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BRUIN WOMEN SET FOR BASKETBALL SEASON

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George Fox College women's basketball coach Bob Wright says he's got a good model to follow this year.

Wright, in his second year of coaching the Bruin women's team, has an impressive pattern in the GFC men's team which supports a sharp 11-2 record so far.

Wright and his 10-member team hope to keep an equally good pace as well as matching last year's standings when the Bruins were first in the Women's Conference of Independent Colleges (WCIC).

A year ago the Bruin women were 6-2 in the conference with Pacific, Linfield, Willamette and Lewis and Clark, were 2-3 in non-league outings, and 2-1 in a final season tourney for a 10-6 overall record.

There will be some big holes to fill, however, to maintain that standing. The Bruins will be minus Independence junior Sue Knaupp who produced 20.76 points and 6.4 rebound average, and led the team in both field goals and free throw points. She has transferred to Oregon College of Education.

But George Fox has seven returning veterans on the squad. They're led by Cheryle Lawrence, a Mill City junior who was last year's top rebounder with 159 for a 9.35 average. She also added points at the rate of 7.59 a game, second highest for the Bruin women. She'll be high post for the Bruins.

She was closely followed by the 7.24 average of guard Pam Sturzinger, Salem, who returned for her senior year. Also back is forward Diane Beebe, a Newberg senior and guard Nanci Thompson, also a Newberg senior.

Other returners are Diane DeWitt, a sophomore from Eugene as a forward; Ramona Barnett, a Dundee junior, in a forward role, and Joanie Snyder, a Dundee sophomore, who is a guard.

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Also helping the Bruins is Lavonne Kollmar, a sophomore from Bonanza, Ore., Kelley Davidson, a freshman from Lincoln City, and Dena Holloran, a freshman from Depoe Bay.

"We'll be more of a 'run and gun' type team." Wright says, because of the team's overall lack of height. Lawrence is the tallest at 5-10 and Wright predicts the Bruins will be "not too bad on the boards because she (Lawrence) is an animal in there."

The Bruins open their season Thursday, (Jan. 13) with a jamboree at Willamette.



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GFC BASKETBALL WOMEN DOWN PACIFIC

"We were with it on the boards," said George Fox College women's basketball coach Dee Bright after the Bruin women took a 58-52 win over Pacific University Tuesday.

And coach Bob Wright also added, "We got it all together; we're still not playing up to our full potential but when that happens we'll win a lot more games."

The win was the first in six outings for the Bruin women.

High scorer was senior Pam Sturzinger with 19, followed by sophomore Joni Snyder and junior Cheryle Lawrence with 10 each. Lawrence also led the rebounds for George Fox with 15.

The GFC women are busy this week with four games. Lewis and Clark of Portland was to have hosted the Bruins Tuesday and the Newberg squad is to be in Salem tonight (Thursday) for a game with Willamette University.

Hester Gym will be the site for contests with Oregon Tech Friday at 6 p.m. and Umpqua Community College Saturday at 4 p.m.