

Holy Cross

Women's Basketball

2005-06 Prospectus



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2005-06

HOLY CROSS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL QUICKFACTS

Location:Worcester, MA 01610
 Founded: 1843
 Enrollment: 2,700
 Color: Royal Purple
 Nickname: Crusaders
 Affiliations: NCAA Div. I, Patriot League
 President: Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J.
 Director of Athletics: Richard M. Regan, Jr. '76
 Associate Director of Athletics: Bill Bellerose '77
 Associate Director of Athletics: Ann Zelesky
 Associate Director of Athletics: Rose Shea '87
 Assistant Director of Athletics: Ralph Willard '67
 Asst. AD/Marketing & Media Relations: Frank Mastrandrea '88
 Manager of Events and Promotions: Jennifer Kagno
 Head Athletic Trainer: Anthony Cerundolo

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL INFORMATION

Head Coach: Bill Gibbons
 Alma Mater: Clark University '81
 Career Record/Years: 413-183/20 years
 Record at Holy Cross: Same
 Office Phone: 508-793-3429
 E-mail: bgibbons@holycross.edu
 Assistant Coaches: Brian Wilson (Virginia '00, Third Season)
 Trinke Vaughan (Columbia '99, Second Season)
 Morgan Valley (Connecticut '05, First Season)
 Women's Basketball ATC: Amanda Wolf
 Home Court (capacity): Hart Center (3,600)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HISTORY

All-time Record/Years 553-271/31 years
 Division I (record) 1982-present (474-203)
 Division II (record) 1980-82 (43-8)
 Division III (record) 1974-80 (37-60)
 NCAA Tournament Appearances/Last 11/2005
 Patriot League Tournament Appearances/Last 15/2005
 Patriot League Tournament Championships/Last 10/2005
 Patriot League Regular Season Championships/Last 11/2005

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TEAM INFORMATION

2005-06 Captains: Shannon Bush '06
 Jessica Conte '06
 Sarah Placek '06
 2004-05 Overall Record: 20-11
 Home: 12-3
 Away: 7-6
 Neutral: 1-2
 2004-05 Patriot League Record/Place: 12-2/First
 Home: 7-0
 Away: 5-2
 2005 Postseason: NCAA Tournament - First Round
 Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/3

2004-05 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL RESULTS (20-11 OVERALL, 12-2 PATRIOT LEAGUE)

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
Nov. 19	PROVIDENCE	W, 68-40
Nov. 21	BUFFALO	W, 73-42
Nov. 23	MASSACHUSETTS	L, 61-60
Nov. 26	vs. UAB %	L 66-65
Nov. 27	vs. Iona %	W, 89-46
Dec. 1	#21 BOSTON COLLEGE	L, 69-61
Dec. 5	at #8 Connecticut !	L, 75-36
Dec. 7	at Rhode Island	W, 59-55
Dec. 9	at Siena	W, 64-56
Dec. 20	NORTHEASTERN	L, 68-64
Dec. 30	at St. John's	L, 75-62
Jan. 1	at #18 DePaul	L, 93-49
Jan. 4	at #2 Duke	L, 101-42
Jan. 8	BUCKNELL *	W, 66-61
Jan. 12	ARMY *	W, 70-53
Jan. 15	at Colgate *	W, 66-65
Jan. 21	at Navy *	W, 73-48
Jan. 23	at American *	W, 67-48
Jan. 28	LAFAYETTE *	W, 70-48
Jan. 30	LEHIGH *	W, 71-68
Feb. 4	NAVY *	W, 71-57
Feb. 6	AMERICAN *	W, 56-47
Feb. 11	at Lafayette *	W, 68-62
Feb. 13	at Lehigh *	L, 73-63
Feb. 19	COLGATE *	W, 80-74
Feb. 23	at Bucknell *	L, 72-71
Feb. 26	at Army *	W, 74-61
Mar. 3	LAFAYETTE \$	W, 74-61
Mar. 5	NAVY \$	W, 72-62
Mar. 9	COLGATE \$	W, 79-70
Mar. 20	vs. #2 Ohio State @	L, 86-45

