



THE BRONCO BULLETIN

The monthly newsletter dedicated to Santa Clara Women's Basketball

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Quote of the Month

*"Knowing is not enough, we must apply.
Willing is not enough, we must do."
-Goethe*



3 POINT CLUB

Following the February 5th game against Gonzaga, the Broncos have made **194** three-point shots so far this season!

For more information about joining the SCU Women's Basketball 3-Point Club call Assistant Coach Jenn Bradley at 408-551-1788. *Sign up today!*

Last meeting this season...

THE BREAKFAST CLUB

Join Bronco Head Coach Michelle Bento and her staff along with featured athletes and guest speakers! **The Breakfast Club** will meet monthly to share and discuss the latest happenings in Bronco Women's Basketball while enjoying coffee and bagels!

The Breakfast Club will meet from **7:00-8:00 AM at The Hungry Hound** located at **1000 Lafayette** near the Santa Clara University campus.

The cost is \$6 per person. Bring a friend and join the fun!

Remaining Breakfast Club
March 14, 2005



Hello Bronco Fans!!

Can you believe it is already February? The season is flying by and the conference tournament will be here before we know it.

We are currently 5-3 in conference which places us tied for second place and our overall record is 11-10. We have surpassed our wins from last year both in conference games and overall. Although this is an accomplishment and it shows progress in our young team, we have much higher expectations.

There is definitely parity in our conference this year and I believe the final standings will go right down to the wire. As we have said all year, we must focus on ourselves each and every day. We can not control what our opponents do and we do not want to get consumed with those types of thoughts. We will continue to work on improving and we want to be playing our best basketball in March.

During the season our time is limited, however, we still make efforts to spend time together off the court. While on our trip to Gonzaga and Portland, Ashley Gonnerman's dad prepared dinner for us and we were all able to go to their home in Oregon City. The food was awesome and it was very comforting to be so welcomed in the Gonnerman's home. We also had some other parents who were able to join us and it made for a truly family get together.

On another outing, the team and us coaches had a movie date together. We all went to see the movie, *Coach Carter*. Yes, it was a basketball movie, but the main emphasis in the movie was the importance of academics. The movie was much better than I think we all had expected and we all walked out gaining some valuable lessons.

Thank you for all of your support and please keep in mind the Breakfast Club meetings. It is another way, to gain insight on our team and to hear from the players themselves. Go BRONCOS!

Sincerely,

Michelle Bento-Jackson

*P.S. For all of you who are wondering, there is a reason for my recent weight gain ☺ My husband, Al and I, are expecting our first child on May 14th -
YEAH !!!*



WCC Basketball Tournament





WCC Basketball Championships Return To Santa Clara

The West Coast Conference Basketball Tournament returns to the Bay Area in 2005 as Santa Clara University will once again host the WCC's premier event in the Leavey Center. For the third consecutive season, the men's championship will use an 8-Team/Play-In format, while the women's championship will use the traditional 1 vs. 8 format with no byes. The women will play March 3-6, 2005 and the men will square-off March 4-7, 2005.

Call (408) 554-4660 to reserve your tickets today!

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL CAMPS



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High School Jamboree
(High School Teams)
June 18, 2005

Instructional Camp
(6th-12th Grade)
June 20-23, 2005

Team Camp
(High School Teams)
June 26-29, 2005

**High School/AAU Team
Tournament**
(H.S. & AAU Teams)
June 30-July 2, 2005

Position Camp
(9th-12th Grade)
August 5-7, 2005

Bronco Buddies Camp
(K-5th Grade)
August 8-10, 2005 (8AM-
NOON only)

Bronco Sharpshooters Camp
(6th-8th Grade)
August 8-10, 2005 (2-6 PM
only)

Book of the Month



Title: Who Moved My Cheese?

Author: Spencer Johnson

Suggested By: Tanya Bauer, Assistant Coach

BREAKFAST CLUB UPDATES – February 7th

The women's basketball Breakfast Club met for the fourth time this season on Monday, February 7.

Coach Bento-Jackson led the meeting and shared updates and highlights from the month of January. The junior members of the squad joined the meeting to speak to the group. Megan Foy is a transfer from Ohlone Community College in Fremont, CA and talked about the differences between playing at the Junior College and Division I levels. Michelle Cozad spoke of the pros and cons associated with her medical red-shirt season last year which resulted from a stress fracture in her foot early last season. Kayla Huss shared her insight on playing the point guard position and all it entails.

The Guest Speaker for the meeting was former Bronco star, Kendra Rhea (see page 3 for details of her talk).

Prizes for trivia questions were awarded to Patty Rausch and Joe Sugg. Donna Bolio won the raffle prize.

The final Breakfast Club meeting for this season will be held on Monday, March 14.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

The following BRONCOS celebrate birthdays in February:

COACH BRADLEY FEBRUARY 19
YASEMIN KIMYACIOGLU FEBRUARY 26



Women's Basketball to Receive Comcast Community All-Star Award

As a component of Santa Clara University's Department of Athletics' partnership with Comcast, we have established a monthly award called the Comcast Community All-Star Award. This honor is intended to highlight the contributions of our student-athletes and teams to our local community. In January the women's golf team was the first recipient of the award.

