

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**Azusa Pacific vs. Hope International**  
Saturday, Jan. 5, 5:30 p.m. Felix Event Center



**AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY** Azusa, Calif.  
NICKNAME: Cougars 2007-08 RECORD: 11-2

NOPLAYER	POS	HT	YR	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOLS)
2 Rachel Leathers	G	5-6	So.	Cypress, CA (Pacifica HS)
3 Bre Catron	F	5-10	Fr.	Riverside, CA (J.W. North HS/Pepperdine)
10 Kristie Hala'ufia	C	6-2	So.	San Mateo, CA (Aragon HS)
13 Kate Shipp	G	5-5	Sr.	Napa, CA (Napa HS/Solano CC)
20 Angela Black	G	5-4	So.	Rialto, CA (Rialto HS)
21 Jessica Raber	G	5-7	Fr.	Alta Loma, CA (Alta Loma HS)
22 Sarah Leathers	G	5-4	Sr.	Cypress, CA (Pacifica HS)
23 C.J. Hill	G	5-4	Fr.	Northridge, CA (Notre Dame HS)
24 Michelle Byrd	G	5-5	Fr.	Moreno Valley, CA (Rancho Verde HS)
31 Abby Johnson	F	6-2	Sr.	Clarkston, WA (Clarkston HS/E. Washington)
32 Nikita Gordon	F	5-10	Jr.	Tracy, CA (Sierra HS/Chandler-Gilbert CC)
33 Kristel Eddington	C	6-3	So.	Long Beach, CA (Valley Christian HS)

**HEAD COACH:** T.J. Hardeman  
**ASSISTANTS:** Irene Kim, Dan Ploog, Megan Fate



**HOPE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY** Fullerton, Calif.  
NICKNAME: Royals 2007-08 RECORD: 11-4

NOPLAYER	POS	HT	YR	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
3 Stephanie Wenke	G	5-6	Jr.	Anacortes, WA (Anacortes HS)
10 Kasey Martin	G	5-9	Fr.	Gresham, OR (Gresham HS)
11 Shauna Ricker	F	5-11	Fr.	Westminster, CA (Calvary Chapel HS)
14 Cynthia Hernandez	G	5-3	Sr.	Riverside, CA (Poly HS)
21 Jasmine Nault	G/F	5-10	Sr.	Anaheim, CA (Canyon HS)
23 Allison Wuff	F	6-1	Sr.	Placentia, CA (El Dorado HS)
24 Sarah Nylander	G	5-7	Jr.	Ojai, CA (Nordhoff HS)
32 Brittani Philbrook	G/F	5-9	Fr.	Norco, CA (Norco HS)
33 Grace Casale	G	5-3	Fr.	Covina, CA (Western Christian HS)
42 Paula Reed	C	6-1	Sr.	Buena Park, CA (Cypress College)
45 Amanda Elliott	F	5-11	Fr.	Torrance, CA (North HS)

**HEAD COACH:** Dave Ploog  
**ASSISTANT:** James DeLange

**PROBABLE LINE-UPS**

**Azusa Pacific**

Player	Pos	PPG	RPG	APG
3 Catron	F	4.4	2.8	1.0
32 Gordon	F	7.7	3.9	1.2
31 Johnson	C	14.8	7.5	1.8
24 Byrd	G	6.0	5.7	3.2
22 Leathers, S.	G	9.5	3.5	3.8



Hardeman



Johnson

**Hope International**

Starter	Pos	PPG	RPG	APG
21 Nault	F	24.9	7.9	1.1
32 Philbrook	F	10.7	4.7	3.1
23 Wuff	C	6.3	5.1	2.0
24 Nylander	G	12.4	2.6	1.3
3 Wenke	G	8.6	3.2	2.5



