



2008-09

The Second Bundle

Ideally each year, Lady Olympian Head Coach, Michael Hootner would like to see his roster comprised of at least four sophomores and 5-10 freshman or vice versa in order to give the team a good combination of youthful energy and veteran leadership.

The second bundle saw a lot of changes from the previous year that challenged the teams faith, courage, inner-resiliency, emotional intelligence, and positive mental attitude.

Why? First, the above combination of freshman and sophomores although initially in place, was compromised by the first game for a number of uncontrollable factors. Besides losing six players to graduation (from the previous year's roster), two new players encountered torn knees, two decided to redshirt, two quit for financial reasons, and another decided to transfer. So, that left only two sophomores on the 2008-09 roster, Elizabeth Jones and Joy Tili that played the previous year.

This also meant that 90% of the previous year's scoring was also gone. But the players and the coaching staff didn't blink. Instead, they came together in a way that Coach Hootner had not seen in his previous 16 years of coaching.

"What made this season so remarkable was a number of different things," said Olympian Head Coach, Michael Hootner. "First, rarely during a losing season have I seen such a dramatic improvement in almost every statistical category. As you can see below, during the last 14 games (versus the first 14 games) the team improved in almost every area including overall field goal percentage, three point field goal percentage, free throw percentage, average rebounds per contest, assists, blocks, and total points per game while reducing the total turnovers per game from 33.6 in the first 14 games to 23.7 during the last 14 games, an unheard of improvement," concluded Coach Hootner.

Even more remarkable than the statistics was the team's attitude and commitment to the "greater good". Despite not winning a game until the new year the team remained positive, supportive of each other, and believed in the coaching staff. And as a result, the chemistry was tremendous. In addition, the team contributed \$300 to the Kay Yow Foundation in collaboration with 1,500 schools and organizations around the country to raise breast cancer awareness and help raise money to fight cancer.

Coach Hootner and his staff also made a number of changes in practice. "Due to the personnel changes and observations after watching the team play the first half of the season, we felt we had to make some adjustments in order to help each player individually and the team collectively," said Assistant Coach, Dan Bruton. And whether it was coincidental or not, the adjustments worked. The Lady Olympians had leads at halftime or in the second half of nearly half of the conference games. Furthermore, the team went from losing on average by 30 points per game the first 13 games to only 18 points per game the final 15 games, another indication of how much the team grew from the beginning of the year to the end.

"Success can be measured in many different ways and on many different levels, not just wins and losses," said Coach Hootner. "To remain positive and have a willingness to learn and evolve when the cards are seemingly down is a true test of an individual's and a team's character. And that is exactly what this team and coaching staff did, every day. I will miss this team tremendously," concluded Coach Hootner.

2008-09 Final Stats

| INDIVIDUAL 2008-2009 SEASON STATS FOR SAN DIEGO MESA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|------|-----|----|-----|-----|------|-----|------|----|
| Player (Pos/Height/Class) | # | FGM | FGA | % | 3PM | 3PA | % | FTM | FTA | % | OR | DR | AVG | A | B | S | TO | TP | AVG | High | GP |
| Edwards, Magy (G/5-5/Fr) | 5 | 18 | 97 | 0.19 | 3 | 41 | 0.07 | 25 | 48 | 0.52 | 11 | 31 | 16 | 42 | 1 | 28 | 108 | 64 | 2.5 | 9 | 26 |
| Edwards, Tammie (G/5-6/Fr) | 11 | 23 | 93 | 0.25 | 16 | 59 | 0.27 | 29 | 49 | 0.59 | 10 | 20 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 62 | 91 | 6.1 | 18 | 15 |
| Franklin, Jamie (G/5-2/Fr) | 33 | 9 | 66 | 0.14 | 2 | 21 | 0.1 | 16 | 36 | 0.44 | 19 | 47 | 2.5 | 32 | 0 | 15 | 104 | 36 | 14 | 6 | 26 |
| Gerlek, Katherine (C/6-3/Fr) | 42 | 87 | 191 | 0.46 | 5 | 26 | 0.19 | 70 | 118 | 0.59 | 69 | 150 | 8.1 | 12 | 16 | 11 | 63 | 249 | 9.2 | 20 | 27 |
| Jamison, Annessa (G/5-7/Fr) | 12 | 92 | 304 | 0.3 | 31 | 111 | 0.28 | 31 | 53 | 0.59 | 38 | 61 | 3.7 | 38 | 6 | 38 | 131 | 246 | 9.1 | 28 | 27 |
| Jones, Elizabeth (F/5-8/So) | 23 | 3 | 22 | 0.14 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 8 | 0.63 | 4 | 12 | 0.6 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 42 | 11 | 0.4 | 2 | 25 |
| Martin, Kim (G/5-4/Fr) | 20 | 29 | 137 | 0.21 | 22 | 102 | 0.22 | 1 | 3 | 0.33 | 8 | 32 | 15 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 49 | 81 | 3.1 | 12 | 26 |
| Schulenberg, Kirby (G/5-7/Fr) | 21 | 22 | 95 | 0.23 | 4 | 29 | 0.14 | 8 | 15 | 0.53 | 25 | 47 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 61 | 56 | 2.3 | 7 | 24 |
| Spence, Tessa (F/5-10/Fr) | 40 | 46 | 118 | 0.39 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 67 | 0.45 | 72 | 129 | 7.2 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 47 | 122 | 4.4 | 18 | 28 |
| Tili, Joy (G/5-5/Fr) | 10 | 52 | 191 | 0.27 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 87 | 149 | 0.58 | 65 | 126 | 6.8 | 54 | 1 | 48 | 136 | 191 | 6.8 | 18 | 28 |
| Totals | | 381 | 1314 | 0.29 | 83 | 393 | 0.21 | 302 | 546 | 0.55 | 321 | 655 | 34.9 | 212 | 28 | 191 | 803 | 1147 | 41 | | 28 |

