



NEW PALTZ BASKETBALL

Men's Basketball Newsletter

April 2009

The 2008-2009 Season Comes to a Close

The men's basketball team finished the 2008-09 season with a 7-18 record and a 4-12 performance in conference play, just missing the SUNYAC tournament. In the final 12 games, New Paltz lost six times by ten points or less including four games by five points or fewer.

The Hawks doubled their conference win total from the previous season and competed against six teams that took part in post season play at the NCAA tournament or ECACs. New Paltz defeated Keene State, a consistent participant in the postseason, for the second consecutive season.

Junior Opong Agyemang broke a 14-year old school record as he became the all-time leader for assists in a season with 160. He was ranked first in the conference and 16th nationally in assists per game (6.40). First year Harris Wichard led the team in points with 12.6 per game and three-point field goals made (52) while junior Connor Cornine scored 9.8 points per game and grabbed a team-high 7.4 rebounds. Junior forward Lee Bertram added 11.8 points per game and was second on the squad with 7.1 boards per contest.

Matt Hauser was our only senior from the 2009-2010 season. He was a graduate of Chaminade High School and started 55 of the 98 games he played in the orange and blue, averaging 24.9 minutes of play. In four seasons as a guard for the Hawks, he scored 679 points, grabbed 233 rebounds handed out 158 assists and tallied 93 steals. The communication major scored his career high of 22 points against Old Westbury and dished out a career high eight assists against Brockport and John Jay last season. This season, he started 14 games and averaged 8.9 points before a season ending injury at Oneonta.

With a young group of student-athletes this season and talented group of incoming freshmen, we are looking forward to a very exciting 2010-2011 school year.

Dagan Nelson to Coach US Team Internationally

Coach Dagan Nelson, the head men's basketball coach at SUNY New Paltz, will be taking a US team to Bosnia, Croatia, and Italy from June 2-June 11th, 2009. The team will be comprised of ten players. Freshman Harris Wichard, a current New Paltz Hawk, will be going with Coach Nelson on the trip. The team will play five games against foreign competition.

The 2nd Annual SUNY New Paltz Athletic Golf Tournament

We encourage all alumni,, friends, business partners and supporters of SUNY New Paltz Athletics to participate. The tournament will take place on August 14th. For more information please visit: <http://athletics.newpaltz.edu/golf.cfm>

Thank You to All Our Supporters

The Men's Basketball program would like to thank all of the individuals who have supported the program this season and in previous ones. The things that we are able to do because of your support helps create a better environment for the student-athletes. We are very appreciative.

Upcoming Events

5/6/09	Athletic Ceremony	6:00 pm
6/29-5/3	Basketball Camp	
8/14	Athletic Golf Tourney	8:30am
8/24	First Day of Classes	

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