



Whit women to host first Memorial Classic

The tournament honors former Missionary player Kim Evanger Raney, who was killed earlier this year.

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Whitman College is hosting the first Kim Evanger Raney Memorial Classic, a four-team women's basketball tournament, this Friday and Saturday in Sherwood Center.

The tournament honors the late Kim Evanger Raney, a 2002 Whitman graduate and former player who died in March of this year in a bicycling accident near Palm Springs, Calif.

The first of four tournament games pits Walla Walla University against Multnomah Bible College at 2 p.m. Friday.

Whitman then battles Cascade College at 6 p.m. Friday.

Saturday's games match Whitman against Multnomah at 2 p.m. and Walla Walla against Cascade at 6 p.m.

In a non-tournament Saturday game, the Whitman men's team hosts Evergreen State College at 4 p.m. in Sherwood Center.

The per-day admission charge Friday and Saturday is \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$1 for students. Whitman students, faculty and staff are admitted at no charge.

The Whitman women's team takes a 4-2 record into its Friday game against Portland's Cascade College. The Thunderbirds, an NAIA Div. II team, are 6-3 on the season.

Four of Cascade's victories have come against the other two teams in the tournament, Walla Walla and Multnomah Bible.

Walla Walla saw its season record fall to 2-10 after losing to Whitman Tuesday night in College Place. Multnomah Bible, in its first season as a women's varsity basketball team, is off to a 1-11 start.

After a prep basketball career at Issaquah (Wash.) High School, where she was the class valedictorian in 1998, Kim Evanger enjoyed a four-year basketball career at Whitman.

Despite chronic injuries, she led the Missionaries in rebounding in each of her four seasons.

Her career numbers included 593 points, 531 rebounds, 132 steals and 42 blocked shots.

Michelle Ferez, Whitman's women's basketball coach, arrived on campus in time to coach Evanger Raney in her final college season.

`` Kim had suffered multiple knee injuries, and by the time she was a senior she was playing in a lot of

pain," Ferenz said. ``But she never complained and never wavered in her commitment to the team and her love for the game. She just accepted the situation and had a very good senior season.

``Kim was also an exceptional student," Ferenz added. ``It was not uncommon for a professor to stop me on campus knowing that I was her coach and comment on how much they enjoyed having her in class. It is hard to put into words what a wonderful person Kim was and how much she is missed."

A psychology major at Whitman, Evanger Raney was living in North Bend, Wash., and working as a human resources manager for an online media company at the time of her death.

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