Ploog



Nault

**GSAC Standings (as of 1/2)**

School	GSAC	Overall
Azusa Pacific (7)	3-0	11-2
Vanguard (2)	3-0	7-2
The Master's (6)	2-1	10-2
Point Loma (10)	2-1	8-2
California Baptist (21)	2-1	8-2
Hope International	2-1	11-4
Westmont	1-2	8-2
Concordia	1-2	7-6
Biola	1-2	4-8
Fresno Pacific	0-3	6-6
San Diego Christian	0-3	4-7

**Tonight's Games**

California Baptist at UC Santa Cruz  
Hope International at Azusa Pacific

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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**AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY** Azusa, Calif.  
NICKNAME: Cougars 2007-08 RECORD: 8-5

NOPLAYER	POS	HT	WT	YR	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
1 Chidi Ajufo	C	6-5	240	Sr.	London, England (UC Santa Barbara)
3 Justin Sapp	G	6-0	200	So.	Pomona, CA (Saddleback CC)
10 Mike Danielian	G	6-2	180	So.	Van Nuys, CA (CS Fullerton)
13 Caleb Rouse	G	6-3	210	Sr.	Duarte, CA (Pasadena CC)
20 Ashton Roberts	G	5-9	170	Fr.	Pac. Palisades, CA (Palisades Charter)
21 Matt Oliver	G	6-2	195	Sr.	La Crescenta, CA (Crescenta Valley HS)
23 Kimarley Williams	G	6-2	200	Jr.	Brooklyn, NY (Porterville CC)
24 David Stafford	G	6-3	205	Fr.	Walnut Creek, CA (Las Lomas HS)
25 Mike Caffese	G	5-10	185	Fr.	Lodi, CA (Tokay HS)
31 David Gantt	C	6-5	185	Fr.	Corona, CA (Santiago HS)
32 Caleb Burgess	F	6-4	210	Fr.	Santa Ana, CA (Calvary Chapel HS)
33 Todd Martin	F	6-7	240	Sr.	Upland, CA (Troy State)
34 David Burgess	C	6-10	260	Jr.	Irvine, CA (Gonzaga)
35 Davon Roberts	F	6-5	210	Sr.	West Covina, CA (Sacramento State)
44 Peter Bond	G	6-4	190	Jr.	Yorba Linda, CA (El Dorado HS)

**HEAD COACH:** Justin Leslie  
**ASSISTANTS:** Jeff Rutter, Jim Larson, Anthony Haggins



**HOPE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY** Fullerton, Calif.  
NICKNAME: Royals 2007-08 RECORD: 1-8

NOPLAYER	POS	HT	WT	YR	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
5 Trent Hardeman	F	6-4	195	Sr.	Brea, CA (Biola)
10 Jeremy Orr	G	5-6	155	Jr.	Lake Forest, CA (Orange Coast)
12 Brad Paterson	G	5-10	170	Fr.	Norco, CA (Christian Heritage HS)
15 Richard Merial	G	5-10	160	Fr.	Lakewood, CA (Los Alamitos HS)
20 Jordan Doolittle	G	6-5	185	So.	Hacienda Hts., CA (W. Christian HS)
21 Doug Gomez	F	6-4	180	Jr.	Fullerton, CA (Troy HS)
24 Aaron Cline	G	6-2	185	Sr.	Thousand Oaks, CA (Great Falls)
25 Todd Hicks	G	6-0	155	Fr.	Arvada, CO (Metro State)
30 Travis Hardeman	F	6-6	195	Sr.	Brea, CA (Concordia)
31 Michael Pope	F	6-4	205	Jr.	Long Beach, CA (Long Beach CC)
32 Marko Torovic	C	6-7	230	Jr.	Novi Sad, Serbia (Chaminade)
34 Michael Johnson	F	6-5	205	So.	Torrance, CA (North Torrance HS)
41 Ryan Sewitsky	G	6-3	195	Jr.	Murrieta, CA (Menlo College)
42 Boran Rajcic	C	6-8	240	So.	Belgrade, Serbia (Santa Monica CC)
45 Mario Neely	G	6-0	150	Fr.	Long Beach, CA (Lakewood HS)
53 Arron Boone	F	6-8	216	Jr.	Ventura, CA (Porterville JC)

