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the official newsletter of the Solano College women's basketball team



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2012-13 Schedule

November

15-17 #Santa Barbara MTXE TBA

December

N29-D2 !Tom Gilcrest Invite TBA

7-9 \$Solano Showdown TBA

28-30 ^Mike Gervasoni TBA

January

2 *Yuba 5:30 p.m.

4 *Laney 5:30 p.m.

8 *Napa Valley 5:30 p.m.

10 *Mendocino 5:30 p.m.

12 *Los Medanos 5:30 p.m.

15 *Marin 5:30 p.m.

17 *Merritt 5:30 p.m.

23 *Contra Costa 5:30 p.m.

25 *Yuba 5:30 p.m.

30 *Laney 5:30 p.m.

February

1 *Napa Valley 5:30 p.m.

6 *Mendocino 5:30 p.m.

8 *Los Medanos 5:30 p.m.

13 *Marin 5:30 p.m.

15 *Merritt 5:30 p.m.

22 *Contra Costa 5:30 p.m.

indicates Santa Barbara MTXE tournament

! indicates Tom Gilcrest Invitational at College of Sequoias

\$ indicates Solano Showdown

^ indicates Gervasoni Memorial at De Anza College in Cupertino

* indicates Bay Valley Conference games

Bold indicates home games

All BVC games are doubleheaders with Solano men's team

Corina Cornelius joins Solano coaching staff

It's one thing for Solano coach Matt Borchert to tell his players what he expects from them day in and day out on the basketball court. It's another thing to bring back a former player as an assistant coach and have her preach the same message.

Corina Cornelius, who played at Solano from 2006-08, begins her first year as an assistant coach with the Falcons. She's recently graduated from William Jessup University in Rocklin and is excited to share her experiences both at the four-year level and from her time playing at Solano.

"I know exactly what these players are going through," said Corina as the summer workouts came to a close. "At the same time, I know what Coach Matt wants from them. It's a happy medium."

Corina joins a long list of former Solano players to return to Fairfield as an assistant coach.

Corina is joined on the sideline this season by former Armijo High and Solano teammate Conni Holloway, who is in her third season as an assistant.

Corina was a solid player at the guard spot for the Falcons. She was consistent on both ends of the floor in her two years and was one of the hardest workers that's suited up for Coach Matt.

"Corina was a very dedicated player, a very loyal player," said Coach Matt, who enters his 13th season in 2012-13. "She brings a high level of understanding to the program about the game, about what the girls go through....Everything."

Corina, who was always one of the players with the most energy and positive attitudes, had the opportunity to deliver pre-game inspirational talks to the players in the last couple of years.

"I did that as a player, I would do the pre-game prayer," she said. "I definitely look forward to giving those inspirational talks now as an assistant coach."

Having just finished her collegiate career at Jessup, Corina and Coach Matt say she can provide valuable knowledge about what playing at the four-year level is like.

"Corina knows what she went through to get to the next level so she's going to have high expectations

on our players," said Coach Matt. "She will express that to the team – and she already has this summer. She's been a great addition."

Corina earned her degree in English with a concentration in creative writing. She's working on her masters in secondary education from Grand Canyon University.



Corina Cornelius had a solid two-year playing career as a guard at Solano.

Looking for up-to-the minute information about the Solano women's basketball team? Read the team's blog, www.solanowbb.wordpress.com and get behind-the-scenes updates from the players and coaches! **Check it out today!**

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BVC returns to traditional format for 2012-13

The Bay Valley Conference is abandoning the divisional format it's operated under for the past two seasons and going back to every team playing in one conference.

"Most of the conference coaches wanted to go back to a more traditional format," said Solano coach Matt Borchert. "There were some flaws in the divisional format - for instance, the tie-breaking system."

Each team will play a home and away series with every team in the conference. The conference regular season champion will earn a spot in the NorCal Regional Playoffs. The coaches decided to do away with the conference tournament as well.

"The conference tournament was fun, but many coaches stated that they would rather have more games in the preseason," said Coach Matt. The conference tournament games were accounted for in the schedule, requiring each team to eliminate one game from its preseason schedule. Every team in the state can only have 24 games on its schedule.

"The traditional format will be a very competitive way to determine our conference champion," added Coach Matt.

Sit Down... with Coach Matt

You are entering your 13th season at Solano and your 25th as a junior college women's basketball coach. What do you think when you hear those numbers?



(Laughs) I am getting old. No, it's been wonderful. I have gotten to know some great people. I am just as excited now as I was when I was an assistant at Hartnell back in the 1980s.

Leading up to the this year, I have tried to go back and think about when I coached with Mike Gervasoni and my days as his assistant. I have tried to get back to teaching the game – not that we ever really got away from it. The first week of basketball class we ran some of the older drills and exercises that we did back in the 1990s. It was exciting to reflect on that. I had an awakening, so to speak, to start over again and get back to really teaching the game. The first week was a lot of fun.

Thirteen years though? I can't believe it's been that long. It doesn't seem like it's been that long. It's been absolutely fantastic.

Upcoming Dates

August 21

Shaianna Rincon's birthday

September 8

Ariella Harper's birthday

September 21

Cheyenne Shepherd's birthday

Solano College Athletics Golf Tournament

Support our student-athletes by participating in this fun event on a championship course!

When: October 15, 2012

Where: Hiddenbrooke Country Club, Vallejo

Cost: \$125/per player includes cart, green fees, lunch, dinner, awards

Call Coach Matt
at (707) 863-7837
for more information

Hall of Fame to induct two more!

Former assistant coach Kevin Chaney and former player LaStar Brown join a long list of coaches and players in the Solano Community College Hall of Fame when they are inducted on October 1, 2012, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fairfield.

Call Coach Matt for ticket information.

Seating is limited!