BOLD CAPS - Home Games
 % - Coors Rocky Mountain Invitational (Fort Collins, Colo.)
 ! - at Hartford Civic Center
 * - Patriot League Games
 \$ - Patriot League Tournament (at Holy Cross)
 @ - NCAA Tournament

HOLY CROSS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2005-06 ROSTER

NUMERICAL ROSTER

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Ht.</i>	<i>Yr.</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Hometown/High School</i>
5	Laura Aloisi	5-9	So.	G	Nashua, N.H./Nashua
10	Sarah Placek	5-3	Sr.	G	Alexandria, Va./Hayfield Secondary
13	Ashley McLaughlin	6-1	So.	G/F	Andover, Mass./Andover
15	Shannon Bush	5-11	Sr.	G	Doylestown, Pa./Central Bucks East
23	Jessica Conte	5-8	Sr.	G	New Canaan, Conn./Scarsdale (N.Y.)
31	Ashley Brennan-McBride	6-5	Jr.	C	London, Ontario/London Central
33	Brittany Keil	6-2	Jr.	G	Sparta, N.J./Sparta
52	Kaitlin Foley	6-4	Jr.	F/C	Albany, N.Y./Bethlehem Central
	Kathy Gruzynski	6-2	Fr.	F	Elk Grove, Ill./James B. Conant
	Jessica Merrihue	6-2	Fr.	F	Holtsville, N.Y./Sachem
	Jessica Pearson	5-7	Fr.	G	West Chester, Pa./Archbishop Carroll

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Ht.</i>	<i>Yr.</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Hometown/High School</i>
5	Laura Aloisi	5-9	So.	G	Nashua, N.H./Nashua
31	Ashley Brennan-McBride	6-5	Jr.	C	London, Ontario/London Central
15	Shannon Bush	5-11	Sr.	G	Doylestown, Pa./Central Bucks East
23	Jessica Conte	5-8	Sr.	G	New Canaan, Conn./Scarsdale (N.Y.)
52	Kaitlin Foley	6-4	Jr.	F/C	Albany, N.Y./Bethlehem Central
	Kathy Gruzynski	6-2	Fr.	F	Elk Grove, Ill./James B. Conant
33	Brittany Keil	6-2	Jr.	G	Sparta, N.J./Sparta
13	Ashley McLaughlin	6-1	So.	G/F	Andover, Mass./Andover
	Jessica Merrihue	6-3	Fr.	F	Holtsville, N.Y./Sachem
	Jessica Pearson	5-7	Fr.	G	West Chester, Pa./Archbishop Carroll
10	Sarah Placek	5-3	Sr.	G	Alexandria, Va./Hayfield Secondary

Head Coach: Bill Gibbons, 21st Season (Clark University '81)
Assistant Coaches: Trinke Vaughan, Second Season (Columbia '99)
 Brian Wilson, Third Season (Virginia '00)
 TBA

Captains: Shannon Bush, Jessica Conte, Sarah Placek
SWA: Ann Zelesky
Athletic Trainer: Amanda Wolf
Strength Coach: Jeff Oliver
WBB Contact: Brianne Mallaghan

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2005-06 TEAM INFORMATION

STARTERS RETURNING (3)

No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.	GP-GS	PPG	RPG	Other
33	Brittany Keil	6-2	Jr.	G/F	30-28	9.6	5.3	.810 FT %
10	Sarah Placek	5-3	Sr.	G	31-28	8.5	2.2	2.5 apg
05	Laura Aloisi	5-9	So.	G	28-24	3.3	2.3	4.2 apg

STARTERS LOST (2)

No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.	GP-GS	PPG	RPG	Other
00	Lisa Andrews	6-3	Sr.	C	31-31	12.8	5.4	.471 FG %
34	Maggie Fontana	5-11	Sr.	G/F	30-27	10.5	5.6	.810 FT %

