



Cleveland State University

VIKING UPDATE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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2007-08 CLEVELAND STATE VIKINGS



Front Row (L-R): Secretary Shannon Schur, Strength and Conditioning Coach Derek Millender, Dominique Butler, Brittany Korth, Robyn Hoying, Natalie Miller, Athletic Trainer Rich Beninghof, Director of Basketball Operations Liberty Del Rosario. Back Row (L-R): Assistant Coach Otis Epps, Assistant Coach Annie Thomas, Angel Roque, Jessica Roque, Stephaine Crosley, Katie Baxter, Justine Hayes, Kailey Klein, Shawnita Garland, Assistant Coach Angie Russell, Head Coach Kate Peterson Abiad

FROM THE COACH'S DESK

It seems fitting to begin our Women's Basketball newsletter as we get our 2007-08 season underway. It is a pleasure to write about this team at this time. The young women you will



Head Coach
Kate Peterson Abiad

read about in our newsletters have come to Cleveland State University to make a difference in the women's basketball program and in the Horizon League. While we are small in stature and small in number, we have an excellent team and we are maturing daily. We invite you to come out and see us play! You will see intensity and tenacity on both ends of the floor. I am proud of the team that you will see on the court this year. We are young and we are talented! This is going to be an enjoyable season. Take this journey with us...we appreciate you and are grateful for your support of our program! K.L.Peterson48@csuohio.edu (216) 687-5120

2007-08 SCHEDULE

11/9	WISCONSIN	7:00 pm
11/17	AKRON	3:00 pm
11/20	@ Alaska	10:00 pm
11/21	vs. Bradley	7:30 pm
11/26	OHIO	7:00 pm
12/1	@ Miami	2:00 pm
12/5	@ IUPUI	7:00 pm
12/15	@ Buffalo	7:00 pm
12/17	@ Niagara	7:00 pm
12/21	@ Colgate	7:00 pm
12/29	AMERICAN	3:00 pm
1/3	LOYOLA*	5:00 pm
1/5	UIC*	5:00 pm
1/10	@ Green Bay	8:00 pm
1/12	@ Milwaukee	8:00 pm
1/17	DETROIT*	5:00 pm
1/19	WRIGHT ST*	5:00 pm
1/26	YSU	3:00 pm
1/31	@ Butler	7:00 pm
2/2	@ Valparaiso	2:35 pm
2/7	MILWAUKEE*	5:00 pm
2/9	GREEN BAY	1:00 pm
2/14	@ WRIGHT ST	5:00 pm
2/16	@ Detroit	1:30 pm
2/23	@ YSU	2:05 pm
2/28	VALPARAISO	7:00 pm
3/1	BUTLER	3:00 pm
3/6	UIC	8:00 pm
3/8	@ Loyola	3:00 pm

2008 Horizon League Tourney

3/10	First Round	TBA
3/12	Quarterfinals	TBA
3/14	Semifinals	TBA
3/16	Finals	TBA

Home Games in BOLD CAPS

*Denotes Doubleheader



Annie Thomas is the newest addition to the Cleveland State coaching staff

THOMAS NAMED WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ASSISTANT COACH

Annie Thomas is the newest member of the Cleveland State Women's Basketball staff. A 2007 graduate and four-year letterwinner at the University of Wisconsin, Thomas works with the posts, assists with recruiting, and is in charge of the Vikings' community service efforts and academics. "This is such a great opportunity for me," Thomas said. "I couldn't have asked for a better situation and a better group of players and staff to work with." It wasn't just her former UW assistant coach, CSU's head coach Kate Peterson Abiad, that brought Thomas to Cleveland. Annie's husband, Joe, was an All-American left offensive tackle at Wisconsin and was the Cleveland Browns first round pick (3rd overall) in the 2007 NFL draft. "Joe and I are really excited to be in Cleveland," Thomas said. "We have already met so many great people and we look forward to being here for many years to come."

