



# BC MUSEL PIKES

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BC Musel Pikes is proud to announce their season planning for 2019-2020.

For the Senior Men Team, **Christian Wulff** will be the head coach, assisted by **Christophe Donnersbach** and **Max Mentgen** as athletic coach. **Tom Steffen** is appointed team manager. Chris Wulff, well known in Luxembourg as player with a solid track record, acted amongst others as assistant coach in T71, but also since a couple of years as head coach at different FLBB youth teams.

BC Musel Pikes welcomes the new training staff. Also, all the players from the Senior Men team stay in the club, only **Yann Hermann** decided to end his playing career. Furthermore **Thierry Schaaf** (former Etzella Ettelbruck) and **Kevin Kalmes** (former Avanti Mondorf) as transfers as well as some young Pikes players will reinforce the Senior A team.

On the foreign spots, Musel Pikes signed **Preston Beverly**, forward, 201 cm, 100 kg, from Point Loma Nazarene University, NCAA DII.

[Preston Beverly](#)  
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PacWest Tournament MVP  
PacWest All-Tournament Team

**For Preston it will be his first season as a professional player. Welcome to Musel Pikes and the fans will encourage Preston Beverly in his Rookie season. #pikepride**

Preston Beverly



Preston Beverly



### **AS A JUNIOR (2017-18)**

*Second team All-PacWest...Won PacWest Player of the Week honors three times in January (Jan. 1, Jan. 15, Jan. 29)...Named a San Diego Hall of Champions Star of the Month in January...Earned PacWest Defender of the Week honors on Feb. 12...Led Point Loma in points (15.1) and rebounds (6.9)...Did all that in just 24.5 minutes per game...Shot .521 percent from the field...Scored in double-figures in 24 of 30 games, including reaching the 20-point plateau eight times...Posted a season-high 26 points against Hawaii Pacific on ESPN while shooting 11-of-13...Pulled down a season-high 14 rebounds against Notre Dame de Namur...Posted five assists against Hawaii Hilo...Recorded six double-doubles...Helped PLNU lead the nation in rebounding margin (+11.9).*

### **At MSU BILLINGS (2015-17)**

*Played two seasons at Montana State Billings...First team All-GNAC as a sophomore...Averaged 18.8 points and 8.2 rebounds...GNAC Freshman of the Year...GNAC honorable mention all-conference as a freshman...Three-time GNAC Player of the Week...Shot .448 percent from the field and .351 percent from 3-point range as a sophomore...Posted a career-high 35 points vs. Simon Fraser.*

### **PRIOR TO PLNU**

*2015 graduate of Elsinore High School...Lettered four years in basketball, football and track & field...2015 Inland Empire Player of the Year...CIF Southern Section (2A) first team selection...2015 Sunbelt League MVP...First team all-league selection as a junior and senior...Second team as a sophomore...ESPN 3 Star Recruit...Three-time MVP of the Fallbrook Classic...Posted career-highs of 38 points and 23 rebounds against Paloma Valley...Competed in the high jump, long jump and 4x400 relay.*

### **PERSONAL**

*Born in Beverly Hills, Calif...Business Marketing major...Wants to play basketball professionally...Parents names are Fahra and Michael...Has a younger brother named Gavin...Grandfather played basketball and volleyball for the Air Force Academy.*

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On the second foreign spot, Musel Pikes are happy to announce that **Earl Brown Jr.**, power forward, 198 cm, 94 kg, signed last night. Earl played in Saint Francis University (PA) NCAA DI, and has gained in Iceland (Keflavik), UK (Cheshire Phoenix and Glasgow Rocks) and Portugal LPB, CAB Madeira, already 4 seasons of experience.

Earl Brown Jr.