LETTERWINNERS RETURNING (8)

No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.	GP-GS	PPG	RPG	Other
05	Laura Aloisi	5-9	So.	G	28-24	3.3	2.3	4.2 apg
10	Sarah Placek	5-3	Sr.	G	31-28	8.5	2.2	2.5 apg
13	Ashley McLaughlin	6-1	So.	F	31-11	4.0	3.1	1.1 apg
15	Shannon Bush	5-11	Sr.	G	30-1	5.9	1.8	1.6 apg
23	Jessica Conte	5-8	Sr.	G	31-4	6.9	2.6	.356 3-PT %
31	Ashley Brennan-McBride	6-5	Jr.	C	17-0	1.6	0.5	.571 FG %
33	Brittany Keil	6-2	Jr.	G/F	30-28	9.6	5.3	.810 FT %
52	Kaitlin Foley	6-4	Jr.	F/C	31-0	3.1	1.8	.470 FG %

NEWCOMERS (3)

Name	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Kathy Gruzynski	6-2	Fr.	F	Elk Grove, Ill./James B. Conant
Jessica Merrihue	6-2	Fr.	F	Holtsville, N.Y./Sachem
Jessica Pearson	5-7	Fr.	G	West Chester, Pa./Archbishop Carroll

LETTERWINNERS LOST (3)

No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.	GP-GS	PPG	RPG	Other
00	Lisa Andrews	6-3	Sr.	C	31-31	12.8	5.4	.471 FG %
11	Caitlin Agostinacchio	5-9	Sr.	G	27-1	1.4	1.3	.500 FG %
34	Maggie Fontana	5-11	Sr.	G/F	30-27	10.5	5.6	.810 FT %

CRUSADERS BY CLASS

SENIORS - 3	Shannon Bush Jessica Conte Sarah Placek
JUNIORS - 3	Ashley Brennan-McBride Kaitlin Foley Brittany Keil
SOPHOMORES - 2	Laura Aloisi Ashley McLaughlin
FRESHMEN - 3	Kathy Gruzynski Jessica Merrihue Jessica Pearson

CRUSADERS BY STATE

CONNECTICUT - 1	Jessica Conte
ILLINOIS - 1	Kathy Gruzynski
MASSACHUSETTS - 1	Ashley McLaughlin
NEW HAMPSHIRE - 1	Laura Aloisi
NEW JERSEY - 1	Brittany Keil
NEW YORK - 2	Kaitlin Foley Jessica Merrihue
ONTARIO, CANADA - 1	Ashley Brennan-McBride
PENNSYLVANIA - 2	Shannon Bush Jessica Pearson
VIRGINIA - 1	Sarah Placek

HOLY CROSS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

HEAD COACH BILL GIBBONS

Bill Gibbons

Head Coach - 21st Season

Overall Record: 413-183 (.693)

Patriot League Record: 165-31 (.842)

NCAA Tournament Appearances: 11

Patriot League Regular Season Titles: 11

Patriot League Tournament Titles: 10

Bill Gibbons is in his 21st season as head coach of the Holy Cross Women's Basketball program. The name Gibbons has become a fixture in the world of women's basketball. He has led the Crusaders to 10 Patriot League Championships in the last 15 years. He has also made 11 postseason appearances (10 NCAA Tournaments and one WNIT) in his 20 years as head coach. With sixteen 20-win seasons under his belt, Gibbons has cemented himself and the women's basketball program as one of the best in the Northeast.

