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Bible Conference combines worship, fellowship

By: KYLE SEISS Staff Writer

The university family will take a break from classes next week for BJU's annual Bible Conference, beginning Sunday morning and continuing through Friday evening.

Worshipping

Dr. Bob Jones III will preach Sunday morning, and the rest of the week will feature eight guest speakers as well as Dr. Royce Short, dean of BJU's School of Religion.

A complete schedule and list of speakers is available on the University's website under "Events." Family and friends back home can access the services through the live webcasts there as well.

The week's messages do



not have an overall theme, but Dr. Bob said, "The 'theme' is often very clear because of the way the Lord directs the speakers in preparing their messages."

Although Dr. Ian Paisley, Northern Ireland's former

First Minister, was originally scheduled to speak at Bible Conference, he will not be able to attend due to recent health problems. Dr. Paisley was released from Ulster Hospital in Dundonald, Northern Ireland, at the end

of February after receiving treatment for a heart condi-

While Dr. Paisley will not be present during Bible Conference, the BJU family will have the opportunity to hear his two sons, Mr.

Ian Paisley Jr. and Rev. Kyle Paisley, preach during two of the week's services.

This year's Bible Conference will continue the effort to raise funds for the renovation of the Dixon-McKenzie

Dining Common, a project that has been the focus of the Conference offerings for the past two years. Students, faculty and staff have been busy with a variety of fundraising

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In the know:

Handbell Choir Concert

The University Handbell Choir will perform a selection of folk songs, spirituals and marches today at 5 p.m. in Stratton Hall.

Men's Basketball Championship

Z will face off against Beta at 8 tonight to determine this year's men's basketball champions.

SoundForth **Premiere Concert**

The SoundForth Singers and Orchestra will premiere music from their new recording following Wednesday night's Bible Conference service.

Skype offers new interview option



Senior Peter McDowell takes advantage of the new Skype video equipment at Career Services. Photo: Stephanie Greenwood

By: LEE MILLER Staff Writer

BJU students and their potential employers no longer need to travel to meet for job interviews thanks

to a new service offered by Career Services.

This semester Career Services established two professional settings for students to connect with potential employers via Skype

Internet video chat. The Skype settings are located in Career Services' offices in the Student Center across from the Snack Shop.

"We're hoping to encourage not just students to use Skype, but employers to reach out to them here," said Dr. Steve Buckley, the director of Career Services.

Dr. Buckley said job interviews over Skype are increasing. However, he said his contacts with other colleges say some college students hurt themselves during Skype interviews by logging on in unprofessional settings, such as dorm

"Hopefully we're going to nurture a good experience so our students stand out," Dr. Buckley said.

The Skype interview rooms at Career Services are set up with a computer and a portable webcam. Dr. Buckley said the placement of the webcam, stationed in the center of the screen, helps interviewees keep eye contact with the person conducting the interview.

Being able to go to a secluded location free of distractions is another benefit of using Career Services' Skype location. "Students still tend to be more professional about it because they're still going to an interview," said Miss Amy Schoneweis, a Career Services graduate assistant who helps students prepare for Skype interviews.

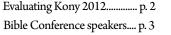
Sophomore Laura Madeira, the first person to use the Career Services Skype service, found the setting to be beneficial. "There is really no other place on campus to be able to do that," she said.

Laura also said even going somewhere like a restaurant to do a Skype interview would not be good because

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COLUMN



By: SCOTT JENNINGS **Sports Editor**

In October 2011, the earth's human population reached a landmark record as the world welcomed its 7 billionth inhabitant.

