Port Richey, FL) is expected to return to the men's lineup. Hannon had missed the past few weeks due to an avulsion fracture in his post-terior tibialus (torn tendon in right foot). After working with NSU's training staff, though, Ward is confident of his appearance. "With Chris back in the lineup, not only do we become a threat to win the team competition, but he becomes a threat to win the individual title," Ward said.

#### \*MEN'S SOCCER

##### Knights open tournament against host Eagles

The Knights will be seeded second in the tournament, behind St. Thomas University, but that doesn't concern head coach Frankie Delgado too much. "We knew that anybody would have to go through them to win the tournament, anyways," Delgado said. "Besides, this is the way it was last year and we ended up winning the tournament, so we're hoping for a repeat performance." The Knights will open up the tournament against No. 3 seed—and host—Embry-Riddle University this Friday, November 6, at 5:30 p.m., with St. Thomas facing No. 4 Webber at 8 p.m. NSU swept the regular season series from ERAU, winning 4-2 and 2-1 (OT). The championship match will be Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

#### \*WOMEN'S SOCCER

##### NSU to face Flagler in first round

Still undecided (as of Monday afternoon) is what the Knights will be seeded at this weekend's tournament. Both NSU and Flagler College are tied with 9-3 league records, and are even in the first four tiebreakers. Thus, it comes down to the Longo Ratings, which are still being tabulated by the NAIA Southeast Region and Flagler College. The Knights, though, will either be seeded second or third, and will play Flagler in the opening round on Friday (at Embry-Riddle) at 2:30 p.m. Top-seed St. Thomas will face No. 4 Palm Beach Atlantic College at 12 p.m. The ladies' championship match on Saturday is slated for 4 p.m. Against Flagler this year, the Knights split the series, falling 2-1 in St. Augustine, and winning, 1-0, at home.

#### \*VOLLEYBALL

##### Knights face tough road in conference tourney

It won't be easy for Charyl Morgan's women's volleyball team at this weekend's league tournament at Palm Beach Atlantic College. Her Knights, seeded fourth, open up against No. 5 Flagler College on Friday at 5 p.m. Should they win, they will advance to Saturday's noon semifinals against top-seeded PBAC. The championship match is slated for Saturday at 6 p.m. Other conference matches include: No. 6 Webber vs. No. 3 Embry-Riddle, quarterfinals, Friday at 7 p.m.; that winner vs. No. 2 seed St. Thomas on Saturday at 10 a.m. in semifinals. "It'll be a tough road to the championship," Morgan said. "But we've played some pretty good volleyball in the past few weeks, so I think it's anybody's game this weekend."

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