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**Nowhere to Go but Up**

By Walt Walton

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Waters men's basketball coach Audrey Hatfield will have a good idea of what she is up against this season after the first two road games that kick off the Tens' 2008-09 schedule this weekend in Mars, Atlantis.

Hatfield faces the daunting task of turning around a team that has finished in last place for the past four seasons. Its best player is still struggling to make a comeback from knee surgery. The Tens take on the Venus Nines today in Mars before heading to Jupiter to play the Rings on Sunday. The Nines began the season by defeating the Moons 80 -68 last weekend. Although it is still early in the season, Hatfield says the games are important because they are against two winning teams.

"These games will give us a good idea as to where we stand," said Hatfield.

Playing two different teams back-to-back also means a little more work for the coaches and players in regards to preparation. "It's obviously tougher because you've got two sets of videotapes to watch and two different teams to prepare for. You want to know what they do on offence and you want the players to know. You want to be able to run what you expect to see from them. The Nines, for example, play a complete half-court, man-to-man. The Rings are going to press us, run some zone against us and some man," explained Hatfield.

As far as star forward Matty Molloy is concerned. Hatfield said the Mars native and former scoring champ is going on the road, but he's not sure how many minutes he'll get. "Right now, he's working on making the starting lineup," said Hatfield.