For most people, that number—7 billion—is so big that it is meaningless. Let me put it this way. If you were to meet these people and take only one second to meet them, without stopping for any reason, it would take 222 years to meet them all.

of AsiaLink, a Christian mis sions organization, it means

they live in a region where

less than 2 percent of the people know the Truth so

that they cannot be reached

except through outside influ-

Of the top 50 megaci-

ties in the world, not some

not even most, but all of

them are located in the

10/40 Window. The roots

and strongholds of Islam,

Hinduism and Buddhism all

reside here as well. To top it

an enormous amount of the

world's population who live

Yet most missionaries do

below the poverty level.

all off, the region contains

Of the nearly 7 billion people in the world, approximately 4.5 billion of them live in what is called the 10/40 Window. The term refers to the area between 10 degrees latitude north of the equator to 40 degrees latitude north of the equator. For those of you who aren't a human GPS, the 10/40 stretches from northern Africa to the northern tip of China and contains a large part of Africa, the Middle

East and southeastern Asia. not go to the 10/40 Window The 10/40 Window has Think about it. How many incredible importance for missionary presentations us as Christians because not have you heard for Europe only do most of the people or South America? Many, in the world live there, right? Now how many are but most of them also are going to Afghanistan? How unreached with the Gospel. many are going to Iran? The To clarify the definition of answer: not nearly enough. "unreached," the word does I understand that most of not mean unsaved. It doesn't these countries have governeven mean they've never ments closed to Christianity, personally heard the Gospel. but is that really an excuse to

According to History Makers, a student division



Overnight activists should take second look at Kony 2012

The Collegian Editorial

On March 5, a video was posted online about a little-known man in an obscure part of Africa. A week later, over 70 million people had watched it, and almost everyone in America had heard that man's name—Joseph Kony.

The video, called "Kony 2012," was created by Jason Russell and the organization Invisible Children to raise awareness about Joseph Kony the leader of the Ugandan rebel group called the Lord's Resistance Army, which abducts children and turns them into sex slaves and child soldiers. No one disputes the fact that Joseph Kony is a despicable criminal and deserves punishment. Many people, however, are skeptical of the Kony 2012 campaign itself.

The video is loaded with emotional appeals, including footage of Russell's adorable little boy and somber background music. The campaign seems to be especially targeted at young adults, those most likely to fall for these emotional tactics and the belief that liking a Facebook page or buying a bracelet could change the world.

Yes, spreading awareness of Kony's crimes is important, but it will take more than people watching a video to catch this criminal who has evaded authorities (including U.S. authorities) for years. Highlighting the shallowness of the campaign, Andrew Bolt of the Herald Sun said, "In some jungle in Africa, a mass-murderer See **COLUMN** p. 4 **>>** called Kony is shattered. A few million people

on Facebook have unfriended him."

Kony 2012 has also been criticized for obscuring details and oversimplifying the issue. From the video, viewers get the impression that Kony is the sole cause of the conflict in Uganda when, in fact, the country has been in a state of civil war for over 25 years. The video also never mentions that Uganda's government is just as guilty as Kony, having kidnapped children to use as soldiers in the past. Additionally, not until halfway through the video does Russell mention that Kony has moved out of Uganda and into the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Central African Republic, where his aggressive actions have been considerably fewer. Never does he mention that U.S. intervention could actually encourage retaliation from Kony.

Of course, the Kony 2012 campaign is not entirely bad. Joseph Kony deserves to be "made famous" for his crimes. But people should be aware of all the facts before becoming an overnight social activist.

Do your homework. Don't trust any one source, including this editorial. Search the Internet for reliable information from sources such as government and newspaper sites. Check out financial data on Invisible Children on CharityNavigator.org. Talk to people who are more informed than you. Only then should you make an educated evaluation and decide your personal stance on Kony 2012.



talkback



How do you wish the ushers would creatively collect the offering during Bible Conference?







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Carroll, Ohio



Dr. Rick Cross Sun - 7 p.m., Mon - 1:30 p.m. Pastor, Faith Baptist Church,

Longmont, Colo.



Dr. Royce Short Wed - 1:30 p.m. Dean, School of Religion, Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C.



Dr. Craig Hartman

Mon - 10 a.m., Tue - 7 p.m.

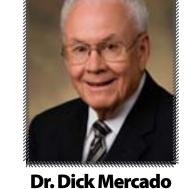
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Thu - 7 p.m. Fri - 10 a.m. Pastor, Oulton Broad Free Member, Free Presbyterian Church of Presbyterian Church, Suffolk, Ulster, Belfast, Northern Ireland England

Four concerts offer entertainment before, during Bible Conference

Staff Writers

Bible Conference offers the university family many opportunities for reflection and relaxation, including several instrumental and vocal concerts over the weekend and throughout Bible Conference week itself. Handbell Choir

The University Handbell Choir will perform its annual concert at 5 p.m. today. Directed by Mr. Alan Lohr, this year's concert, which will be held in Stratton Hall, will feature colorful music from around the world, including folk songs, marches and spirituals. The arrangements are based on music from Israel to Puerto Rico to Taiwan.

