



2007-08 The First Bundle

2007-08 Roster

Name	NO.	YR.	HT.	Pos	Hometown	Previous School
Kelsey Ash	4	SO	5'7	G	San Diego, CA	Santana
Simone Byrd	22	SO	5'9	G/F	Laramie, WY	Laramie Sr. High
Shannen Crawford	30	FR	5'10	F	Augusta, GA	Cross Creek
Joy Edwards	1	SO	5'8	G/F	San Diego, CA	Granite Hills
Kelly Gorman	33	FR	5'7	F	San Diego, CA	Ramona
Gillian Griffin	21	SO	5'10	G/F	Federal Way, WA	Federal Way
Rosalie Hughes	20	SO	5'7	G	San Diego, CA	Grace Christian
Elizabeth Jones	23	FR	5'6	G	San Diego, CA	Clairemont
Samantha Miller	11	FR	5'7	G	Firebaugh, CA	Firebaugh
Amanda Mills	12	FR	5'5	G	Oregon City, OR	University of Oregon
Joy Tili	10	FR	5'6	G	San Diego, CA	Madison

The 2007-08 squad, first-year Head Coach Michael Hootner's first bundle, was one that epitomized resiliency, determination, and patience.

The Lady Olympians began the first eleven weeks of the season with only six players. "Practices were interesting," said Coach Hootner.



07-08 Captain Rosalie Hughes
Photo By: Jenn Simley

"We as a coaching staff definitely had to be creative so that practice still allowed the players to develop emotionally, intellectually, and athletically while having fun, too. In many ways, the fact that we could not go five-on-five until our first game probably forced us to work more on the fundamentals. I believe this is one of the big reasons as to why we finished so strongly at the end of the year winning 10 of our last 14 games," concluded Coach Hootner.

The team began the season very slowly losing its first eight games. But the team endured. They continued to work hard and Coach Hootner knew his squad was going to be very competitive come conference play. And competitive they were.

The Lady Olympians beat defending Pacific Coast Conference Champions Imperial Valley in their first conference game 63-45. The next game was against state-ranked and first-place Palomar. The Lady Olympians held a two-point lead with :50 remaining but lost in overtime. "This was a tough loss but it also made us work harder," said Coach Hootner.

Mesa went on to win six of their next seven games before bowing to Palomar at home and Grossmont away in back-to-back games. But they bounced back strong and won their last four games of the year to finish in a second-place tie with Grossmont at 10-4 (13-16 overall). Two of the Lady Olympians earned First-Team All-Conference laurels (Amanda Mills and Joy Edwards) while the team was in the top 20 in the state during conference play in Team Defense.

Five of the girls will be moving on next year. Mills earned a full athletic scholarship to Presbyterian College, A D1 program in Clinton, South Carolina. Gillian Griffin will be continuing her career at Cal State Dominguez Hills. Rosalie Hughes will attend San Diego Christian in the fall of 2009. Kelsey Ash and Simone Byrd will be heading to New and New Jersey and attending Lehman College and Fairleigh Dickinson University at Florham, respectively.

"It was truly an honor to coach these young women. It was an amazing year. I will miss this team," concluded Coach Hootner.

2007-08 Final Stats

INDIVIDUAL 2007-2008 SEASON STATS FOR SAN DIEGO MESA																				
Player (Pos/Height/Class)	FGA	FGM	FG%	3PM	3PA	3P%	FTA	FTM	FT%	OR	DR	AVG	A	B	S	TO	TP	PPG	HIGH	G
Edwards, Joy (G/5-7/So)	149	401	0.37	35	130	0.27	80	126	0.64	83	202	10.2	104	5	64	149	413	14.8	27	28
Griffin, Gillian (F/5-10/So)	107	245	0.44	0	0	0	37	63	0.59	49	80	4.4	20	6	23	52	251	8.7	20	29
Byrd, Simone (F/5-9/So)	24	97	0.25	0	1	0	15	30	0.5	56	74	4.5	29	0	21	101	63	2.2	8	29
Ash, Kelsey (G/5-7/So)	116	376	0.31	75	262	0.29	40	56	0.71	37	73	3.8	64	3	30	75	347	12	24	29
Hughes, Rosalie (G/5-7/So)	7	32	0.22	0	0	0	4	16	0.25	26	43	2.4	17	2	15	39	18	0.6	3	29
Mills, Amanda (G/5-4/Fr)	134	351	0.38	74	190	0.39	119	148	0.8	40	71	3.8	80	3	48	152	461	15.9	25	29
Jones, Elizabeth (G/5-6/Fr)	4	8	0.5	0	0	0	2	4	0.5	3	7	0.5	1	0	1	6	10	0.5	4	21
Gorman, Kelly (F/5-7/N/A)	2	9	0.22	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	8	0.9	0	0	0	6	4	0.3	2	12
Miller, Samantha (G/5-7/Fr)	5	8	0.63	0	0	0	2	3	0.67	2	3	0.7	0	0	4	10	12	1.7	11	7
Tili, Joy (G/5-6/N/A)	12	44	0.27	0	1	0	13	29	0.45	16	38	2.5	28	0	20	44	37	1.7	5	22
Crawford, Shannen (F/5-10/Fr)	50	102	0.49	0	0	0	20	40	0.5	67	121	7.8	38	3	22	75	120	5	12	24
Totals	610	1673	0.37	184	584	0.32	332	517	0.64	382	720	38	381	22	248	709	1736	59.9		29