



Dustdevils

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Record Breakers

After starting the season with four straight losses, the Texas A&M International University Women's Basketball team is one of the hottest in the Heartland Conference. The Dustdevils have won six of their last seven games, tying their win

total from last season and setting a school record for most non-conference wins in a season. Head Coach David Beaver has switched to a mass substitution game plan, in the hopes of keeping his players fresh for the duration of the game. The plan seems to have worked, especially with the Dustdevils interior game, which has battered its opponents over the last two weeks. "We have a whole new system in place this year," said Coach Beaver. "The girls are getting more and more comfortable with each other and the new system every time out. There's still a learning curve for this group and we're not there yet, in fact, we have a long way to go."



Gaining Momentum

The Texas A&M International University Men's Basketball Team hasn't been in a very giving mood this holiday season, at least not on the court. The Dustdevils went 3-1 on their Thanksgiving road trip picking up wins over West Texas A&M, Abilene Christian and U.C. Merced. The team

followed with a 2-0 showing at the second annual La Posada Classic, blowing out Hillsdale Freewill Baptist and Arlington Baptist in back to back games. The Dustdevils are 6-3 on the season, the best start under third year Head Coach Shane Rinner. "We are playing good defense right now and that's very encouraging," said Associate Head Coach Bryan Weakley. "On the road trip we were able to make crucial stops versus our opponents which helped us to be successful. We are holding teams to 43 percent shooting, 34 percent from three-point range which we are happy with. Offensively, we need to continue to grow. We saw improvement in our motion offense in the last few games, but it's still not where we want it to be."



Forever Enshrined

Friday, December 2nd the TAMIU Athletics Department joined with student-athletes, alumni and faculty to unveil the Wall of Honor. The Wall serves as a token of gratitude to those who have contributed to the

athletic program, helping make TAMIU one of the most respected Division-II athletic institutions in the state. There is no doubt, that without the help of these individuals and groups in Laredo, the Dustdevils would not be where they are today.

Student Athlete's Spotlight



Name: Samantha Chacon
Sophomore - Guard

Chacon leads the team averaging 9.7 points per game. She scored 15 versus Southern Arkansas



Name: Brian Schaeffer
Senior - Guard

Schaeffer is second on the team in both points per game and rebounding (11.1 ppg, 5.6 rpg)



Athletic Director's Corner

"Am I a Coach or am I a Teacher?"

Answer – "Both...an outstanding coach is an outstanding teacher!"

Too many coaches assume that students can perform the skills of their sport, since they have been participating in the sport for years. Of course this is not so. Every successful program I've ever observed began with the head coach being an outstanding teacher. For student-athletes to be successful and develop their individual skills, the head coach must not only be able to envision a strategic plan of offense and defense, but s/he must also be able to teach the skills necessary for success. In simple "old school" language... "Show them, let them try it, correct them, let them try it again, REPEAT!" Skills taught must then be incorporated into meaningful drills. The drills are then incorporated into the offense and defense used. In other words it all makes good sense. TAMIU student-athletes are fortunate in that our coaches are successful because they are outstanding educators who know the value and progression of appropriate skill instruction.

Home Event Schedule

- 12/15 - Men's Basketball vs. Rhema Bible
- 12/16 - Men's Basketball vs. Rhema Bible
- 12/19 - Women's Basketball vs Grace College

Dusty Notes

- Men's Basketball has won five of their last six games
- Women's Basketball has won six of their last seven games
- Women's Basketball broke a school record by winning six non-conference games

In Motion

Ryan McLucas knocks down a three versus the University of the Incarnate Word



Meet The Coach

Name: Shane Rinner
Head Coach
Men's Basketball

Head Coach Shane Rinner has the men's basketball team out to their best start since arriving at TAMIU two years ago. The Dustdevils went 2-0 at the La Posada Classic improving to 6-3 on the season. Next up for TAMIU is a matchup with Division-I U.T. Pan American, who is fresh off a 64-35 loss to the second ranked Ohio State Buckeyes.

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Thank You

On behalf of the student-athletes, coaching staff, athletic administration and the University, we wish to sincerely thank all of the members of the Dustdevil Club. Your continued support is what keeps our student-athletes successful, both academically and athletically.

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