**HEAD COACH:** Greg Pappas  
**ASSISTANTS:** Chet Rivera, Roy Green, William Allen

**PROBABLE LINE-UPS**

**Azusa Pacific**

Player	Pos	PPG	RPG	APG
25 Roberts, D	F	14.6	6.3	2.3
33 Martin	F	10.7	4.8	1.9
34 Burgess, D.	C	7.9	7.9	1.3
24 Stafford	G	6.2	1.8	1.2
44 Bond	G	3.8	0.9	1.0



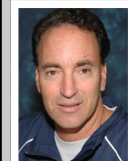
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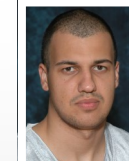
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**Hope International**

Starter	Pos	PPG	RPG	APG
32 Torovic	F	15.0	7.5	0.5
50 Boone	C	10.3	4.3	1.0
41 Sewitsky	G	9.7	2.7	2.9
30 Hardeman	G	9.3	4.3	1.1
21 Gomez	G	3.2	3.3	2.3



Pappas



Torovic

**GSAC Standings (as of 1/4)**

School	GSAC	Overall
Point Loma (10)	3-0	12-1
California Baptist (15)	2-0	10-0
Concordia (3)	2-1	11-1
Vanguard	2-1	8-3
The Master's	2-1	7-5
Fresno Pacific	1-2	10-3
Biola	1-2	9-4
Westmont	1-2	7-4
Azusa Pacific	1-2	8-5
Hope International	1-2	1-8
San Diego Christian	0-3	3-8

**Tonight's Games**

California Baptist at Fresno Pacific  
Hope International at Azusa Pacific  
Pomona-Pitzer at The Master's

**COUGAR BASKETBALL**

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**COUGAR WOMEN 2007-08 SCHEDULE**

N 9	LEWIS-CLARK STATE (Ida.)	W 64-57
N 16	BETHANY	W 71-39
N 20	*POINT LOMA NAZARENE	W 65-53
N 24	at CS Dominguez Hills	L 44-53
N 27	*WESTMONT	W 69-63
D 4	*at Concordia	W 70-54
D 7	at Lewis-Clark State (Idaho)	W 81-73
D 8	vs. Carroll (Mont.)	W 60-48
D 18	CUMBERLANDS (Ky.)	W 68-57
D 19	TRINITY WESTERN (B.C.)	W 75-58
D 28	vs. Trevecca Nazarene (Tenn.)	W 82-78
D 29	vs. British Columbia	W 61-59
D 31	FERRIS STATE (Mich.)	L 73-83
J 5	*HOPE INTERNATIONAL	7:30 p.m.
J 10	*at San Diego Christian	7:30 p.m.
J 15	*at Fresno Pacific	7:30 p.m.
J 19	*VANGUARD	7:30 p.m.
J 22	*THE MASTER'S	7:30 p.m.
J 26	*at California Baptist	7:30 p.m.
J 29	*BIOLA	7:30 p.m.
F 2	*at Point Loma Nazarene	7:30 p.m.
F 5	*at Westmont	7:30 p.m.
F 8	*CONCORDIA	7:30 p.m.
F 12	*at Hope International	7:30 p.m.
F 14	*SAN DIEGO CHRISTIAN	7:30 p.m.
F 19	*FRESNO PACIFIC	7:30 p.m.
F 23	*at Vanguard	7:30 p.m.
F 26	*at The Master's	7:30 p.m.
F 29	*CALIFORNIA BAPTIST	7:30 p.m.
M 3	*at Biola	7:30 p.m.

