



# THE BRUCE REPORT

"A PERIODIC PIECE OF RECORDS, HISTORY, NEWS, NOTES & STUFF"

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For the balance of the season all games are NWAACC East Division contests.

## WOMEN (7-5)

A Grand of Games.

Even the most ardent follower of local college ladies hoops may not have realized that the last game of 2010 played against Spokane at Edmonds on the 29th was the 1,000th game in WVC history. Women's basketball began January 25, 1975 when Coach Sherri Smith took her new team to Spokane Falls where they were defeated by Walla Walla 33-13. In those 1,000 games the Knights went won 659 and lost 341.

By winning seven of their dozen November/December games, the ladies posted their best non-league record since 2005-06 when they went 12-3.

Saturday, Yakima Valley (8-3) away.

The gals begin league play with the Yaks, a team they have had a tough time with since 2003-04. In that time the Knights have dropped eight straight to their South Central Washington neighbors, and 14 of the last 16. During the recent 8-game streak Yakima's average winning margin is 15.5 points. At one time Wenatchee Valley led he series by 15 games (24-9), but the lead is now down to two games at 41-39. In the Yak's gym the Black & Silver have lost seven straight and trail overall 26-17.

## MEN (6-4)

While the women had their best non-league record in five years, the men at 6-4 had their best in seven years. The 2003-04 squad went 10-4.

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One-hundred-fifty-three times Wenatchee Valley and Yakima Valley have battled each other in peach basket sport. The total is definitely the most games WVC has played against anybody (next is Columbia Basin at 126). And southern school has held sway through the years over its northern opponent. With a 5-game win streak, YVC leads the series 98-55. The Yaks have won three in a row at their place and 12 of the last 13.

## Knight Coaches

This is the 65th year for men's b-ball at the WVC campus and the 37th for the women. The local Dr. James Naismith, so to speak, was Ivan Eustace, the first coach in WVC history. Ten coaches have guided the men's program during those first 65 years, and eight coached the women's program in the past 36 years.

Records through 1/7/11.

MEN			YEARS	W	L	WOMEN			YEARS	W	L
Ivan Eustace	1947 to 49	3		15	33	Sherri Smith	1975 to 76	2		10	18
Bill Sewell	1950 to 56	7		46	81	Jim Sollars	1977 to 83	7		154	25
John Eckerson	1957 to 58	2		3	34	Steve Stamps	1984 to 91	8		149	77
Larry Watson	1959 to 61	3		28	39	Marco Azurdia	1992 to 02	11		218	105
Frank Mataya	1962 to 75					Brett Johnson	2003 to 04	2		40	19
"	1981 to 84	18		153	284	Jessica Schutt	2005 to 07	3		57	35
Bill Pandiani	1976 to 80	5		87	53	Rachel Goetz &	2008 to 09	2		20	36
Jim Pappakostas	1985 to 87	3		32	51	Mike Walker					
Remy McCarthy	1988	1		12	14	Rachel Goetz	2010-11	2		11	26
Greg Franz	1989 to 07	19		236	292			37		659	341
Jimmy Hill	2008 to 10	3		22	56						
Coby Weidenbach	2011	1		6	4						
		65		640	941						