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**Welcome to Musel Pikes! The whole Musel Pikes Family is looking forward to meet Earl Brown Jr. #pikepride.**

**JUNIOR (2013-14)** – Was named Choice Hotels/NEC Player of the Week (12/9), All-NEC Second Team, and College Hoops Daily All-Conference Selection...Started in all 31 of the 31 games he appeared in his junior year...Led the team in points per game 15 times, including his season high of 31 points against NJIT (1/04), finishing with 447 points and averaging 14.4 points per game...Led the team in rebounds (248) with an average of 8 rebounds per game and a high of 19 against Cornell (12/06)...Also led the team in blocks (34)...Third on the team in steals, finishing the season with 22.

**SOPHOMORE (2012-13)** - Named NEC's Most Improved Player... Scored a career-best 22 points at LIU Brooklyn (1/31) ... Had seven consecutive double-doubles after a 14-point, 15-rebound game vs. Sacred Heart (1/19)... Against CCSU (1/3) he recorded his second double-double of the season, scoring six points and a career-best 25 rebounds; 25 rebounds are the second-most in NEC history... Finished season with 10 double-doubles... Team leader in points (262), field goals (97), rebounds (211), blocked shots (25), and turnovers (68)... Second on team with 68 free throws... Named NEC Player of the Week on Jan. 7 (first career).

**FRESHMAN (2011-12)** – Started in 17 of the 26 games that he appeared in during his freshman season ... lead the team in scoring twice, including a 19-point effort to go along with 10 assists against Central Connecticut (2/16) ... finished the year with 78 rebounds and 22 steals ... his 15 blocks were second on the team ... shot .500 from the field for season.

**BEFORE SFU** – Helped lead his high school squad to the PIAA state title, city championship and league title ... lettered in basketball.

**PERSONAL** – Born on Jan. 29, 1992 ... son of Earl and Jaqueline Brown ... exploratory major.

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The Senior Women team will see also a couple of changes for the season 2019-2020. The head coach will be **Louis Wennig**, assisted by **Laurent 'Larry' Schmitz** and **Jennifer Rassel** will manage the team. Louis has had a great player career and afterwards he decided to become a basketball coach where he acted already on different levels and teams. BC Musel Pikes is also very satisfied that all the players did stay in the club and the team will be reinforced by **Charlie Bidinger**, who comes from AB Contern. Welcome at the Moselle, Charlie, the club is very happy that you will be part of the Pikes Ladies.

One foreign spot will be covered by **Bridget Yoerger** (former University of South Dakota Coyotes) who decided to play another season with the Musel Pikes Ladies. Needless to present Bridget as she plays in Luxembourg since 2012. Just to point out that she recently played with the Luxembourg National Team for the Small States of Europe in Montenegro, together with Cathy Schmit and Laure Diederich of the Musel Pikes Ladies, and they won the Bronze Medal.



Bridget Yoerger



Louis Wennig, Larry Schmitz, Charlie Biding

The second foreign player is **Natalie Diaz**, G, 6,0. Natalie comes from Dominican University of California, PacWest, where she was an outstanding player on her team. Natalie will get all the support from the Musel Pikes Ladies to make it a good start to her Rookie season. **The Musel Pikes family is also very proud to have Natalie on the Ladies team and wishes her a warm welcome.**



Natalie Diaz



Natalie Diaz

**2017-18:** Named Division II Conference Commissioner's Association Second Team All-American... Was named to the WBCA All-America Honorable Mention... Earned two PacWest Player of the Week awards for Nov. 27-Dec. 11-17... Named 2018 PacWest Player of the Year... Named All-PacWest First Team... Named to the All-PacWest Women's Basketball Championships Team... Set a single-season Dominican record with 722 points during the NCAA Division II era... Appeared in all 30 games with 28 starts... Averaged 24,1 points, 8,9 rebounds and 1,2 blocks per game... Finished the season with 15 double-doubles. Ranked third nationally with 24,1 points per game... Scored a career-high 34 points against Academy of Art on Jan. 10.

**2016-17:** Named PacWest Defender of the Week for Feb. 20-26... Averaged 24 minutes, 10,3 points and 5,4 rebounds per game as a sophomore... season high 22 points and 15 rebounds and four blocks against Fresno Pacific (Feb. 23)... Named to the PacWest Academic All-Conference Team.