The sixth coach of the women's program at Holy Cross, Gibbons has enjoyed the longest tenure in this position. Gibbons has led HC Women's Basketball to more victories than any other coach, and is the winningest coach in Holy Cross basketball history. With his 358th victory, he surpassed George Blaney, who had the most wins (357) in the Crusader men's basketball program. Blaney hired Gibbons to be his assistant coach in 1981, and now with more than 400 wins under his belt, Gibbons is the second-winningest coach in Holy Cross Athletics history, behind former baseball coach Jack Barry. In 2003, Gibbons was inducted into the New England College Basketball Hall of Fame at the University of Rhode Island. He was also ranked 31st on the list of the winningest active coaches, according to the 2003 NCAA Women's Basketball Record Book.

The six-time Patriot League Coach of the Year has maintained the winning tradition which he inherited 20 years ago. The undaunted leader has produced teams that have tangled competitively with some of the nation's best. In recent years, Gibbons' squads have been tested by Connecticut, Louisiana Tech, Rutgers, Duke, DePaul, Arizona, Auburn, Florida, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Penn State, Stanford, Vanderbilt, Tulane, Virginia and Wisconsin. He has included Top 25 teams in the Crusaders' competitive schedule each year and has subsequently built the program's reputation nationally. Attracting outstanding student-athletes throughout the country, Gibbons and his staff have improved the College's recruiting efforts during his tenure.

As the women's collegiate game has changed throughout the country in recent years, so has women's hoops on the hill. Now one of the premiere teams on campus, the Crusader basketball team has drawn record crowds at the Hart Center, including the 4,000 fans who attended the contest against the Connecticut Huskies in 1999-00, the first sellout at the Hart Center for women's basketball.

SUCCESS IN THE CLASSROOM

While some aspects of the game have changed, others have remained the same at Holy Cross. Unquestionably an integral part of Gibbons' collegiate coaching philosophy is evident by the fact that every student-athlete who has played for four seasons has earned her degree. The Crusader program has also produced four Academic All-Americans in addition to several Academic All-District picks.

During Gibbons' 20-year reign, three players have earned Patriot League Female Scholar Athlete of the Year honors: Kathy Courtney '97, Ann Lambiotte '91 and Amy O'Brien '98, and three players

have earned Patriot League Women's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors: Courtney (1997), O'Brien (1998, 1999) and Lisa Andrews (2005). His teams have consistently ranked among the best at Holy Cross for overall team GPA, while maintaining their success on the court as well.

SIXTEEN TWENTY-WIN SEASONS

Gibbons has led the Crusaders to more victories than any other coach in Holy Cross history during his 20-year tenure. He has won 20 or more games in 10 of the last 11 seasons. For his career, Gibbons has averaged 20.6 wins per year. In his rookie campaign, Gibbons led his squad to an impressive 21-7 overall record and a third place finish in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference. The 1986-87 Crusaders finished with a 19-10 overall mark and placed second in the MAAC. In 1987-88, HC upped its ledger to 21-8 and took second place conference honors.

Gibbons' level of success reached new heights with a MAAC Tournament victory and an NCAA Tournament appearance in 1988-89. In addition, the Crusaders finished the season 21-10 overall and 13-2 in the MAAC.

PATRIOT LEAGUE SUCCESS

The 1990-91 campaign was a monumental season for Gibbons. Voted Patriot League Coach of the Year by his peers, he steered the Crusaders to a 14-0 conference record and to the regular-season and postseason league championship crowns. Under his care and guidance, Holy Cross finished 25-6, setting a school record for victories. In addition, the squad earned an at-large invitation to the NCAA Tournament, upsetting Maryland, 81-74, at the Hart Center as Gibbons coached the Crusaders to their first-ever NCAA Tournament victory. In 1991-92, the 16-13 Crusaders managed a third place showing in Patriot League competition.

Gibbons directed the 1992-93 Crusaders to a 22-7 overall mark and another Patriot League title. His 1994-95 and 1995-96 squads also captured Patriot League championships, giving Holy Cross three titles in a span of four years. Gibbons notched his 200th career win on March 5, 1995, when the Crusaders upended Bucknell, 62-39 in the semifinals of the Patriot League Tournament.

