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## Notable Games

### Men

**Utah** (Dec. 3)
- **2010-11 Record:** 13-18 (6-10 MWC)
- **Last meeting:** Utah won, 76-63, in Salt Lake City, Utah (2010)

**Boise State** (Jan. 2)
- **2010-11 Record:** 19-13 (5-11 WAC)
- **Last meeting:** Boise State won, 70-56, in Fresno (2011)

**Hawaii** (Jan. 12)
- **2010-11 Record:** 22-13 (10-6 WAC)
- **Last meeting:** Hawaii won, 85-70, in Fresno (2011)

**San Jose State** (Jan. 14)
- **2010-11 Record:** 17-16 (5-11 WAC)
- **Last meeting:** San Jose State won, 75-62, in Fresno (2010)

**Idaho** (Feb. 2)
- **2010-11 Record:** 18-14 (9-7 WAC)
- **Last meeting:** Idaho won, 69-66, in Moscow, Idaho (2011)

**Utah State** (Feb. 4)
- **2010-11 Record:** 30-4 (15-1 WAC)
- **Last meeting:** Utah State won, 71-55, in Logan, Utah (2011)

**Nevada** (Feb. 25)
- **2010-11 Record:** 18-14 (9-7 WAC)
- **Last meeting:** Idaho won, 69-66, in Moscow, Idaho (2011)

**Louisiana Tech** (March 1)
- **2010-11 Record:** 24-8 (15-1 WAC)
- **Last meeting:** Louisiana Tech won, 78-76, in Las Vegas (2011)

**New Mexico State** (March 3)
- **2010-11 Record:** 16-17 (9-7 WAC)
- **Last meeting:** New Mexico State won, 88-83, in Las Cruces (2011)

### Women

**Stanford** (Dec. 4)
- **2010 Record:** 33-3 (18-0 Pac-10)
- **Last meeting:** Stanford won, 77-40, in Palo Alto, Calif. (2010)

**Nevada** (Feb. 25)
- **2010 Record:** 18-14 (9-7 WAC)
- **Last meeting:** Nevada won, 85-70, in Las Vegas (2011)

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- **2010 Record:** 16-17 (9-7 WAC)
- **Last meeting:** San Jose State won, 88-83, in Fresno (2011)

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- **2010 Record:** 18-15 (10-6 WAC)
- **Last meeting:** Utah State won, 83-76, in Las Vegas (2011)

**Louisiana Tech** (March 1)
- **2010 Record:** 24-8 (15-1 WAC)
- **Last meeting:** Louisiana Tech won, 78-76, in Las Vegas (2011)

**New Mexico State** (March 3)
- **2010 Record:** 14-18 (7-9 WAC)
- **Last meeting:** New Mexico State won, 65-55, in Las Cruces (2011)
Junior Rosie Moult is the top returning scorer from last year’s WAC championship team and will provide that scoring punch.

By Angel Moreno
The Collegian

Junior Rosie Moult is now in her third year wearing the Bulldog red and knows all about championship games. Moult has been a part of the back-to-back WAC championship contests most notably last year when Fresno State defeated its WAC rival Louisiana Tech, 68-66, in a thrilling affair of the conference elite.

The route to another conference championship won’t be easy one for Fresno State as it will have to replace the winnigest with departures from Hayley Munro, Jaleesa Ross, Taja Edwards, Marquique Arnold and Emma Andrews. Now, Moult will step into a new role for the ‘Dogs as a team leader and will try to duplicate her performance from last year.

In Moult’s first season with significant playing time she averaged 12.2 points and 6.1 rebounds per game. Moult started in 30 of the Bulldogs’ 33 games and is the top returning scorer for the 2011-12 season.

Moult’s 6.1 rebounds per game and 15 blocks during her sophomore season helped provide Fresno State with a rebounding and shot blocking presence in the paint. Head coach Adrian Wiggins has seen the major difference in Moult’s game since her freshman season at Fresno State. “She’s grown a lot since she’s been here,” Wiggins said. “This season we want her to step up and be that coach on the court.”

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— Adrian Wiggins

By Tim Salazar
The Collegian

Wilson brings back senior leadership

This will be senior Veronica Wilson’s final season in a Fresno State uniform after helping the ‘Dogs reach the NCAA Tournament last season.

Wilson came to Fresno State by way of Boston College where she played her first two seasons at the collegiate level. She played in 36 games during her time as an Eagle and transferred to Fresno State close-out her collegiate eligibility.

