## Tiger Alumni Out in the Wild! Catching up with Our Tigers!



Cam Smythe awarded MVP for the House-Laughton Tournament

Considered to be one of the all time great players to ever prowl a court in BC High School Basketball, Cameron Smythe comes into his 5<sup>th</sup> and final year at Carleton hoping to join an elite group of players to have won 5 USports Basketball Championships in a career. The senior leader of the Ravens has started the 2017 - 18 season off with a bang. With a pre-season 16 - 2 record the Ravens will begin their quest for a 8<sup>th</sup> straight championship and Smythe is the only senior on the team and was named captain earlier this fall. The Ravens again are ranked #1 in the country.

With impressive wins over Division 1 top dogs like Vanderbilt (twice), Alabama, James Madison, Northeastern, Sienna & Providence the Raven's have kicked off their regular season this weekend with wins against Guelph & Algoma. Smythe lead the Ravens over Algoma with a 27-point performance. Cam was named the MVP of Carleton's own "House –Laughton Tournament", held in the Raven's Nest in mid-October as he averaged a double double through out the tournament.

Carleton's head coach Dave Smart says of Smythe, "I think Cam is very special. He has developed and matured in his time with us. For a big guy, he has a great touch and feel for the game. I think he has become comfortable with this high level of play and this will be a very special year for him."

Cameron Smythe	Warren Liang	Niko Mottus
Looking to make history with 5 <sup>th</sup> national title.	Still A Tiger after all these years!	They still call him "CAP"!
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## Liang Still a Tiger!

Once a Tiger, always a Tiger! Tupper's all time leader in win's, Warren Liang has returned to Halifax for his 5<sup>th</sup> and final year of play. Last year Liang was a key cog in the Dalhousie Tigers program, which had, it's greatest finish ever in U Sports play with its 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive AUS championship & a bronze medal at the National Championships! Heading into the new season the Tigers are ranked #6 in the country and are 9-1 in pre-season exhibition play with tournament wins at Concordia and St. FX. This weekend they started play in AUS regular season and had two wins over St. FX.

Last season coach Plato gave Warren two options. The first was to join the team in the fall, red shirt, work out with the team and get to know the system. The 2<sup>nd</sup> option was to come to Halifax and take someone's spot on the team. Warren rolled the dice and became instant offense off the bench and saw heavy minutes in the AUS & national championship playoffs.

Dal bench boss Rick Plato says of Liang "Warren has certainly developed a nice touch from beyond the arc. He continues to work at improving his defense and with improved effort on the boards, he will be counted on to be a major contributor as we go for our 4th consecutive AUS title and to be a leader on and off the court as a senior. "



Warren Liang in action in last years National Semi Final vs Ryerson

## Captain Niko Mottus

Capilano Blues Niko Mottus has become a legend in the history of Tupper basketball. As every young player in our program has heard, while other players in the province received more acclaim and awards in their high school careers, Niko Mottus simply put his head down and worked harder and harder on his goal to play post secondary basketball and the work paid off. Niko is the team leader of the Capilano Blues who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> last year at the PAC West Provincial championships. One of the rare Tupper Tigers to play on the senior team for three consecutive years.

The Blues head coach Cassidy Kannemeyer says of Mottus, "Currently in his third year as a member of the Capilano Men's Basketball team, And his second year as a player voted captain, Niko Mottus is gunning for the Blues first Pacwest Gold Medal in over a decade. Niko plays several positions for the Blues 3/4/5 and is relatively accurate three point shooter. Where Niko makes his biggest impact is on the defensive side of the ball. He is able to guard any position and is extremely versatile allowing our team to play a variety of different defensive systems. His intangibles as a person are unquestioned and he works extremely hard on the practice floor and in the off season."

## Alumni Game Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup> / 6:00



Niko Mottus



Niko Mottus in action against Quest!