In 1996-97, Gibbons guided his squad to a 23-4 mark, matching the highest record for winning percentage in school history. With a 12-0 mark in Patriot League play, Holy Cross became just the second team in league history to compile a perfect regular season record. For his efforts, Gibbons was honored as Patriot League Coach of the Year for the second time.

The 2002-2003 team compiled a 13-1 mark in Patriot League play, 24-8 overall, earning its seventh-consecutive Patriot League Regular Season Title. Gibbons was also chosen 2003 Patriot League Coach of the Year.

After a disappointing 13-15 mark, and the first sub-.500 season under Gibbons' direction in 2003-04, the Crusaders came back to win 20 games in 2004-05, capture both the PL regular season (12-2) and tournament titles and earn the program's 10th trip to the NCAA Tournament.

In Patriot League games, Gibbons owns a 165-31 record, including 10 regular season titles and nine tournament crowns. His teams have competed in nine of the last 11 postseason Tournaments, including four straight NCAA Tournament appearances from 1998 to 2001 and a first-ever WNIT showing in 2002.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

An active supporter of community involvement, Gibbons and the Crusader program take great pride in being able to do something

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HEAD COACH BILL GIBBONS

positive for the Worcester community. The team has adopted the Mustard Seed Program, which helps the homeless shelters for Worcester area, as its unofficial fund-raiser. The Crusaders also volunteer at the Mercy Centre, where they spend time with mentally and physically challenged children. Another popular community activity is the "Reading Day" program, where the team visits area schools to read and convey the importance of academics to elementary students.

In addition to his coaching duties at Holy Cross, Gibbons is a member of the CNN/USA Today Coaches Poll, NCAA Women's Basketball East Regional Advisory Committee, Kodak All-American Selection Committee, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, Worcester Area Basketball Coaches Association, Young Men's Business Association of Worcester, Religious Education volunteer at Holy Rosary Church and is a volunteer coach for the Worcester Youth Soccer, College Hill Youth Basketball, Greendale Flag Football leagues, and Tris Speaker Little Leagues.

BASKETBALL IN THE BLOOD

Coaching successful basketball teams is synonymous with the Gibbons family. His father, Bill Gibbons Sr., retired as the boys' basketball coach at Doherty High School in Worcester with 373 career wins. He was also inducted into the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. While a senior on his father's Doherty squad, Bill received All-City honors. Young Bill also served as an assistant to his father while a junior in college. That same year, he was named "Coach of the Year" in the Worcester Parks and Recreation League. Bill's brother, Tom, also a Clark graduate, is the Head Boys Basketball Coach at Wachusett Regional High School in nearby Holden, Mass.

Bill Gibbons is a respected member of the community and has appeared as a resident coach and lecturer at many local basketball camps. During the summer, he serves as the Director of the Holy Cross Girls' Basketball Camp, one of the East's largest and most successful girls' summer camps. He has also served as a commissioner of the Holy Cross Boys' Basketball Camp. In addition, he coached the Central Massachusetts entry in the Bay State Games for three summers.

A Worcester native, Gibbons graduated from Clark University in 1981. He also earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Clark while serving as an assistant coach for the Holy Cross Men's Basketball team.

Bill and his wife Lisa make their home in Worcester. They have two sons, William Robert (16), and Robert Charles (13).

GIBBONS AT HOLY CROSS

YEAR	RECORD
1985-86	21-7 @
1986-87	19-10
1987-88	21-8
1988-89	21-10 %@
1990-91	25-6 *#@\$!
1991-92	16-13
1992-93	22-7*#
1993-94	15-14
1994-95	21-9*#@
1995-96	23-10 #@
1996-97	23-4*!
1997-98	21-9*#@
1998-99	21-8*#@!
1999-00	23-7*#@!
2000-01	21-9*#@!
2001-02	23-8*^
2002-03	24-8*#@!
2003-04	15-13
<u>2004-05</u>	<u>20-11*#@</u>
20 years	413-183