Before being able to step on the court for the ‘Dogs, Wilson had to sit out a season due to NCAA transfer regulations. Head coach Adrian Wiggins realizes that he has made it a big deal to be a Bulldog.

“It means something to play here,” Wiggins said. “And it means something to sign with Fresno State.”

With so many young players on the 2011-12 roster, Fresno State will need the help of Wilson and the other veteran Bulldogs to help get the young players accustomed to college basketball.

Wiggins welcomed five freshmen in the 2011 recruiting class, but one of the players, forward Satish Allen, could be transferring.

Although that is the case, eight of Fresno State’s 14 players are underclassmen with a limited amount of playing time at the collegiate level.

Wilson has started in three of the 32 games she has played and is one of only two seniors on this season’s team.

She will be looked at to contribute to a team that lost five key members from last year’s team, including Jaleesa Ross, who finished her career as all-time leading scorer in Bulldog basketball history, men’s or women’s.

Wiggins recognized a major difference between this year’s team compared to last year’s. “We’re a deeper team,” Wiggins said. “I think we have eight that will score as many as Jaleesa, but I think we have eight that will score as many as the eight we had last year.”

Although Fresno State has more players that are capable of putting the ball in the basket, it will be faced with challenges in the post all season long, especially with Wilson being one of only a couple players over 6 feet tall on the 2011-12 roster.

The center’s height will be much needed in the post with so many other teams having a height advantage over Fresno State. Wilson’s presence will be felt in the paint on defense and behind the arc on offense, as she has a decent outside stroke for a center, shooting 36 of 39 from three-point range last season.

After a year of experience in Wilson’s offense, Wilson’s outside shot could become an added facet to the Fresno State offense that could bring fear to opponents. The Bulldogs have led the nation in three-point percentage two of the past three seasons as they hit an average of 41.5 percent per game last season.

Under Wiggins the team has adapted into a more patient offense, willing to take the time to develop players, increasing the likelihood of scoring opportunities for Wilson and company.

“Teams can always get good shots, but we want to make the extra pass,” Wilson said. “And get the great shot. We’re starting underneath Wiggins.”

This new emphasis on making the extra pass could have been part of the reason why the ‘Dogs had USC on its heels before losing in the end, 65-57, last Friday. Fresno State started off fast with an 11-0 run and held USC scoreless in the first five minutes of the game, but couldn’t contain that level of play all night.

Although most of the key players on this year’s team don’t have much playing time at the collegiate level, Wiggins said the team is coming together and is yet to realize how good they are already in such an early part of the season.

“I think the team right now is better than what they think they are,” Wiggins said. “And I’m comfortable with that.”
Matt Weir

For first-year head coach Rodney Terry, this season is more than just building a reputation at Fresno State. It’s a chance at rebuilding the connection between Bulldog basketball and the community.

Terry was an assistant at Texas under head coach Rick Barnes at this time last year and has welcomed the challenge of rebuilding and rebranding Bulldog basketball.

“It’s a challenge every day, but it’s one that I embrace,” Terry said. “I love what I do and have a lot of passion for it. I’ve got a good group of young men that are trying to really buy into what our brand stands for.”

With that being the case, Terry wants a brand that mirrors the Fresno community. For Fresno State to have that kind of brand it will need to get the players to make a difference on and off the court.

Competing won’t be easy for the ‘Dogs with their already-thin roster, especially at the center and forward positions. With 6-foot-10 junior transfer Daquan Brown out indefinitely and looking to possibly transfer at the end of the semester, Fresno State’s tallest player is 6-foot-8 freshman Grant Hefeng. Hefeng will now play at center for the ‘Dogs and will be tested the entire season due to his lack of size and seasoning on the college level.

Although Fresno State will be short handed all season, Terry realizes he can only worry about the players that are on the 2011-12 roster.

“We’re going to play with what we have,” Terry said. “I’m excited about the guys right now because this team has a lot of room to grow. We’ll continue to grow each day, each week and continue to get better and better. But we have a lot challenges ahead and we’re going to experience some adversity.”

With so much adversity already building for Terry in his first season as the face of the program, the ‘Dogs had something to build off of after getting Terry his first win as a head coach last Friday against Illinois State, 55-47.

There was a key development that was established in the season opener that Terry will have his players thinking defense first as they held Illinois State to only 30 percent shooting.

