



Media Release

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RDC Athletics Update

Red Deer, February 6, 2012

1. RDC Athletics is proud to announce Mary Smith - CCAA Badminton Athlete of the Month!

The second-year veteran has led this year's Red Deer badminton team from day one. Mary's been a force in the singles event, finishing first, second and third in ACAC tournaments; she's also earned two second-place finishes in women's doubles and two third-place finishes in mixed doubles. Her efforts have resulted in Red Deer's best national ranking in over a decade.

The 2012 CCAA Athletes of the Month for January are comprised of eight student-athletes competing in CCAA badminton. The CCAA Athlete of the Month program recognizes student-athletes for their outstanding event performance and athletic accomplishments during the month.

Badminton awards are presented to one male and one female student-athlete in each of the four participating conferences: PACWEST (Pacific Western Athletic Association) ACAC (Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference, OCAA (Ontario Colleges Athletic Association) and ACAA (Atlantic Collegiate Athletic Association).

2. Upcoming Athletics Events

HOME

- **Queens Hockey vs. MacEwan – Thursday, February 9**
 - 7 PM at the Red Deer Arena
- **Volleyball vs. NAIT – Friday, February 10**
 - Queens at 6 PM; Kings to follow

AWAY

- **Basketball at MacEwan – Friday, February 10**
- **Queens Hockey at MacEwan – Friday, February 10**
- **Volleyball at NAIT – Saturday, February 11**
- **Basketball at Keyano – Saturday, February 11**

3. Boston Pizza RDC Athletes of the Week

Men: Robert Pierce – Basketball
Business Management / 3rd Yr / Windsor, ON

Once again, Robert Pierce led the Kings in their upset of the Mount Royal Cougars on Friday night. Robert scored 22 points and grabbed 13 rebounds as the Kings defeated the 8th ranked team in the nation. With the win, the Kings push their winning streak to 7 games, and Robert



earned his 10th double-double of the season. Robert was rewarded with player of the game honors for his hard work!

Women: Jessica Andruchow - Curling
Bachelor of Science, Nursing / 4th Yr / Red Deer

Jessica is in her fourth year of Nursing and her third year on the curling team. Jessica is the second on the Women's team that went 5-2 at the Winter Regional this weekend to finish with an overall record of 9-5 and a tie for first. This earned the women's team a spot at the ACAC Championships. Jessica was highly motivated to reach the ACAC Championships in her last year and led the team with her determination and clutch shot making.



4. Last Week's Results

Queens Basketball		
RDC vs. MRU, Feb. 3	RDC 59 – MRU 84	
Kings Basketball		
RDC vs. MRU, Feb. 3	RDC 81 – MRU 71	
Queens Volleyball		
RDC vs. Augustana, Feb. 3	RDC 3 – AUG 0 (25-21, 25-19, 26-24)	
RDC vs. Augustana, Feb. 4	RDC 3 – AUG 0 (25-8, 25-21, 25-15)	
Kings Volleyball		
RDC vs. Augustana, Feb. 3	RDC 3 – AUG 2 (22-25, 25-16, 12-25, 25-18, 15-12)	
RDC vs. Augustana, Feb. 4	RDC 3 – AUG 1 (25-22, 19-25, 25-12, 25-20)	
Queens Hockey		
RDC vs. MRU, Feb. 2	RDC 3 – MRU 1	
RDC vs. MRU, Feb. 3	RDC 2 – MRU 1	
Curling – (Tournament # 2) Feb. 3 – 5		
Mixed Team: 4 wins/3 losses; overall 7-7 puts them in fifth place		
Men's Team: 5 wins/1 loss; overall 9-3; in 2nd place going into ACAC championships		
Women's Team: 5 wins/2 losses; overall 9-5; tied for 1 st place going into ACAC championships.		
Full results will be posted soon: http://www.acac.ab.ca/pages/curling.php		
Badminton (Tournament # 4) Feb. 4 – 5		
ACAC Singles Results - Interlock #4		
Men	Women	
1 Quinn Conway - NAIT	Grace Box - CUCA	
2 Jason Chou - NAIT	Mary Smith - RDC	
3 Jie Sim - CUCA	Ellexis Lathan - NAIT	
ACAC Doubles Results - Interlock #4		
Men	Women	Mixed
1 J. Chou / J. Chang - NAIT	S. Cheah / J. Yu - NAIT	J. Chang / J. Yu - NAIT
2 C. Szpecht / B. Cross - MRU	G. Box / S. Wong - CUCA	J. Sim / G. Box - CUCA
3 D. King / B. Smith - RDC	M. Awai / M. Smith - RDC	D. King / M. Smith - RDC