CLEVELAND STATE UNVEILS NEW ATHLETIC MARKS

This year, the Cleveland State Athletic Department unveiled a new logo for Viking athletics. The primary mark consists of the upper half of a Viking head peering out over the words Cleveland State. In addition, several secondary marks were created using versions of the phrases "Cleveland State" and "Vikings," the "V" symbol which had come into use over the last couple of years and the full and partial Viking head. The new mark has already been incorporated into the uniforms and other apparel that will be worn by CSU student-athletes this year. In addition, the main basketball floor in the Wolstein Center has been redesigned using the new marks.



MEET THE FRESHMEN



Shawnita Garland

Shawnita Garland is a 5'5 guard with a quickness and speed that can make things happen on the court. What sets Garland apart from other players are her natural instincts as a basketball player and her ability to play within herself, even when kicking it into second and third gear. From Charleston, WV, Shawnita

averaged 15.2 points, 3.0 rebounds, 3.6 assists, and 3.6 steals during her senior year at Capital HS. At this year's Great Alaska Shoot-out, Garland earned Player of the Game honors with her 19 point (6-7 FG), 8 rebound and 5 assist performance vs. Bradley.

Why Shawnita Chose Cleveland State: *"I chose CSU because it's like a family environment. All throughout my recruiting process, CSU was the most determined and friendly. CSU is a place close to home that feels like home. I also wanted to go to a school that was starting to make a name for itself so that I could be a part of the process."*



Justine Hayes

Justine Hayes is a 6'0 forward who will give the Vikings a physical presence on the block after averaging six rebounds per game in each of her final two years of high school. This year Justine will be able to provide the Vikings with minutes off the bench, helping her to grow into the role of a rebounding

specialist. From Madison, WI, Hayes was selected to the all-conference first team as a junior and senior and was named Player of the Year during her junior campaign at Madison Memorial HS. She averaged 16.1 points and 6.2 rebounds as a senior and 14.5 points and 6.0 boards her junior year. A multi-sport athlete, Hayes also earned all-conference and all-city accolades in volleyball.

Why Justine Chose Cleveland State: *"I chose CSU because I liked how the campus was smaller, but still in a big city. I also liked the coaches and players and how close they all are."*

VIKINGS TRAVEL TO GREAT ALASKA SHOOTOUT

From November 18-22, the Viking Women's Basketball team traveled to the Great Alaska Shootout in Anchorage, AK. Although the 24 hours of travel and 4 hour time difference took a toll on all of us, it was well worth the trip! Our first excursion took us about 40 miles south of Anchorage to catch a glimpse of the Portage Glacier. The ride included many breathtaking views and we were able to snap some great pictures. We also stopped off at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center where we encountered some Alaskan wildlife, such as moose, muskoxen, bison, bear and caribou. An unfortunate end to our adventure had our bus getting stuck in the snow followed by mechanical difficulties. It wasn't until someone came to our rescue (two hours later!) that we were able to get back on track. Although we arrived a few minutes late, Monday evening had us back at our hotel for the Shootout Banquet. We all agree that the native Alaskan dancers were the highlight of the night!



Justine Hayes, Robyn Hoying, Brittany Korth, Stephaine Crosley, Kailey Klein, Jessica Roque, and Angel Roque hang out in the hotel lobby as we wait for the team bus to arrive for practice.

Tuesday was a typical game day filled with food, film and relaxation. We faced off against The University of Alaska Anchorage and in a tough overtime battle, fell 80-72. Sophomore Kailey Klein led our team with a career-high tying 33 points, while senior Robyn Hoying scored a career-high tying 15 points. On Wednesday, we battled against Bradley University in the consolation game and won with a final score of 82-60. With four players in double-figures, freshman Shawnita Garland led the team with 19 points on 6-7 from the field, along with 8 rebounds, and 5 assists. Kailey Klein followed with 18 points, 6 rebounds, and 5 assists while junior Dominique Butler and senior Brittany Korth each poured in 14 and 13 points respectively. Shawnita earned Player of the Game honors while Kailey took home a spot on the All-Tournament Team. Early Thanksgiving morning we headed back to Cleveland and as we reflected on our journey to Alaska, we all agreed that it was truly an experience of a lifetime.