Although Terry wants to establish a defensive identity at Fresno State, he acknowledges that the ‘Dogs will need the support from the Bulldog faithful to be successful.

“We’re only as good as our support base, our sixth man,” Terry said. “Our community is very important to us and it’s one that I hope will embrace us, make a connection with our identity and what we’re trying to do.”

In Terry’s first season at Fresno State, he will try to put his stamp on the program that hasn’t had a winning season since 2006 where the ‘Dogs made it to the National Invitation Tournament.

Last year’s team finished the season 14-7 and over the offseason eight players left the program, either by graduation or transfer.

With so much turnover from the 2010-11 season, Fresno State was picked to finish sixth in the Western Athletic Conference in the preseason coaches poll.

Although the ‘Dogs have garnered little respect coming into the season, Terry is still adamant about what the main goal will be for the Bulldogs year in and year out.

“Our goal every year will be to compete for a conference championship,” Terry said. “That’s what we do. In the process we can make this city proud. In the way we carry ourselves both on and off the court.”
Wiggins begins a new era

By Jerry Huerta

Wiggins has a handful of new faces to help Fresno State defend its WAC title

To start off your head coaching career averaging 23 wins in six seasons and multiple appearances in the NCAA Tournament, a common person might think this coach is from one of the six power conferences, but this coach is on the Fresno State sideline.

Head coach Adrian Wiggins has changed the women’s basketball program, providing the type of consistency that has been a rarity across the Bulldogs sports landscape. Before Wiggins, the ‘Dogs had six 20-win seasons in Bulldog history; under him Fresno State already has four 20-win seasons.

Coming into the 2011-12 season, on paper it looks like he will have a tough job trying to duplicate another 20-win year with the staples that Fresno State lost from last year’s team. Gone from the program are Jaleesa Ross, Emma Moult. Also back is center Veronica Wilson, who is one of just two seniors on the team.

There are many newcomers, but there are still some key pieces from last season’s Western Athletic Conference championship team. At the front of the list is the top returning scorer from the 2010-11 season, junior Rosie Moul. Also back is center Veronica Wilson, who is one of the top two seniors on the team.

With some of the top players returning from the WAC championship team, Wiggins addressed his new cast of characters.

“We have Ki-Ki Moore, who is a transfer and sat out last year,” Wiggins said. “She is going to get a lot of playing time for us. We have Alex Sheedy, who is freshman and Madison Parrish, who is a freshman. These two new players have really stepped up early in the season.”

The main newcomer to help fill the void left by Ross is the Washington State transfer Moore, who was named to the first team Pac-10 all-freshman team.

Mooore won’t be only new comer that Wiggins hopes makes an impact as he welcomed five freshmen in this year’s recruiting class. The most notable name is Parrish, who had a storied career at San Joaquin Memorial High School.

She is the eighth Australian player to wear Bulldog red in the Wiggins era. Sheedy averaged 6.4 points and 5.3 rebounds over seven games for the Under-20 Victorian State Squad.

“We think our league is a very balanced one,” Wiggins said. “We’re very proud of that.”

With a blend of some veterans and young players, Fresno State didn’t get the respect that a team coming off a WAC title would normally garner from the preseason polls. The ‘Dogs were picked to finish second by the media and third by the other WAC coaches.

Wiggins recognized the lack of respect and described how it should fuel the team.

“We’re very proud of that. We’ll use this as a motivator. I think our league is a very balanced one, but it is our goal to be a WAC champion and that’s why we practice every day. Hopefully, we’ll play well at that time of the year and have a chance to hang another banner.”
Junior Garrett Johnson’s shooting could be a major weapon for Fresno State.

By Jerry Huerta
The Collegian

If you said that a certain college basketball program lost a potential first-round draft pick in the NBA Draft, seven other players and the head coach stepped down, the initial reaction would be that it will take a while for the program to escape mediocrity.

This is the situation that the new men’s basketball coach Rodney Terry has had to deal with leading into his first season.

He brought in five newcomers for the 2011-12 season to institute his brand of basketball.

Although it seems like Terry will be starting from scratch with the men’s basketball program, he was left with the leading scorer from last season’s team.

Sophomore Kevin Olekaibe is one of the top holdovers from the 2010-11 season, during which the ‘Dogs finished 14-17 with a loss to Nevada in the opening round of the Western Athletic Conference Tournament. Olekaibe talked about how Terry prepared this year’s team for the season.

