Martin Works to Spice up Athletic Programs

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EMU had a problem: the university did not have an athletic director who was not a coach or a teacher. They needed someone who could take on the responsibility of becoming the school’s first full-time athletic director. Larry Martin was hired to take the reins of the athletic department at EMU. He was drawn to the small school aspect that EMU offers.

“I want to get to know the players, the players’ families and their friends,” quipped Martin. Another reason he came to EMU was that he wanted full involvement; he wanted to be in charge of all aspects of athletics at a school. He got the chance here. What attracted him most, however, was the whole idea of a Christian college environment.

Martin worked at Towson University before he came to EMU. He brings some very high goals to EMU’s athletic program. He would like to get each team to EMU’s athletic program.

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Basketball Crowds Grow as Mullet’s Numbers Add Up

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Fans of the women’s basketball team are flocking to the Commons in record numbers as first year coach Mike Dunavant seeks to dispel the low expectations of their ODAC rivals.

“I think if we can finish in the middle of the conference, it will be a major accomplishment,” said Dunavant in response to predictions that EMU would finish ninth out of eleven.

Emily Mullet, a probable All-American candidate, is once again leading the team in scoring with an average of 33 points per game, 7 points higher than last year’s average. She is deadly in shooting behind the three-point line, making 45% of her shots from downtown. Last season Mullet led the nation with 104 three-pointers.

Coach Dunavant also credits Mullet with being an all-around player. “She’s a good passer, a good ball handler, she has improved her defensive skills tremendously...she’s in the greatest shape of her life right now.” The women’s basketball team will need to be in shape for the rest of this season as they face conference heavyweights such as Bridgewater College. Injury has already visited the squad, though, as junior center Lisa Bergey suffered a stress fracture in her foot. Coach Dunavant hopes to have her back and ready to play after Christmas. Bergey has played 29 minutes this season, despite missing half the games.

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