ACAC Standings:

- <http://www.acac.ab.ca/pages/badminton.php> - RDC 3rd
- <http://www.acac.ab.ca/pages/basketball-mens.php> - RDC 2nd
- <http://www.acac.ab.ca/pages/basketball-womens.php>
- <http://www.acac.ab.ca/pages/volleyball-mens.php> - RDC 2nd South Division
- <http://www.acac.ab.ca/pages/volleyball-womens.php> - RDC 3rd South Division
- <http://www.acac.ab.ca/pages/curling.php> -
- <http://www.acac.ab.ca/pages/hockey-womens.php>

CCAA Standings:

- <http://www.ccaa.ca/web/index.php/en/wvbrankings>
- <http://www.ccaa.ca/web/index.php/en/mvbrankings> - RDC 10th
- <http://www.ccaa.ca/web/index.php/en/wbbrankings>
- <http://www.ccaa.ca/web/index.php/en/mbbrankings>
- <http://www.ccaa.ca/web/index.php/en/bdmrankings> - RDC 9th



5. Coaches' Comments

Trevor Keeper, Queens Hockey

Queens Hockey plays Grant Mac this weekend. Thursday at the Red Deer Arena (7pm) and Friday in Edmonton at Mill Woods Arena (8:15). It's another pivotal weekend, as the Queens sit two points back of SAIT for the final playoff spot. SAIT plays their final two games of the regular season this weekend, while the Queens have 2 games in hand, with 4 games remaining on their schedule.

Talbot Walton, Queens Volleyball

The Queens are currently riding the right wave. Their record in the second half has improved to 8-0, moving them up in the standings to 5th place. This upcoming weekend the Queens will face NAIT who is currently sitting in 4th place in the league. This is the most important weekend of the season for us to date, as there is a very good chance we could end up facing NAIT in the first round of playoffs. With just 3 more weekends until playoffs, the Queens will want to hand NAIT a pair of losses.

Aaron Schulha, Kings Volleyball

The Kings Volleyball Team will wrap up their regular season schedule this weekend with a home at home against the NAIT Ooks. The Kings have put themselves in a good position to finish 1st after the regular season by winning both over Augustana this past weekend. The Kings will be recognizing their six 2nd and 3rd year graduating players as well on Friday night before their last home match.

Dawn Smyth, Queens Basketball

Queens played Mount Royal at home on Friday Feb 3. The Queens lost 84-59.

Erin Wiersma was awarded player of the game. She had 14 boards and 8 points.

This upcoming weekend the Queens travel to Grant MacEwan and then for the long road trip to Keyano to play the last game of the year.

Chad Cargill, Badminton

RDC badminton wrapped up the regular season on the weekend with its final regular tournament at Concordia on the weekend. The Kings/Queens played very well finishing the weekend in second place, putting them in third position going into the playoffs. Once again, Mary Smith led the way with a second place finish in women's singles and third place finishes in women's doubles with Mizuki Awai and mixed doubles with Dave King. King also teamed up with Brian Smith to finish third in men's doubles. Logan Capicio and Jeff Cazes chipped in with 6th and 7th place finishes respectively in men's singles.

Clayton Pottinger, Kings Basketball

The RDC Kings basketball will try to keep their 7 game winning streak alive this weekend with 2 road games. The Kings will face Grant MacEwan Friday night then Keyano College on Saturday. Both opponents have excellent home records and both have potential all-stars on their rosters. If the Kings can win both, they will push their winning streak to 9 games

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RDC is celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Arts Centre. First opened in 1986, this state-of-the-art community performing arts centre has housed the training of over 40,000 actors, technicians, musicians, filmmakers, and dancers that contribute to the vibrant arts and cultural scene of Alberta. 25 years has culminated in approximately one million audience members who have been entertained, taught and delighted during more than 5,000 performances and events.

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