**2015-16:** Named PacWest Freshman of the Week for Nov. 16-22 and Feb. 22-28... Scored a career-high 21 points on Dec. 5 vs. FPU... Named Dominican Women's Basketball Co-Newcomer of the Year... Named to the PacWest Academic All-Conference Team.

**Before Dominican:** Ranked one of the top players in Northern California by NorCalPreps.com... Was a four-year varsity player... Named All-SCCAL First Team in 2014 and 2015... Named Northern California All-Star Pass Tha Ball MVP as a junior in 2014... As a junior, earned 2013-14 Central Coast Section All-League First Team honors while helping the Knights to the CCS Division III Championship game as well as the quarterfinals of the CIF NorCal Tournament... Named Santa Cruz Coast MVP as a sophomore in 2013 when she led the Knights to a 25-3 overall mark and a perfect 12-0 mark in SCCAL play... Played club ball for Palo Alto Midnight... Also lettered in track and field, qualifying for state in the high jump... Holds the records for 4x100 and High Jump at Soquel HS.

**Personal:** Parents Eileen and Fred... Older sister Madeline.

#### **Natalie Diaz Headlines**

**Jul 11, 2019 :** Diaz earns two major conference awards

**Mar 27, 2019 :** Diaz named WBCA All-American

**Mar 26, 2019 :** Diaz earns second All-American honor

**Mar 15, 2019 :** Historic season comes to a close in San Diego

**Mar 14, 2019 :** Diaz named D2CCA All-West Region

**Mar 12, 2019 :** Diaz adds another honor to her collection

**Mar 10, 2019 :** Penguins go dancing for the first time

**Mar 8, 2019 :** Penguins fall in semifinals

**Mar 6, 2019 :** Diaz repeats as PacWest Player of the Year

**Mar 2, 2019 :** Penguins run out of gas in second half

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#### **Last but not least**

The Committee and the Youth Commission of the Musel Pikes think also future...

In order to meet an ambitious youth programme all the long of the Moselle River, **Majdi ANAN** is hired as a fulltime Youth Head Coach supported by other coaches and by Claude Victor as Youth Development Coordinator. Majdi has a great experience already in Luxembourg basketball and is also involved with the FLBB youth teams. Welcome on board of the Musel Pikes.

**SAVE THE DATE:** THE PRESS WILL BE INVITED TO A “MEET AND GREET” ON **SEPTEMBER 14, 2019**, TO STADTBREDIMUS GYM FOR THE SEASON OPENING OF THE MUSEL PIKES. IN THE AFTERNOON OUR LADIES TEAM WILL PLAY AGAINST THE SAARLOUIS ROYALS LADIES. MORE DETAILS WILL COME IN DUE TIME.

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## **WOMEN & GIRLS – First approach for the youth teams Girls**

- Dames A – Louis Wennig / Larry Schmitz  
(Teammanager: Jenny Rassel)
- Dames B – Jenny Rassel
- Cadettes A & B – Majdi Anan
- Filles scolaires – Serge Logelin
- Fillettes – Serge Logelin
- Poussines – Arsène Degrott / Anja Degrott / Xenia Schumacher
- Prépoussines – Magali Herring-Trotman

## MEN & BOYS - First approach for the youth teams Boys

- Hommes A – Chris Wulff / Christophe Donnersbach  
(Teammanager: Tom Steffen – Physio & Athletic Trainer: Max Mentgen)
- Hommes B – Steffen Romain / Steffen Pippo
- Hommes C – Otti Niederprüm / Lisa Ries
- Hommes D – Professional Players
- Espoirs – Chris Wulff / Christophe Donnersbach
- Cadets – Majdi Anan
- Scolaires – Majdi Anan
- Minis – Serge Logelin
- Poussins – Serge Logelin
- Prépoussins – Majdi Anan / Sandy Godart / Jil Schmit

## Musel Blénkerten – The youngest members of the Pikes



- Babybasket (3-4 years)  
Lisa Ries / Mara Chaumont / Céline Toepler
- Babybasket (5-6 years)  
Sandy Godart / Louis Muacho