| INDIVIDUAL 2008-2009 CONFERENCE STATS FOR SAN DIEGO MESA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|----|
| Player (Pos/Height/Class) | # | FGM | FGA | FG% | 3PM | 3PA | 3P% | FTM | FTA | FT% | OR | DR | AVG | A | B | S | TO | TP | AVG | High | GP |
| Edwards, Magy (G/5-5/Fr) | 5 | 11 | 54 | 0.2 | 2 | 20 | 0.1 | 13 | 27 | 0.48 | 6 | 14 | 17 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 1 | 3.8 | 37 | 3.1 | 9 | 12 |
| Edwards, Tammie (G/5-6/Fr) | 11 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Franklin, Jamie (G/5-2/Fr) | 33 | 7 | 42 | 0.17 | 1 | 14 | 0.07 | 9 | 19 | 0.47 | 10 | 31 | 2.9 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 3.9 | 24 | 17 | 6 | 14 |
| Gerlek, Katherine (C/6-3/Fr) | 42 | 60 | 132 | 0.46 | 5 | 25 | 0.2 | 33 | 59 | 0.56 | 42 | 89 | 9.4 | 0.7 | 1 | 2.2 | 158 | 113 | 20 | 14 | |
| Jamison, Annessa (G/5-7/Fr) | 12 | 54 | 180 | 0.3 | 23 | 82 | 0.28 | 19 | 27 | 0.7 | 24 | 22 | 3.5 | 12 | 0.3 | 2 | 5 | 150 | 115 | 28 | 13 |
| Jones, Elizabeth (F/5-8/So) | 23 | 1 | 8 | 0.13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0.75 | 1 | 3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 5 | 0.5 | 2 | 11 |
| Martin, Kim (G/5-4/Fr) | 20 | 17 | 67 | 0.25 | 14 | 54 | 0.26 | 1 | 3 | 0.33 | 3 | 15 | 15 | 0.3 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 49 | 4.1 | 12 | 12 |
| Schulenberg, Kirby (G/5-7/Fr) | 21 | 6 | 38 | 0.16 | 2 | 13 | 0.15 | 4 | 6 | 0.67 | 9 | 22 | 3.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 1 | 2 | 18 | 18 | 5 | 10 |
| Spence, Tessa (F/5-10/Fr) | 40 | 18 | 51 | 0.35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 24 | 0.54 | 36 | 64 | 7.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 1 | 0.8 | 49 | 3.5 | 8 | 14 |
| Tili, Joy (G/5-5/Fr) | 10 | 31 | 107 | 0.29 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 61 | 90 | 0.68 | 36 | 67 | 7.4 | 2.6 | 0.1 | 2 | 5.1 | 123 | 8.8 | 18 | 14 |
| Totals | | 205 | 681 | 0.3 | 47 | 212 | 0.22 | 156 | 259 | 0.6 | 167 | 328 | 35.4 | 120 | 23 | 87 | 332 | 613 | 43.8 | | 14 |

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