

# Calgary Dinos Basketball 6th Man Club News



2018-19 Canada West Champions

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## Recruiting the World

UFV Cascades new coach, **Joe Enevoldson**, last week announced the signing of import recruit, **Dario Lopez**, a 6-7 fwd from Madrid, Spain. Lopez is yet another of the growing number of international signings by U-Sports teams. 'Back in the Day' universities had rosters almost exclusively made up of hometown or home region stand-outs.



We used to think of guys from B.C. , Ontario, Quebec, or the Maritimes as 'imports'. But in the 2020s many Canadian schools are literally 'recruiting the world'. At UC, the Dinos will welcome 1st year imports, **Javier Reyes-Izquierdo (photo left)**, another 6-7 Spaniard, along with 6-11 forward **Aingar William** from the town of N'Djamena, in Chad, Africa.

Lethbridge adds **Alec Hillman** from Brisbane, Australia , while MacEwan has another Spaniard, **Eric Carretero**, a 6-3 guard from Gran Canaria, and UBC signed 6-5 fwd, **Brandon Nii-Yemoh Laryea**, who hails from Crawley, England. Elsewhere in the East, **Coach Matt Skinn** at Cape Breton welcomes **Kujtim Ujkani**, 6-5 fwd from Kosovo, while U. Toronto signed **Lenny Weber**, a 6-8 native of Wiesbaden, Germany, and Waterloo Warriors added **Noah Krauskopf**, a 6-4 guard who hails from Perth in Western Australia.

The combination of a high quality Canadian university education, 5 years eligibility, and possible athletic and/ or academic scholarships has made U-Sports a more compelling target for overseas players. Import players (with a maximum of 3 on any active playing team roster) are becoming far more common . We will take a look at the latest rosters in each U-Sports League -

Atlantic - 8 schools -	17 imports	1 import recruit
Quebec - 5 schools -	15 imports	0... few announced