"It's going to be a great concert," sophomore church music major Alec Willard said. "The pieces are really fun. My favorite is 'The Song of the Flowers' from Taiwan."

By: JESSI HARGETT & STEFFANI RUSSELL According to Alec, the music won't be just handbells; percussion will add another layer of depth to the performances.

> Musicians change positions between pieces, which keeps the concert interesting for the performers and gives them experience with the different bells.

The Concert Band invites the BJU family and visitors to relax in the comfortable seats of Stratton Hall and enjoy its pops concert Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Bruce Cox, conductor of the Concert Band, said this performance includes light music from a variety of genres.

The concert will include "Three Revolutionary Marches" by Bedrich Smetana, several other marches, an arrangement of some of the film score from Gettysburg and two selections with student solos.

"I really enjoy the pieces," junior percus-

sion player Lauren Sparkman said. "They're not all marches. There are some really beautiful pieces too." Junior flutist Phil Rush said those who like fun band music will enjoy this concert, and younger instrument players will be inspired to play. **SoundForth Premier Concert**

The SoundForth Singers and Orchestra

will present their annual premier concert Wednesday after the evening service in the

The concert will be presented in conjunction with the release of SoundForth's latest CD, "Steadfast Faith," and will also be available through webcast for those unable to attend the concert that evening.

According to Dr. Rick Nichols, the senior manager at SoundForth, the presentation will be a little out of the ordinary. Instead of the usual choral pieces, the new CD features 10 male vocalists, including university students and GAs. Some songs also feature the soprano saxophone and

"It feels good to see a solid product after weeks of work," Dr. Nichols said. "We've spent some very long days and late nights

on this project."

The CD will be on sale in the lobby immediately after the concert. The cost will be \$12 for each CD or \$10 each for two or

Foundation Brass

The Foundation Brass and Friends are bringing their yearly outdoor concert to the Student Center on Thursday. The BJU family and guests can stop by right after the morning service and enjoy the bold sounds of the trombone, tuba, trumpet, horn and euphonium.

The Foundation Brass is composed of six brass faculty members but will be joined for this particular concert by six students. Dr. Michael Moore, professor in the Division of Music, is the conductor for this event.

Mr. Paul Jantz, program director of the department of brass, said the Foundation Brass and Friends will flood the Student Center for 30 minutes with a fanfare, an antiphonal Renaissance number and Romantic and contemporary pieces. He said the concert will provide a change of pace for the students so they can enjoy some relaxing music.

This day in history:

1850—The Scarlet Letter, Nathaniel Hawthorne's magnum opus tale of sin and redemption, was published and became an instant best-seller.

March Madness Seeds Announced:

Kentucky, Syracuse, North Carolina and Michigan State claimed the No. 1 seeds in this year's NCAA men's basketball tournament.

This week in weird:

Hundreds of people gathered in downtown Grand Rapids, Mich., to set the Guinness World Record for "most people wearing animal noses at a single venue." According to the event's organizers, 607 people donned plastic chicken beaks and made clucking noises for 11 minutes and 39 seconds in spite of the 30-degree temperatures.

They said it, not me:

"We view ourself as the Pixar of human rights stories." – Jason Russell, cofounder of the activist group Invisible Children and creator of the video "Kony 2012," which calls for the arrest of Ugandan rebel leader Joseph Kony.

Last year, the residence hall men finally won a round of the friendly rivalry between the men and women students over who would raise the most money to contribute to the Conference offering. Usually the women students narrowly win the unofficial competi-

Currently the dining common fund has a little more than \$3 million of the \$6 million goal, said Mr. John Matthews, vice president of finance. He said the fundraising efforts have taken longer than expected because the contractors are bidding higher than anticipated.

