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## **Martin Awarded ACAC South Division Coach of the Year**

CALGARY —Donovan Martin, the SAIT Trojans women's basketball team's head coach, has been named Coach of the Year in the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference's South Division.

A long-time coach in the ACAC, Donovan Martin is in his fourth year at the helm of the SAIT Trojan women's basketball team. He has led the Trojans to a near perfect 17-1 regular season in 2010-2011. The Trojans are the defending ACAC champions and have been ranked #2 in the nation by the CCAA for the majority of the season.

Martin joined the SAIT Trojans women's basketball program in 2007 with 17 years of ACAC head coaching experience with the Mount Royal Cougars. During his tenure with the Cougars, Martin's teams medaled in the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC) in 16 of his 17 years as bench boss, with seven of those being ACAC Championships (Gold). The 2009-2010 season signified his first ACAC Championship (Gold) with the SAIT Trojans, for a total of eight thus far in his ACAC coaching career.

Including this current coaching honour, Martin has won ACAC Coach of the Year (South) three times.

Martin has been coaching basketball at different levels for 42 years. He played basketball in high school and then played senior men's ball for 15 years. Martin achieved his Bachelor of Education from the University of Calgary ('70) and holds his Level III NCCP Coaching Certificate. After working 36 years at the Red Deer Lake School, Martin now spends his time farming in the DeWinton area. He has lived in the area all his life.

His coaching philosophy is "playing basketball should be fun...winning is the most fun". Martin's favourite thing about being a coach is "seeing young athletes develop and reach their potential both individually and as a team". His pride in being a SAIT Trojan coach is evident: "SAIT has a tradition of excellence and succeeding against sometimes long odds. It is an honor to be part of that tradition and, hopefully, to add it to," says Martin.

The SAIT Trojans women's basketball team will be competing against the Augustana Vikings in the ACAC Quarter-Finals in which the winner will





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advance to the Provincials Final Four. Game 1 of the Best of Three series is on Friday, Feb. 25 at 6pm at SAIT Gym, with Game 2 at Augustana on Saturday Feb. 26 at 5pm. If necessary, Game 3 returns to SAIT Gym on the afternoon of Feb. 27.

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