

Court is in session

Changes await Trojans in 2006-2007 season

TROY's men's and women's basketball teams will see some changes as they embark on their second season of play in the Sun Belt Conference.

The Trojans will switch to the conference's East Division this season after spending its initial Sun Belt campaign in the West Division. The restructuring was the result of the addition of Florida Atlantic and Louisiana-Monroe as all-sports members on July 1.

TROY will join South Alabama, Middle Tennessee, Western Kentucky, Florida International and Florida Atlantic. The Trojans will face each of those in home-and-home series, while squaring off with West Division teams either home or away.

The conference tournament bracket also needed adjusting to accommodate 13 teams. Winners of each division and the team with the next best record will be seeded Nos. 1-3 and receive a bye to the quarterfinals. The remaining teams will square off in first-round matchups at the higher seed with the winners advancing to Lafayette for the remainder of the tournament, March 3-6.

Men's basketball schedule

Nov. 10	at Auburn
Nov. 12	LOYOLA-NEW ORLEANS
Nov. 16	vs. Rhode Island
Nov. 18	vs. Weber State or Alaska-Fairbanks
Nov. 19	TBA
Nov. 25	SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA
Nov. 27	at Alabama State
Dec. 2	at Bowling Green
Dec. 8	at Drake
Dec. 9	vs. Northern Illinois or Georgia So.
Dec. 13	at Florida Atlantic
Dec. 17	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL
Dec. 28	at Georgia Tech
Dec. 31	ARKANSAS-LITTLE ROCK
Jan. 3	at Western Kentucky
Jan. 6	at Middle Tennessee
Jan. 11	SOUTH ALABAMA
Jan. 13	ARKANSAS STATE
Jan. 17	NEW ORLEANS
Jan. 20	at Louisiana-Lafayette
Jan. 25	DENVER
Jan. 27	at Louisiana-Monroe
Feb. 1	at North Texas
Feb. 3	FLORIDA ATLANTIC
Feb. 8	at Florida International
Feb. 10	at Arkansas-Little Rock
Feb. 17	WESTERN KENTUCKY
Feb. 22	MIDDLE TENNESSEE
Feb. 24	at South Alabama

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Cedric Jackson

Women's basketball schedule

Nov. 10	at Mississippi State
Nov. 12	Loyola-New Orleans
Nov. 18-19	at University of South Florida Tournament
Nov. 21	BELHAVEN
Nov. 24	at Army
Nov. 29	at Birmingham Southern
Dec. 2	JACKSONVILLE STATE
Dec. 9	SAMFORD
Dec. 14	at Florida Atlantic
Dec. 17	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL
Dec. 21	at Georgia Southern
Dec. 30	ARKANSAS-LITTLE ROCK
Jan. 4	at Western Kentucky
Jan. 6	at Middle Tennessee
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Laura Leigh Holman

Traveling Trojans

Women's soccer team competes in exhibitions in Italy

In May, members of the Troy University soccer team saw evidence of an important life lesson – hard work pays dividends.

After months of fund raising, Coach Diana Niland's team made a 12-day trip to Italy to take part in exhibition matches. The team raised more than \$60,000 through various projects to make the trip, and it proved to be an experience players and coaches alike will not soon forget.

"This trip was awesome and it took a lot of help and hard work to get us there," Coach Niland said. "Far too many people had a hand in making this happen for me to list, but for everyone involved in the process, thank you for your help and support. It was well worth it."

The team played games against Lecco in Milan, Italy, Tradate FCF in Lugano, Switzerland, Res Blu in Rome and FCF Firenze in Florence.

"It was a great experience for us to be able to play teams of this level," Coach Niland said. "It was something that we can build on and an experience that has created a strong sense of team chemistry."

While the team was not on the playing field, members had

the opportunity to visit some of the world's most historic sites.

Players and coaches were a part of a packed crowd to watch the AC Milan vs. Roma soccer match on May 14, and Niland said it was an opportunity to experience the magnitude the sport enjoys around the world.

While in Milan, the team also enjoyed time in cooking classes at the 3D Culinary Institute, as well as a viewing of Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper."

The trip also included a guided tour of Florence, a visit to the Leaning Tower of Pisa, a stop at Trevi Fountain, a guided tour of Rome including the ruins and the Coliseum and visits to Vatican City, the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Square.



At left, members of the Troy University soccer team pause for a photo in front of a Florence cathedral. At top, TROY's Evelyn Keith fights for control of the ball against Res Blue, a team from Rome. Above, team members get their hands messy while attending cooking school at the 3-D Culinary Institute.