



2005 Out West Elite Team and Major Sponsors Announced

May 26, 05. Calgary AB - Calgary based **Out West Basketball Association** is pleased to announce its roster and major sponsors for the 2005 season. Each year, the Out West program recruits top female post secondary basketball players in Western Canada to train and compete throughout the summer in Canada, the U.S. and Europe. This summer, the Team will train at Mount Royal College in Calgary, its host facility, and compete in Alberta, California, France, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Head Coach Cory Russell is excited about this season's team makeup. "We have recruited high performance athletes from eight post secondary programs in four provinces, some of whom played for us last season, and new members who we selected as a result of their outstanding abilities. We will be well equipped to take on professional and national teams in this season's tours."

<i>Players</i>	<i>University</i>	<i>Home Town</i>
Kelsey Blair	U of British Columbia	Vancouver BC
Kim Bridge	U of Lethbridge	Salmon Arm BC
Ashley Dutchak	U of Saskatchewan	Calgary AB
Lindsay Maundrell	U of Calgary	Armstrong BC
Kate Daniels	U of Winnipeg	Winnipeg MN
Jania Mynott	U of Victoria	Surrey BC
Lauren Colborne	Concordia College	Calgary AB
Jody Potts	U of Victoria	Red Deer AB
Samantha Hill	Trinity Western University	Langley BC
Development Players:		
Erin Jopp	Mount Royal College	Calgary
Ashley Hilton	Mount Royal College	Calgary
Karen Fraser	U of Saskatchewan	Saskatoon
Coaches:		
Head Coach Cory Russell	Guest Coach Kelly Boucher	
Assistant Coach Mark Hogan	Guest Coach Bill Mitchell	

Out West is further pleased to announce that two major sponsors have taken the lead in providing financial support for the Out West program. They are **Scotia Capital** and **Star Point Energy Trust**. Mike Jackson, Head of Scotia Capital's Calgary office, believes that the Out West program is unique in Canada and deserves corporate support. "Scotia Capital is pleased to support the development of excellence in women's athletics, and the Out West people have taken the lead with this innovative program."

Coach Russell indicates that the corporate sector has provided significant support for the Out West Elite program. "Our budget is significant, and our lead sponsors, Scotia Capital and Star Point are instrumental to our success. As a result, others have come on board financially upon recognizing the importance of our work in the development of excellence in women's basketball, and upon realizing that our program is the only one of its kind in Canada."

The Out West team will commence training at the beginning of July and end its season with its European tour in the last two weeks of August. The Out West Basketball Association was established in 1999 to develop female basketball players and provides programs to athletes beginning at age twelve.

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