Sophomore Kailey Klein averaged 25.5 points and 6.5 rebounds in two games to earn a spot on the All-Tournament Team.



The 2007-08 Vikings huddle together before they tip off against Alaska Anchorage.



A special thanks to our hosts, Dorothy and Gus Fulton, for their friendly hospitality. They guided us throughout our Alaskan journey and they truly made our experience a memorable one! Thank you also to the people at Dimond High School who allowed us to practice at their gym.



Senior Brittany Korth gets a little up close and personal with a moose at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center.



Assistant Coach Angie Russell and Head Coach Kate Peterson Abiad return from a glimpse of the Portage Glacier.



Juniors Kailey Klein and Stephaine Crosley and Freshman Shawnita Garland engage in a little snowball fight. It seemed like Coach Epps was the main target!

ALUMNI PROFILE JANE PEASE



A teacher and coach at Cleveland State and Fenn College for 38 years, Jane Pease was the first head coach in the history of the women's basketball program, directing the Vikings to a 28-20 mark from the inaugural season in 1973-74 through the 1976-77 campaign. She retired in 1982 after having also served as the first women's tennis coach at CSU. In January of 1984, she became the first woman inducted into the CSU Athletics Hall of Fame.

In honor of her work at CSU, the Department of Athletics announced the Jane Pease Endowed Scholarship Campaign. The goal of the drive is to create and endow the CSU's first women's basketball scholarship. Gifts can be made through the Viking Club and should be designated CSUF/Jane Pease Women's Basketball Scholarship. Please contact Christopher E. Sedlock at (216) 687-5235 or C.Sedlock@csuohio.edu for more information.

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Alumni Day
Saturday, January 26, 2008
3 pm vs. Youngstown State

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PLAYER PROFILE ~ BRITTANY KORTH SENIOR ~ CLINTON, WI

Name: Brittany Korth

Birthdate: March 18, 1986

Parents' Names: Bill & Wendy Korth

Sisters: Rebecca & Marci

Nephew: Kooper

Major: Psychology

Nickname: Britt

Favorite TV Shows:

Two-A-Days & Grey's Anatomy

Favorite Movie:

Footloose

Favorite Restaurant:

Mongolian Barbeque

Favorite Food: Any home-cooked meal!

Favorite Actor: Jim Carrey

Favorite College Class:

Second Round of PSY Lab 412

Favorite Athlete: Dwayne Wade

Favorite Quote: "Don't give up, don't ever give up." Jim Valvano

Advice I'd give to a young athlete:

Enjoy everything you do and live it up!

In my free time I like to:

Relax, watch movies, and sleep

Pre-Game Superstitions:

I throw up because I'm nervous.

Dream Job: Division I

Head Basketball Coach

The best thing about

attending CSU is: I hardly have to walk outside in the winter.

The people I most admire most are: Both of my sisters

My greatest sports moment:

Winning 2003 WI State Tournament



2007-08 ROSTER

#	Name	Year	Ht	Pos	Hometown
4	Angel Roque	So	5'5	G	Mississauga, Ontario
14	Shawnita Garland	Fr	5'5	G	Charleston, WV
15	Katie Baxter	Jr	6'2	F	Columbus, OH
21	Natalie Miller	Jr	5'10	G	Dover, OH
22	Brittany Korth	Sr	5'10	G	Clinton, WI
23	Kailey Klein	So	5'11	G	Cherry, IL
25	Stephaine Crosley	So	5'11	F	Milwaukee, WI
41	Justine Hayes	Fr	6'0	F	Madison, WI
44	Dominique Butler	Jr	5'9	F	Milwaukee, WI
50	Jessica Roque	So	5'10	G	Mississauga, Ontario
52	Robyn Hoying	Sr	6'0	F	Minster, OH

Head Coach: Kate Peterson Abiad

Assistant Coaches: Oties Epps, Angie Russell, Annie Thomas

Director of Operations: Liberty Del Rosario