But he said, "We're still [as] committed as we've always been to improve the whole food experience our students have."

Mr. Matthews said a good goal for Bible Conference week would be to raise between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

Relaxing

Bible Conference may still present students with a full schedule, but the stress level definitely goes down. After all, no assignments are due for a least a week.

Senior Joe Studdard said,

"After the week, I feel more ready for school, like I've been charged up."

time for guys and girls to mingle as well. Some students like to call Bible Conference "drop/add week" in reference to the many relationships that start or end during the week.

Dr. Bob reminisced, "There were times when I took a different girl to the services each day of the week." But going in larger groups has recently become a common trend as well.

Most importantly, however, this week can be a time of spiritual growth and refreshed acquaintance with the Lord. And a strong evangelistic element comes through as well.

Sophomore Jonathan Ronning said, "It really [increases] my time in God's Word as opposed to when [I'm] really busy with school."

He also said that a friend of his from town came to Christ at last year's Bible Conference. Jonathan's friend was convicted by a sermon about repentance and God's grace, and he responded to the invitation.

With the variety of speakers and events, everyone will find something to carry forward from Bible Conference, at least for the remainder of the semester.

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Joe said, "I'm going try to get as much out of it as I can because it's my last one, And there will be more since other ones have helped

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of all the background movement and noise.

Laura said that while Skype can sometimes have technical difficulties, the connection at Career Services is great.

"It was perfect; it worked flawlessly," Laura said of her

Senior Peter McDowell was able to reconnect on Skype with an employer from Missouri he met during the BJU Career Fair.

"It was much more enhanced than what a phone call would have been," Peter said. "Being able to see the person, being able to see their facial expressions really added to the experience,"

Any student is welcome to use the Skype interview service. Those who do not have a Skype account can use the Career Services account, and the Career Services team can also show them how to use Skype.

Here are five tips Career Services gave for job interviews on Skype:

1. After checking location availability with Career Services, set up the meeting time with the recruiter and be sure to exchange Skype account names and know what time zone the recruiter

2. Make reservations with Career Services.

3. Confirm the appointment with the recruiter.

4. Arrange practice time **5.** Arrive and set up at

least 15 minutes in advance.

For more information on the Skype service, email Career Services at careers@

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neglect those who don't know

Matthew 28:19 says, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Psalms also says, "Blessed is he who considers the poor," and "He who honors Him has mercy on the needy." With these verses in mind, Christians should be pouring their time and resources into work in the 10/40

I'm not writing this column to guilt trip people into being mission-minded. If you know Jesus, you will love Him and obey His commands to spread the Gospel. I'm writing this because many Christians don't even know about the needs in the 10/40 Window or how they can be involved.

Organizations like 1040window.org or the Joshua Project give more specific details on the region. Frontline Missions specializes in working in the difficult to reach areas in the 10/40 Window. Additionally, Operation World is a free website that contains tons of useful information about how to pray for specific Gospel and physical needs in countries anywhere in the world. These resources are just the tip of the iceberg for learning more and getting involved.

Personally, I believe God is leading me to eventually go to the 10/40 Window as a missionary, but I realize not everyone will be a missionary. I'm not advocating that everyone drop all their other responsibilities to don a turban and ride a camel through the streets of Cairo while preaching the Bible. But everyone should be aware of the need. Christians must do something about the 10/40 Window, whether it's giving money or going on a short-term missions trip or simply praying. What will you do?

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All Day

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Seth and Moriah Custer play pieces from their new saxophone/harp CD

All Day

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11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Dr. Ed Panosian signs copies of The Printing DVD: \$10 a copy

All Day Sacred CDs: 30% off

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Commentaries: 40% off 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Dr. Jim Berg signs Freedom That Lasts

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Royals' Bryce Allen battles Cobras' Tony Faraj for the rebound. *Photo: Amy Roukes*

diately fouled by the Royals.

He missed both crucial free

throws, and Bryce Allen of

the Royals rebounded and

called an immediate timeout

with 2.4 seconds remaining.

"When we were in

timeout, it was kind of the

'game's over' feeling," said

David. The Royals had to

drive the full length of the

court to get to their basket.

