

Engadine Eagles

New Coach Seeks To Continue Winning Girls Team Tradition

First-year Head Coach Daryl Browning is excited about his rookie season at Engadine High School (EHS) and is hoping to continue the winning tradition for the Lady Eagles.

Browning, who coached at the elementary, junior high, and AAU levels, has always wanted to coach the varsity at EHS.

The 1986 graduate of Engadine played three years on the varsity team for Coach Joe Weber, scoring 980 career points for the Eagles.

The coach has worked for Hiawatha Club for the last eight years, where he is the shop supervisor in charge of general maintenance. He and his wife, Penny, have one son, Brandon, 22, and two daughters, Tristina, a senior, and Shannon, a junior at EHS.

Engadine has experienced players to build a strong foundation, led by seniors Shauni Rutledge (guard/forward) in her fifth season (she played in eighth grade), Tristina Browning (guard) in her third varsity season, and Tiajanna Sherbrook (center) in her second year, and juniors Lauren MacArthur (forward/center) and Shannon Browning (guard), both in their



Engadine Eagles varsity girls basketball team members are (from left) Tiajanna Sherbrook-11, Shauni Rutledge-15, Kacie Rutledge-12, Coach Daryl Browning, Shannon Browning-3, Brenda Albrecht-24, Lauren MacArthur-5, and Tristina Browning-23. Missing from photograph Elisa Hobbs.

second season.

First-year players are junior Brenda Albrecht (forward), sophomore Elisa Hobbs (center/forward), and freshman Kacie Rutledge (guard).

"This group of players

played hard together during the summer months, and with toughness. They are ready for the upcoming season," Coach Browning said.

Coach Browning had to postpone the first week of practice

from its November 5 schedule after the Eagles volleyball team, with seven members from the hoops squad, won the districts and prepared for the volleyball regionals Saturday, November 10.

The Eagles will battle for the Eastern Upper Peninsula Conference title, and face Frankfort, Menominee, Big Bay de Noc, Rapid River, Superior Central, Mid Peninsula, and Newberry in non-league competition.

Boys Team Aims To Continue Success From '06 Title Run

Players and fans in Engadine are excited about this year's boys basketball season as the Eagles hopes to build on last year's success, in which they won the Class D district championship.

Head Coach Elmer Albright is in his fourth season with the Eagles program and has a strong core of seniors and juniors to build his squad for this year's campaign.

"We have a good balance of talent, but the younger players must step up," said Albright. "We have some players that are 5'8" and play like their are 6'1" and this is a key."

Seven seniors return for their second season, including John Troyer (center/forward); Daron Emery and Michael Bennett (guards); Joel VanHise and Nathan Butkovich (forwards).

First-year players are juniors Kyle Bednarski; Tim Rose; and Ryan Draper at (guard); Devon Derusha (forward); Killian Frisch (center/forward); and senior Joe Patrow (guard), who will be eligible at the second semester.

"This group will have to work hard all season and learn a variety of positions," said the coach. "Our league schedule is strong, along with tough non-league opponents."

"Cedarville will be the team to beat in the Eastern Upper Peninsula Conference (EUPC). They lost players from their state championship team, but the returnees could mean another long run come March Madness."

Engadine will battle for the EUPC title with the Trojans, Pickford, DeTour, and Brimley, and face a non-league schedule that includes Newberry, Rapid River, Big Bay de Noc, Superior Central, Mid Peninsula, and Grand Marais.



Engadine Eagles varsity boys basketball team includes (front, from left) Joe Patrow-14, Michael Mast-33, Michael Bennett-20, Phillip Hood-12, Tim Rose-32, Ryan Draper-22; (back) Coach Elmer Albright, Joel VanHise-40, Killian Frisch-21, John Troyer-55, Nathan Butkovich-23, and Devon Derusha-10. Missing from the photograph are Daron Emery and Kyle Bednarski.

Top Birds: Coach, Captain



Engadine boys basketball Head Coach Elmer Albright (above, left) and team captain and senior Michael Bennett.



Girls Participation Continues To Thrive in Michigan H.S. Sports

Participation by girls in high school sports in Michigan during the 2006-07 school year ranks fourth nationally in figures released by the National Federation of State High Schools Association.

For the fourth straight year, Michigan's girls participation rates held their own, staying ahead Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey and trailing only the largest populated states of California, Texas, and New York.

Michigan girls and overall participation rates were their second highest ever in 2006-07. A total of 131,500 female partici-

pants took part in high school sports in Michigan last year, narrowly missing the record of 131,662 set the previous year.

Overall sports participation was 313,093 students, just behind the all-time high mark of 313,589 in 2005-06.

According to 2006 U.S. Census Bureau figures, Michigan continues to rank eighth in population of both females and males age 14 to 17.

Nationally, 54.2% of high schools participate in sports, while in the Michigan the figure is 60.4%.

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