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## Headed Out West: Part 1



**Headed Out West is a travel blog by Sports Information Director [Shawn Smith](#) chronicling his experiences during men's and women's basketball trips to Seattle, Wash. and Honolulu, Hawai'i**

**Day 1** - We headed out for the Fargo Airport at 7:45 a.m. as I began the first leg of my 13 -day journey that will take me to Seattle, Wash., Milwaukee, Wis. and Honolulu, Hawai'i, while traveling through four different time zones and airports in Fargo, Minneapolis, Seattle, Detroit, Milwaukee, Grand Forks, Los Angeles, Honolulu and Salt Lake City. It will be a hectic but fun journey as I capture the games, the site-seeing and the fun times the men's and women's basketball teams will have. But when it all comes down to it, it is a business, it is about getting some wins.

The first part of the day was pretty uneventful as we made it to Fargo in good time and had a good flight to Minneapolis. When we got to the Minneapolis airport I went off with the coaching staff ([Dan Weisse](#), [Mike Annese](#) and [Bryan Beamish](#)) along with Assistant Athletic Trainer [Liam Higginson](#) as we got lunch at Chili's. It was a good meal and good to just relax and talk over lunch with the guys. The players got to go off on their own and get lunch and enjoy some time in between flights.

We were able to get on the flight to Seattle a little late, but still made good time getting into the Seattle airport. The eventful part of trip was going through rush hour traffic in Seattle. I got to drive one of the vans with [Brian Enriquez](#), [Alec Koepp](#) and [Ibrahim Cisse](#) joining me, as we made our way through downtown Seattle on Interstate 5 and to the practice facility at Seattle Pacific University. Brian manned the GPS on his phone as we navigated the madness but we had a good time, making it in just a little over an hour, which was about expected. I got to share some of my stories about times at University of Memphis, where I spent my first two years after graduating Iowa State University. It was a great experience where I got to work with now NBA player Tyreke Evans and now University of Kentucky coach John Calipari and had a great time. I miss the barbeque and great cooking immensely, along with the Southern hospitality, but I do love some Minnesota nice and have loved my time at UMC and Bemidji State immensely. It is all a journey and it is always fun to share little anecdotes about my time at different places.

We ate dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory which was delicious and then my van finished the day by getting lost on the way back to the hotel and getting the scenic tour of the great city of Seattle, driving past Safeco Field where the Mariners play and the CenturyLink Field where the Seattle Seahawks play. It was a long trip home but at least we got to be see some sites by accident :)

It has been a long day but fun day overall. Seattle is already a really nice place and we really haven't gotten to enjoy it in the daylight.

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**#34 Ibrahim Cisse**  
F / 6' 6" / Freshman

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