The inbound pass went

to Craig, who took two

dribbles and heaved up a

into the hoop.

prayer that somehow hit the

backboard and found its way

Mayhem ensued as the

fans of Pi Gamma screamed

and cheered for joy. Shock

nated from the players and

fans of Pi Kappa. "That was

the most unbelievable shot

I've ever seen at Bob Jones,'

Bryce Allen led Pi

Gamma most of the hard-

fought game with 19 points,

17 rebounds and five assists.

Craig contributed 14 points

and seven rebounds. On Pi

Kappa's side, Jon Edwards

had a tough game shooting,

missing his first 10 shots,

but still played hard with

15 points, 10 rebounds, five

assists, six steals and three

one fan quipped.

Royals top Cobras with half-court buzzer beater

By: DREW MISHLER Sports Writer

The underdog Pi Gamma Royals stunned the Pi Kappa Cobras in epic fashion on the basketball court Friday night with a dramatic 56-54 victory.

Junior Craig Richards of Pi Gamma was the man of the hour as he drained a shot from beyond half-court as the buzzer sounded to win the game for Pi Gamma.

"I was very excited and just astonished that it went in," Craig said. Freshman David Overly of the Royals said, "As the shot went up, I just watched it. Absolutely unreal, unbelievable." Both players described themselves as feeling "lightheaded" afterwards.

Craig actually missed the front end of a costly oneand-one free throw attempt when the Royals had a one point lead with 20 seconds left. The Cobras got the ball back and drove down the floor, but Mark Allamon threw a pass that sailed out of bounds, returning possession to the Royals.

On the ensuing inbounds pass, with the Cobras still down by one, senior Jon Edwards of the Cobras stole the ball and passed to Tony Faraj, who was streaking down the lane for a layup to put the Cobras up by one. The Cobras' fan section went

On the next possession, with eight seconds remaining, the Cobras were fullcourt pressing as the Royals advanced the ball.

Jon came up with another

By: ALLISON HARROD **Sports Writer**

The Epsilon Zeta Chi Tornadoes captured a 92-77 win over the Alpha Omega Delta Lions Saturday night in the quarterfinal round of the men's basketball playoffs.

Early in the game, the tenacious Omega offense kept Z at a distance. However, the scales tipped in Z's favor when guard Evan Brondyke drilled a 3-pointer, got the rebound on the next possession, was fouled on a 3-point attempt and made all three free throws. With Z in the lead 17-15, Evan followed up with another 3-pointer, the third of five he would make in the game.

Z's Tyler Cleveland added to Omega's frustration with 11 points in the first half. With five minutes left in the half, Z had a 17-point lead over Omega.

Omega was slowing down and missing passes. Z's Ransom Love exploited those errors, blocking shots and making steals. His defense facilitated a 51-36 lead for Z at halftime.

Omega came back with a vengeance after halftime. Within three minutes, Omega had closed the gap to 10 points. Forward Cody Lehman, Omega's playmaker in the second half, scored a total of 16 points. Cody facilitated the lead for Omega, putting his team up by two

Pi Gamma faced a Omega held onto its lead more difficult game in their for most of the second half, semifinal loss to Beta, and but with only a few minutes left in the game, Z's offense Pi Kappa went home sooner than expected. got it together and rallied

Tornadoes escape Lions behind late run and hot shooting

> behind Ransom, who managed to shut down Cody and achieve a lead of seven points

The next blow came when Omega's Will Keller fouled out with only a minute and a half left in the game. Omega became desperate and began to foul. Z consistently made its foul shots and pushed the

lead up to 15 points for the

This critical win over

Omega gave Z a slot in the semifinals against Phi Kappa, whom they defeated 81-71 on Monday night. With Josh Baun, Evan and Ransom leading the team, they could give Beta its toughest game



