



# Media Release

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## RDC ATHLETICS UPDATE

Red Deer, February 14, 2011

### 1. RDC Athletics announces resignation of Kings Basketball Coach

After eight years as Kings Basketball Head Coach and Kinesiology Instructor at RDC, **Craig Behan** has made the decision to pursue a PHD and will continue as Assistant Coach of the University of Victoria men's basketball team.

Craig accomplished many things during his eight years at RDC!

- 3 time ACAC Coach of the Year (2003-04; 2004-05; 2007-08)
- 125-47 ACAC Regular season record; 11-14 playoff record.
- RDC Kings ACAC (four Final 4 appearances & 8 straight years playoff appearances)
- Best single season record was 21-3 in 2003-2004
- Alberta Basketball Provincial Team HC - Canada U17 National Championships (Silver Medal -2008)
- HOOPS and Summer Camp program leadership

"During my tenure of stay at Red Deer College I learned numerous skills such as a solid work ethic, corporate politics, level of excellence, passion, leadership, organization, focus, classroom management and developing relationships," says Behan. "Special thanks to Linda Moore Martin, Al Ferchuk, Keith Hansen, and Sharon Hamilton; these skills will be of great value to me in my future career path. I have nothing but amazing memories and positive stories of Red Deer College. Truly a vital institution in my personal progress. This is a sad but happy day for me, as I leave behind great people but look forward to the future at the same time."

We wish Craig every success in his future endeavors. Craig can be reached at [cbehan@uvic.ca](mailto:cbehan@uvic.ca) or 403.598.3276

### 2. Upcoming Athletics Events

#### HOME

- **Queens Hockey**
  - vs. GMU, February 17<sup>th</sup> @7:00pm @ Red Deer Arena

#### AWAY

- **Queens Hockey**
  - vs. GMU, Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>@ 8:00pm @ Londonderry Arena



### 3. Boston Pizza RDC Athlete of the Week

**Men: Keelan Stefanik – Badminton**

Hometown: Big Valley, AB  
 Year/Program: 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr/Legal Assistant

At ACAC Championships this past weekend, Keelan won Silver in mixed doubles with Mary Smith and, while playing with a partner with a severely sprained ankle, clinched the Bronze medal in the team event with a huge victory in mixed doubles. Congratulations Keelan!

**Women: Mary Smith - Badminton**

Hometown: Olds, AB  
 Year/Program: 1<sup>st</sup> Yr/Virtual Assistant

At ACAC Championships this past weekend, Mary won Silver in women’s singles, Bronze in women’s doubles with Paige Currah, and Silver in Mixed doubles with Keelan Stefanik, qualifying for Nationals! She also won both of her matches in the Bronze Team event. Congratulations, Mary!

### 4. Last Week’s Results

<b>Badminton – ACAC Badminton Championship @ MRU Feb 12 &amp; 13</b>	
For full results: <a href="http://www.acac.ab.ca/pages/badminton.php">http://www.acac.ab.ca/pages/badminton.php</a>	
<b>Mixed Doubles</b>	
RDC vs. MRU	<b>RDC vs. MRU (21-9,21-15)</b>
RDC vs. Concordia	<b>RDC vs. Concordia (21-10,21-11)</b>
RDC vs. NAIT	<b>RDC vs. NAIT (21-8, 21-18)</b>
<b>Women’s Singles</b>	
RDC vs. Concordia	<b>RDC vs. Concordia (21-4, 21-5)</b>
RDC vs. MRU	<b>RDC vs. MRU (21-11, 21-17)</b>
RDC vs. NAIT	<b>RDC vs. NAIT (21-7, 21-16)</b>
<b>Kings Basketball</b>	
Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> vs. GMU	<b>RDC 76– GMU 58</b>
Feb 12 <sup>th</sup> vs. KC	<b>RDC 85– KC 63</b>
<b>Queens Basketball</b>	
Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> vs. GMU	<b>RDC 42–GMU 48</b>
Feb 12 <sup>th</sup> vs. KC	<b>RDC 76–KC 63</b>
<b>Queens Hockey</b>	
Feb 10 <sup>th</sup> vs. MRU	<b>RDC 3–MRU 4 OT</b>
Feb 12 <sup>th</sup> vs. MRU	<b>RDC 0–MRU 6</b>
<b>Kings Volleyball</b>	
Feb 11 vs. GMU	<b>RDC 3–GMU 1 (25-15,23-25,19-25)</b>
Feb 12 vs. GMU	<b>RDC 3–GMU 0 (22-25,22-25,19-25)</b>
<b>Queens Volleyball</b>	
Feb 11 vs. GMU	<b>RDC 3–GMU 0 (25-18,25-23,25-20)</b>
Feb 12 vs. GMU	<b>RDC 3–GMU 1 (18-25,24-28,25-10,19-25)</b>



## 5. Coaches' Comments

### Talbot Walton, Queens Volleyball:

The Queens are on a bye weekend, as the league has their Qualification weekend. The Queens secured 4th spot this past weekend, and now get a weekend to rest prior to the Conference Championships.

### Stefan Labrecque, Kings Basketball:

This week the RDC Basketball teams prepare for their Wild Card playoff game that will take place Feb 23 in either Edmonton or Lethbridge. The team posted two important wins this past weekend versus Grant MacEwan and Keyano at the Lions Den closing out the regular season at 8-10.

### Chad Cargill, Badminton:

Mary Smith and Keelan Stefanik won silver in mixed doubles and have qualified for Nationals. Also, Mary won silver in women's singles and a bronze in women's doubles with Paige Currah. Mary also won both her matches in the bronze team event and Keelan, while playing with a partner with a severely sprained ankle, clinched the bronze medal in the team event with a huge victory in mixed doubles. *First team medal for RDC badminton in at least about 13 years....Everyone played unreal!!!!*

### Robert Weddell, Queens Hockey:

Queens Hockey's hopes of making play-offs were shut down this weekend against the dominant MRU Cougars. While they managed to steal 1 point away from the first place team they needed one more in order to make this upcoming week's games versus GMU count towards their play-off drive. With a possible two wins this coming week against GMU the Queens will fall one point short of making the play-offs. The Queens had a win and a tie in their last games against GMU.

### Aaron Schulha, Kings Volleyball:

We finished the regular season in 3rd place with a 15-5 record. We will match up with MacEwan (#6) in the quarter final in 2 weeks.

Attachments: ACAC Standings; CCAA Standings – Volleyball.

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**About RDC:** Red Deer College has served the needs of students and the community for more than 45 years. With greater than 75 programs to choose from, we pride ourselves on providing a practical education, in a genuine and sustainable learning environment. Our 7,800 full-time and part-time credit students and more than 13,000 continuing education students are at the core of everything we do. RDC – when you get here you understand.

For more information on RDC, please visit our website: [www.rdc.ab.ca](http://www.rdc.ab.ca)

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