“Coach Terry has been pushing us,” Olekaibe said after the annual Red and White Hoops Night. “And I think that’s what is going to push us over the edge this upcoming season.”

Olekaibe could also help the ‘Dogs get over the edge with his scoring ability as he was the leading scorer in his first season on campus averaging 12 points per game. During WAC play, he upped his scoring average to 13.6 points per game.

The scoring mentality didn’t just start in his freshman season at Fresno State. It started at Cimarron Memorial High School where he finished his tenure as the all-time leading scorer in school history with 1,779 points. During his final season in high school, Olekaibe averaged 35.6 points, 6.8 rebounds and 4.8 assists per game, which led to him being recruited by Connecticut, Florida and Boise State, to name a few.

He ended up choosing to be a Bulldog and now returns for his second season poised to build on his resume. Olekaibe showed some of his breakout ability in the exhibition game against crosstown foe Fresno Pacific, where he scored 29 points and made seven three-pointers.

With so much focus on Olekaibe’s scoring ability, he talked about what he did during the offseason to improve his game.

“I’ve been in the gym getting up a lot of shots,” Olekaibe said. “Just improving my defense. I think I’m going to be ready.”

Although it was just an exhibition game, it could mark the beginning for Olekaibe’s scoring outbursts, especially with Terry’s up-tempo brand of basketball that he brought with him from Texas, putting the ball in the guard’s hands more in the open court.

Terry will look for Olekaibe to provide the scoring punch with so many new faces for this year’s team. Out of the players from last year’s team, junior Garrett Johnson and sophomore Tyler Johnson each averaged less than 10 points per game.

With so much uncertainty of what the good on the court is going to come from, the safe bet is that it will come from Olekaibe, whether it will be a deep three-pointer or a dunk. He gave some thoughts on what would be a successful season for him in his second year wearing the Bulldog red.

“My goal is to win the WAC,” Olekaibe said. “I’ve put in a lot of work, but we got to prepare and be efficient, and be ready to take on every game from the beginning.”

Johnson expected to provide shooting prowess

By Tim Salazar
The Collegian

A new season brings about change and sometimes transformation. Fresno State is looking to reinvent themselves for the 2011-12 season and improve on last season’s disappointing 14-17 record.

One of the key cogs that will help the ‘Dogs transform into a consistent division one basketball program will be the continued development of junior guard Garrett Johnson. Entering his third season, Johnson’s focus this season is to help Fresno State improve on its record from last season.

Johnson has become a key contributor for the Bulldogs as his role continues to grow.

“He being older and being a returner [Coach Terry] thinks I should be more vocal and continue to lead by example,” Johnson said.

With 252 points, Johnson finished last season as the fourth-leading scorer and led the team in scoring on four different occasions. Johnson will have to shoulder an even bigger load due to the loss of eight players in the offseason including sophomore Greg Smith and junior Tim Steed.

Although Fresno State will count on Johnson more to put the ball in the basket, he has been preparing during the offseason to try and hone his skills, which includes his three-point shooting.

“I knew this year that was one of the things that was going to be asked of me,” Johnson said. “To knock down open jumpers so I did put specific emphasis on that.”

Last season he finished shooting a little under 32 percent from three-point land and has already shown progress winning the annual Red and White Hoops Night three-point contest on Oct. 25.

With the new three-point stroke, Fresno State will have another shooter out on the perimeter to help the spacing for the ‘Dogs on offense. Head coach Rodney Terry talked about utilizing the three-pointer to provide an added dimension to Fresno State.

“We talk about the three-point shot as a weapon,” Terry said. “The guys that put in the time to really work will have those opportunities to be there.”

With this new weapon it will be an added element to the emphasis on defense. Terry has shown he wants to make defense the first priority especially in the season opener where the ‘Dogs held Illinois State to only 30 percent shooting.

In the first game of the season, Fresno State’s defense already made a difference in the game. Now, the ‘Dogs will be making its first appearance in the preseason National Invitation Tournament under Terry with the new defensive mindset.

“It’s huge on defense,” Johnson said. “Since we’re going to be undersized in the post he wants us to be more physical, but at the same time use our quickness.”

The Bulldogs do have some seasoned veterans on the 2011-12 roster with Johnson being one of six juniors with Steven Shepp and Jonathan Wills as the only seniors on this year’s team.

Terry will try to get the Fresno State basketball program back to its winning ways in the WAC during his first year.

“Terry that we had in the past, we’d love to restore that,” — Rodney Terry, head basketball coach
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