Jonathan Eberle grabs the rebound from Tyler Cleveland. Photo: Mark Cronemeye





Men's Basketball Playoffs

Play-in Games

Omega 78 | Sigma 63Chi Alpha 54 | Kappa Chi 53

• Omega 68 | Phi Beta 57

Quarterfinals
• Pi Gamma 56 | Pi Kappa 54

Semifinals

• **Phi Kappa 55** | Alpha 47

• **Zeta Chi 92** | Omega 77

• **Beta 80** | Chi Alpha 54

• **Beta 72** | Pi Gamma 47

• **Zeta Chi 81** | Phi Kappa 71

- Quarterfinals
 - Bandits 3 | Tigers 2 OT
 - Eagles 4 | Classics 3 OT

Women's Soccer Playoffs

- Colts 3 | Wildcats 0
- Cardinals 3 | Flames 1

Semifinals

• Eagles 2 | Bandits 1

• Cardinals 3 | Colts 0

Championship

• Cardinals 3 | Eagles 1

Cardinals repeat as soccer champions with 3-1 victory



The Eagles' Josalyn Bullock makes a strike at goal while the Cardinals' Breanna Bullard and Shelley Hawk defend. Photo: Stephanie Greenwoo.



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SPORTS

SCORES

By: ABBY STANLEY Sports Writer

The Beta Epsilon Cardinals remain the women's soccer champions after defeating the Alpha Gamma Eagles 3-1 Friday night.

A combination of strong passing and the

start but anxious to prove their abilities. The Eagles had beaten the Cardinals 5-1 earlier in the regular season and had high hopes of taking the championship after dominating in playoffs against the Classics and Bandits.

ability to find backdoor shots gave the Cardi-

nals the edge. Both teams looked nervous to

SPORTS PICKS

staff	Men's Basketball Championship Beta vs. Z	NBA Spurs vs. Mavs	NCAA Notre Dame vs. Xavier
Scott Jennings (9-12)	Beta	Mavs	Xavier
Abby Stanley (8-13)	Beta	Spurs	Xavier
Drew Mishler (11-10)	Beta	Mavs	Xavier
Caleb Davis (11-10)	Z	Spurs	Xavier
Allison Harrod (13-8)	Beta	Spurs	Notre Dame
Jon Clute (12-9) guests	Z	Spurs	Notre Dame
Josh Clater	Beta	Spurs	Notre Dame
male guest (13-8) Julia Gambaro female guest (13-8)	Z	Spurs	Notre Dame

"I was a little skeptical to play them again after our performance last time," said Cardinals forward Dani Lee, "but after we got warmed up, we got into our old groove."

Eagles defensive players Allison Harrod and Jessica Bush blocked and stopped multiple attempts by the Cardinals, who pressed hard early in the game. Near goals were shot by Eagles strikers Deanna Howard and Caitlyn Lehman but went wide left. The Cardinals pulled ahead 1-0 on a cross from Becca Luttrell to Dani, who had a perfect shot.

Both teams continued to play aggressively especially on the offensive side. The Cardinals had another three attempts but didn't score again until the fourth attempt when Dani had a breakaway run before going one-on-one with Eagles goalie Ashton Stevens.

Down two at halftime, the Eagles needed the break to figure out scoring opportunities. In their previous two games, the Eagles had scored in the first 30 seconds and had capitalized on crosses. This game was a challenge with Cardinals goalie Shelley Hawk stopping or tipping out every shot attempt.

Strong, accurate passing led to a scoring chance and the Eagles' first goal when midfielder Katie Blumer passed the ball on a pop-up to Caitlyn and the ball bounced crazily off Cardinals player Julia Gambaro and into the net, giving the Eagles their first goal.

The teams spread out and worked more on playing defense than on pressing for goals.

Another opportunity came for the Cardinals to score on a cross from Dani to midfielder and coach Maria Estrella. In the final five minutes of the game, the Eagles repeatedly took shots, and forwards Kim Crawford and Amanda Porter had several near goals on crosses and corner kicks. However, the Cardinals' defense held onto the team's lead, and the game ended with the Cardinals becoming repeat champions.

"We never give up," Dani said of her team "Even through a crazy season, we still played hard every match." She also said her team focused on defense after pulling ahead 2-0 in the first half.

Both teams are young, with the Eagles having no seniors and the Cardinals having only one in coach Maria Estrella. The Eagles were disappointed in their loss but remain optimistic about future seasons.





