



Dustdevils

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On A Roll

With the start of conference play just a few weeks away, there has never been more hype surrounding the Texas A&M International University Women's Basketball team. Since dropping the first four games of the season,

the Dustdevils have exploded, winning seven of their last eight games and their last four straight. After notching back-to-back blowout wins over Arlington Baptist College, the Dustdevils have now picked up consecutive wins over Lone Star Conference opponents. Even more important is that the team is showing that they can win games in a variety of ways. In their December win over Texas A&M Kingsville, the Dustdevils showed how potent their offense can be, dropping 93 points on the Javelinas in a 93-79 win. On December 17, The Dustdevils forced Texas A&M Commerce into 20 turnovers and held the Lions to 67 points in a 78-67 victory. Needless to say, there has never been more excitement about the Dustdevils chances to compete for a conference title.



Playing Versus Perfection

Although the Texas A&M International University Men's Basketball team is in the midst of a five game winning streak, Head Coach Shane Rinner is quick to point out what truly matters in the grand scheme of things. With

precious little time before the start of a grueling conference schedule, the team must fine-tune every aspect of their game in preparation. "We are not looking at our opponents and worrying so much about what they bring to the court. We are solely concerned with our team and playing versus perfection. Perfection is the ultimate goal and that is what we strive to attain every game. Our focus coming in to these matchups was to implement what we've been working on in practice. Our post guys have done a much better job of facilitating the offense and we are really starting to see our players find their rhythm in our system. I think the entire coaching staff is happy with these last couple of games because we have definitely improved."



Putting TAMIU on the Map

Texas A&M International University Men's soccer seniors Emmanuel Frias and Christian Salazar have been accepted to participate in the Info-Sport Pro Soccer Combine, being held in Lakewood Ranch, FL. The three-day event brings in approximately 250 aspiring professional soccer players from around the world. Info-Sport's professional combines are recognized around the soccer world as one of the most effective means for players to showcase their talents and advance their professional careers.

Student Athlete's Spotlight



Name: Amanda Mangan
Junior - Guard

Mangan is second on the team with 18 three-pointers. She scored 17 in a 93-79 win over A&M Kingsville.



Name: Evan Matteson
Senior - Center

Matteson is second on the team averaging 10.8 points per game. He scored 17 in a big win over Rhema.



Athletic Director's Corner

BE HAPPY

An associate of mine has a phrase that he uses all of the time, even in his correspondence. It simply says **"Be Happy."** When one thinks about it, those two words say a lot. Life is just too short not to "smile our way through it." There are too many people that are always looking for something more, rather than appreciating all they have. I suppose it's natural to want to find that "perfect wave," or that "one special moment" when the meaning of life all comes together! But I have to wonder how many really good waves roll right by us every day without our ever noticing. My friend is retired now, and yes, he is still smiling and sending his "Be Happy" message to everyone. On behalf of our coaching staff and our student-athletes we wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season and of course, **"Be happy." Go Dustdevils!**

Home Event Schedule

- 12/19 - Women's Basketball vs Grace College
- 12/30 - TAMU Men's Basketball New Years Invitational
- 12/30 - Men's Basketball vs Notre Dame OH, 8 p.m.
- 12/31 - Men's Basketball vs Cedarville College, 4 p. m.

Dusty Notes

- Men's Basketball has won five straight and seven of their last eight
- Women's Basketball has won four straight and seven of their last eight
- Women's Basketball broke a school record by winning seven non-conference games
- Senior soccer players Emmanuel Frias and Christian Salazar will attend the Info-Sport Pro Soccer Combine in January.

In Motion

Amanda Mangan knocks down a three versus Texas A&M Kingsville



Meet The Coach



Name: Tojjinay Thompson
Assistant Head Coach
Women's Basketball

Coach Thompson is in her third season as an assistant coach at Texas A&M International University. Prior to joining the Dustdevils, she was a standout player for the University of Texas at Arlington. Coach Thompson has helped lead the Women's Basketball Team to the best start in program history. The Dustdevils have set a school record with seven non-conference wins.

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