

Warriors Open Season At Home Against Fairmont State

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“There is no place like home.” “There is no place like home.” Those are the words Dorothy uttered in the movie the Wizard of OZ to help her get back to Kansas. The Wayne State University women’s basketball team has the luxury of uttering those words next week as they open the season, Tuesday, November 22 against Fairmont State in the Matthaehi Building on the WSU campus. WSU is coming off a monumental 1999-2000 season finishing 13-14 overall and 9-10 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The Warriors qualified for the GLIAC Tournament for the first time in nearly six years.

The Warriors will have quite a new look this season with 10 new players on the floor and a new head coach, **Gloria Bradley**, as well. Even with all the changes on the team the Warriors still have the same goal they have had for many years, winning.

“In our first contest we are looking for intensity from our players,” said Bradley. “We need to pick up the tempo and pressure the ball. If we become relaxed and get to laid back then we will lose our edge.”

On Wednesday, Nov. 15 the Warriors had their first look at an opposing team when they scrimmaged Schoolcraft Comunnity College. Coach Bradley feels the scrimmage was a great tune up for next week’s contest.

“The scrimmage gave us a chance to see our strengths and also our weaknesses,” said Bradley. “We found combinations of players that worked and also what players are starting to get comfortable on the floor. We have an advantage not starting till next week which gives us the opportunity to fine tune some things and be sharp for our first contest.”

Following WSU’s home opener on Wednesday, the Warriors will take their show on the road traveling to Grand Rapids, Mich. for the Grand Rapids Press Tournament Nov. 24-25. The Warriors will play Grand Valley State University (7:00 p.m.) on Friday and Cornerstone University (3:00 p.m.) on Saturday.

“We have the great advantage of possibly getting a win under our belt before we go on on the road,” said Bradley. “The great thing about our team is that we don’t have all freshmen on our squad. We have many experienced players from the Division I and II levels which gives us experience and poise on the floor.”

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