**WOMEN'S GAME NOTES**

**TONIGHT'S GAME:** Azusa Pacific's meeting with Hope International is a reunion of sorts, as first-year Cougar head coach **T.J. Hardeman** takes on the very program for which he laid the foundation that has turned into a surprising 11-4 campaign under Royals' first-year head coach **Dave Ploog**. Ploog, whose older brother Dan is an assistant to Hardeman along the Cougar sideline, has guided the upstart Royals to a 2-1 record in GSAC play as the conference stretch run begins tonight.

**ABOUT THE COUGARS:** Azusa Pacific has emerged as an early GSAC title contender thanks to its remarkable success in navigating through one of the most challenging non-conference slates in the NAIA. Through the end of December, the Cougars met more teams ranked in the most recent NAIA Division I Top 25 than any other program, defeating all 6 teams while advancing to an 11-2 mark heading into January. Five of the 6 teams ranked ahead of Azusa Pacific have 3 wins vs. NAIA Top 25 teams.

**ABOUT THE ROYALS:** Hope International won 9 of its first 10 games before going 2-3 over its last 5 contests, including a 96-60 defeat to the NAIA's No. 10-ranked Point Loma Nazarene in the Royals' most recent GSAC competition. The hot start includes wins over No. 16-ranked Lewis-Clark State and Cal State Dominguez Hills, which is 1 of just 2 teams to defeat Azusa Pacific. Senior forward **Jasmine Nault** is the GSAC's scoring leader, averaging nearly 25 points and 8 rebounds per game to lead the way for the Royals.

**COUGAR MEN 2007-08 SCHEDULE/RESULTS**

N 3	vs. Montana Western	W 64-57
N 5	at Rocky Mountain	L 84-105
N 16	BETHANY	W 96-57
N 17	OCCIDENTAL	W 79-57
N 20	*POINT LOMA NAZARENE	L 65-69
N 23	vs. Western New Mexico	L 74-78
N 24	vs. Dominican	W 78-67
N 27	*WESTMONT	W 71-53
D 1	*at Concordia	L 56-81
D 14	at CS San Bernardino	W 78-75
D 19	TRINITY WESTERN (B.C.)	W 115-52
D 28	WARNER PACIFIC	W 89-84
D 29	MIDAMERICA NAZARENE	L 82-88
J 5	*HOPE INTERNATIONAL	7:30 p.m.
J 10	*at San Diego Christian	7:30 p.m.
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**MEN'S GAME NOTES**

**TONIGHT'S GAME:** Azusa Pacific returns to GSAC play tonight, and for the rest of the season — 8 more weeks — the Cougars will play nothing but GSAC foes. Prior to the Christmas break, the Cougars dropped 2 of 3 GSAC games and now find themselves battling to move back into the upper echelon of the conference. They re-start conference action against Hope International, a team that earlier this year downed Biola. The Cougars have won 25 of 27 previous meetings with the Royals, including the past 20 in a row.

**ABOUT THE COUGARS:** Azusa Pacific has won 5 of its past 7 games with the 2 losses coming to the No. 2-ranked team in NAIA Division I and the top-ranked NAIA Division II squad. The Cougars have been battling the injury bug all season, and nowhere is that more evident than at point guard where the Cougars have lost their top 3 players. Freshman **Ashton Roberts**, who had expected to redshirt the season, has been activated and played well in a key reserve role at the point. Redshirt freshman **Mike Caffese** is expected to return next week, and hopefully so too will senior **Matt Oliver**.

**ABOUT THE ROYALS:** Hope International is playing its third straight game in the Felix Event Center after taking on MidAmerica Nazarene and Warner Pacific in last week's 21st Annual Cougar Classic. The Royals have dropped 8 of 9 games thus far, but they should greatly benefit from the return of leading scorer **Marko Tarovic**, who has missed 5 games with injury.

# 2008 COUGAR BASKETBALL



David Burgess



C.J. Hill

**Azusa Pacific University**  
**vs.**  
**Hope International University**

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**Men — 7:30 p.m.**



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