



Midland College Athletics

Midland College Bids Farewell to Basketball Sophomores

Midland College Lady Chap Basketball
Thursday, March 1, 2012
Midland, TX

Having qualified for their 18th consecutive NJCAA Region V Basketball Tournament, the #18 ranked Midland College Lady Chaps set their attention on Thursday's opponent, the Odessa College Lady Wranglers. Midland College 23-6 overall and 9-2 in the WJ-CAC will seek to avenge their 70-66 February 6th loss to OC. That game was played in Odessa at the Odessa College Sports Center.

Thursday's game also will allow the Lady Chaps an opportunity to either tie or win outright, the 2012 WJCAC championship. A win by MC will give the Ladies no less than a share of their 10th conference title in 18 seasons. The game will also be an emotional one for seven Lady Chap sophomore members of the team.

Anifisa Shulha (Minsk, Belarus), Lindsay Ansley (Marble Falls, TX), Morgan Schwartz (Garden City, TX), Danesha Long (Long Beach, CA), Ornela Bacchini (Buenos Aires, Argentina), Nety Sousa (Sao Paulo, Brazil), and transfer Bernadette Sanchez (Albuquerque, NM) will each be making the final home appearance of their Midland College basketball careers.

Combined this group of second-year student-athletes have amassed a record of 50-12 overall, 19-4 in conference and only one loss at home over two seasons.

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As for the Chaparrals, Thursday's game will be the final one of the season as their fortunes did not land on a spot in the NJCAA Region V Tournament. Midland College 17-10 this season and 5-8 in the conference will take on Odessa College in a pride game for the Chaparrals. OC defeated MC 78-65 on February 6th in Odessa. That loss was the catalyst for a Chaps 6-game conference slide, including two forfeited games due to a melee near the end of their game at Howard College.

The Chaps will also say their Chap Center goodbyes to four sophomores, including transfers Tre Bowman (York, PA), Kelvin Agee (Niagra Falls, NY), Melvin Tabb (Raleigh, NC) and the team's sole returning player from 2011's NJCAA National Runner-up Team, Majok Majok (Perth, Australia).

An MC win versus OC would provide the Chaps a great sense of closure on the season, one that didn't go as planned for first-year coach Chris Craig. Craig, a relentless recruiter and skilled coach, will surely strike fear in the hearts of opponents heading into next season. Craig's full coaching talents will be on display with a complete off-season to reload.

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