The February winner of this award is the women's basketball team, due to its active role in the Santa Clara Community. In October the team raised over \$2000 and participated in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" 5K Walk in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. More recently the team has volunteered time to basketball skill instruction clinics for local elementary and middle school youth basketball programs. To date the team has worked with St. Clare's, St. Martin's, St. Justin's and members of the BRONCO KIDZ. The team is also generous with their time and attention following home basketball games as they have welcomed several youth groups into the team locker room for autograph signing.

The award will be presented at halftime of the men's basketball game against St. Mary's on Friday, February 11.

A plaque will hang either in the academic center or the front trophy case that bears the inscription of each month's winners.

Women's Basketball Players Attend Annual Endowment Dinner

Santa Clara University Athletics and the Bronco Bench Foundation honored its 2004-2005 endowed scholarship donors and benefactors at its annual Endowment Dinner Tuesday evening, February 1st, at *Low's Village* in San Jose.

A total of 81 student-athletes were recognized as recipients of 51 endowed, living or special scholarships. Santa Clara Athletics Endowed Scholarships are established by gifts to the Bronco Bench Foundation, which enable students to participate in the University's Athletic Program. They are funded by the individuals whose names they bear or by bequests and gifts honoring the persons named.

Each athlete recipient introduced him/herself and announced the donor of their scholarship. Nine members of the women's basketball team are recipients. They include: Ashley Gonnerman (SO), Ashley Graham (SO), Quinn Thomas (SR), Kayla Huss (JR), Anna Martin (SO), Michelle Cozad (JR), Kasey Monteith (SO), Yasemin Kimyacioglu (SO) and Tori Markey (SO).

The women's basketball team is very appreciative of the generosity of the individuals and families funding the scholarships received.

Former Bronco, Kendra Rhea, Speaks at Breakfast Club Meeting

Kendra Rhea (SCU '03) served as the guest speaker at the February meeting of the monthly women's basketball Breakfast Club. Rhea talked about how her experiences as a basketball player and as a student-athlete helped shape her life and prepared her for the transition to the 'real world' following college. Rhea graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering and was hired by Rambus (Los Altos, CA) immediately following graduation. Though her credentials were impressive on her resume', Rhea is convinced she was hired because of her participation on a Division I team in college. The communication and team-working skills she gained and honed are a huge asset in her profession. Her experience playing for three different head coaches in her collegiate career has already helped in her transition to a new boss just 1 ½ years after being hired. Rhea continues to attend and support Bronco athletics and currently resides in San Jose.

2004-2005 SANTA CLARA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL – GAME SCHEDULE

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME/RESULT</u>
Friday	November 5	San Francisco State #	Santa Clara, CA	W, 100-63
Monday	November 15	UC Santa Cruz #	Santa Clara, CA	W, 101-37
Monday	November 22	Fresno State	Santa Clara, CA	L, 71-76
Friday	November 26	Hawaii	Honolulu, HI	W, 75-68
Saturday	November 27	#14Michigan State	Honolulu, HI	L, 59-81
Sunday	November 28	#3 Georgia	Honolulu, HI	L, 68-87
Friday	December 3	San Jose State	San Jose, CA	W, 75-74
Sunday	December 5	UC Davis	Santa Clara, CA	W, 90-42
Saturday	December 11	Minnesota	Santa Clara, CA	L, 42-69
Thursday	December 16	Wisconsin	Madison, WI	L, 91-104
Saturday	December 18	UW-Green Bay	Green Bay, WI	L, 69-85
Tuesday	December 21	Tulsa	Santa Clara, CA	L, 71-79
Tuesday	December 28	Nevada-Reno	Santa Clara, CA	W, 78-71
Thursday	December 30	Portland State	Santa Clara, CA	W, 78-62
Sunday	January 2	Eastern Washington	Santa Clara, CA	W, 79-52
Thursday	January 6	Gonzaga *	Spokane, WA	L, 50-85
Saturday	January 8	Portland *	Portland, OR	W, 93-79
Saturday	January 15	Saint Mary's *	Santa Clara, CA	W, 70-47
Thursday	January 20	Loyola Marymount *	Santa Clara, CA	W, 54-51
Saturday	January 22	Pepperdine *	Santa Clara, CA	L, 65-80
Thursday	January 27	San Diego *	San Diego, CA	W, 78-75
Saturday	January 29	San Francisco *	San Francisco CA	L, 64-76
Thursday	February 3	Portland *	Santa Clara, CA	W, 95-58
Saturday	February 5	Gonzaga *	Santa Clara, CA	L, 61-66
Saturday	February 12	Saint Mary's *	Moraga, CA	7:00 PM
Thursday	February 17	Pepperdine *	Malibu, CA	7:00 PM
Saturday	February 19	Loyola Marymount *	Los Angeles, CA	2:00 PM
Thursday	February 24	San Francisco *	Santa Clara, CA	7:00 PM
Saturday	February 26	San Diego *	Santa Clara, CA	2:00 PM
Thursday-Sunday	March 3-6	WCC Tournament	Santa Clara, CA	TBA

Exhibition Game

All Times are Pacific – Home Games in **BOLD**

*West Coast Conference

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