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### Basketball Alberta Announces the NIKE Women's Centre for Performance Coaching Staff

**Edmonton, Alberta – October 13, 2006 – Basketball Alberta** today announced the coaching staff for the 2006 – 2007 Canada Basketball/Basketball Alberta NIKE Women's Centre for Performance.

The NIKE Centre for Performance is a model for players and coaches to teach individual team offensive fundamentals and present aspects of sports science necessary to become elite level players and coaches. The NIKE Women's CP operates under the guidance of the Canada Basketball National Team programs. 32 players from across the Province have been selected as per the NIKE Women's CP tryouts that were held in Red Deer, Alberta in September. Please visit the Basketball Alberta website at [www.basketballalberta.ab.ca](http://www.basketballalberta.ab.ca) for a full roster.

Head Coach, Claire Mitton had these comments on the NIKE Women's CP Program: "the CP is a very exciting program that is taking place across the country with the purpose of developing a uniform understanding and skill set required to compete with the Canadian National Programs. The CP is producing top quality players allowing Canada to compete in 4 international world events. The CP is very successful and we are on the right track to being one of the top women's basketball countries."

#### **NIKE Women's Centre for Performance Coaching Staff Information:**

**Claire Mitton** (Calgary), will, for the fourth year, head the program. Claire is currently the University of Calgary's Assistant Coach and is Level 4 certified within the National Coaching Certification Program. Claire is the former Head Coach of UNB Women's basketball program, a former national team player and has over 30 years of basketball experience.

**Dawn Keith** ( Lethbridge ) - Associate Coach Alberta CP -( fourth year with program ) - STARS Basketball Association Director, NCCP course conductor, former Lethbridge Community College and Mount Royal College Head Coach, 2 years assistant coach U of L, former director of Basketball Alberta, former Junior Head Coach Basketball Alberta , 20 years experience.



**Karla Karch** ( Calgary ) - Fourth year assistant coach Alberta CP, current Manager of Athletics Mount Royal College, current member of Basketball Alberta Board of Directors, 2 time Olympian and 15 year member of Canadian national basketball team, former Assistant at Concordia College, Mount Royal College, UVIC and U of C and Assistant Coach Basketball Alberta Juvenile Provincial team, 10 years experience.

**Cathy Butlin** ( Edmonton ) - third year Assistant Coach Alberta CP , current Head Coach Jasper Place Senior Girls, 4 year Assistant Coach U of Alberta, Assistant Coach Alberta Midget Provincial Team and former Assistant Coach Alberta Provincial Juvenile Team, Masters in Coaching 6 Years experience.

**Laurel Adolphe** ( Calgary ) - Assistant Coach 2 year with Alberta CP, current Senior girls Coach and teacher at Rundle College, former Assistant Coach SAIT, 2005 Midget Provincial Head Coach, former BC high school and Basketball BC coach 9 years experience.

**Erin Hogan** ( Calgary ) - apprentice coach first year with Alberta CP current Head Coach FCHS Falcons, 2 years Assistant Coach at LCC, basketball coordinator with NSD-STARS Basketball, current club Head Coach NSD-STARS Basketball 7years experience

**Wendy Closkey** (Calgary) – 1<sup>st</sup> year Assistant Coach with the NIKE Women’s Centre for Performance, currently a teacher and coach at the Edge School, former SAIT Trojans Assistant Coach, former Assistant Coach with British Colombia CP (Vancouver) and provincial team selection camps, former Head Coach of British Colombia high school teams and Basketball BC regional teams. 8 years of coaching experience.

Head Coach Claire Mitton had these comments on the appointments: “it excites me to work with this staff for the 2006-2007 CP year. The quality and committment these women have to the development of the game and athletes is outstanding! The overall experience and dedication is what make this staff special.”

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### **About Basketball Alberta:**

Basketball Alberta is a not-for-profit provincial sport organization located at the Percy Page Centre in Edmonton, Alberta, and is responsible for the development and promotion of Amateur Basketball in Alberta.



**Our Vision "To be premier facilitators of participation, development and excellence in basketball."**

**Our Mission "To champion the sport of basketball as a Game for Life™ by inspiring unity, facilitating development and delivering superior value."**

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