% MAAC Championship Title (1)

\$ NCAA Second Round (1)

^ WNIT First Round (1)

! Patriot League Coach of the Year (6)

Patriot League Championship Titles (10)

* Patriot League Regular Season Titles (11)

@ NCAA Tournament First Round (11)

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2005-06 PLAYER BIOS

Shannon Bush
5'11 - Senior - Guard
Doylestown, Pa./ Central Bucks East

As a Junior in 2004-05: Appeared in 30 games, making one start... Averaged 5.9 points and 1.8 rebounds per game, to go along with 49 assists and 30 steals... Finished fourth on the team this season in three-point field goals made... Scored nine points, grabbed four rebounds and tallied two assists and two steals in the first round of the NCAA tournament against second-seeded Ohio State... Scored a season-high 14 points and grabbed four rebounds in the PL championship game on 3/9/05... Chipped in 10 points in the PL semis on 3/5/05... Tallied 12 points and four rebounds against Colgate on 2/19/05... Scored 11 points at Lehigh on 2/13/05... Had 11 points and a season-high five rebounds vs. Navy on 2/4/05... Tallied seven points, three assists, three steals and two rebounds on 1/8/05 vs. Bucknell... Recorded two points, one assist and one steal on 1/4/05 vs. #2 Duke... Contributed two points, two assists and one steal on 1/2/05 vs. #18 DePaul... Chipped in two points, one rebound and one assist on 12/30/04 vs. St. John's... Scored 10 points, including two three-pointers, and added five assists, one steal, and one rebound in her first start of the season on 12/20/04 vs. Northeastern... Tallied six points, three rebounds, two assists, and one steal on 12/9/04 vs. Siena... Scored 10 points on 2-of-2 shooting from behind the arc and added four rebounds, one block, one steal, and one assist on 12/7/04 vs. URI... Chipped in two points, and had an assist in 14 minutes of play on 12/5/04 vs. UConn... Chipped in two points and a rebound on 12/1/04 vs. BC... Had two points and an assist in seven minutes of play on 11/26/04 vs. UAB... Chipped in two points and an assist vs. UMass on 11/23/04... Tied a career-high with four steals, also recorded three rebounds, two assists, and two points on 11/21/04 vs. Buffalo... scored 11 points on 3-of-6 shooting from long range... had three assists, two rebounds, and two thefts on 11/19/04 vs. Providence... **As a Sophomore in 2004-04:** Played a season-high 20 minutes, and dished out a team-high three assists, to go along with six points, and one steal in the Patriot League Quarterfinals against Bucknell... poured in a team-high 15 points after shooting 4-for-5 from the free throw line versus Lehigh on 2/29/04... had a team-high three assists against Bucknell on 2/27/04... poured in a career-high 17 points on 5-of-6 shooting from the field, and a perfect 5-for-5 from the charity stripe against American University on 2/20/04... had team-highs in assists (three) in wins at Lafayette and Lehigh... **As a Freshman in 2002-03: PATRIOT LEAGUE ALL-ROOKIE TEAM...** Hit two three-pointers in the game against Lehigh en route to nine points on 3/2/03... contributed four assists along with seven points against Bucknell, 2/28/03... registered career-highs in both points (11) and steals (four) vs. Fordham on 1/28/03... tied a career-high with six assists vs. Colorado State, 1/9/03... had seven points on 3-for-7 shooting vs. Vanderbilt, 1/6/03... collected eight points and three boards vs. Maine, 12/28/02... added two points, two assists and season-best six boards vs. Siena, 12/10/02... dished out a team-high six assists vs. #2 UConn in a career-high 38 minutes... netted 10 points vs. Savannah State, 11/29/02... picked up six points against #18 Boston College, 11/26/02... **High School:** Played for Coach Lonergan at Central Bucks East High School... 2001 AAU All-American... 2002 McDonalds All-American Nominee... Big School PIAA All-State Third Team in 2001 and Fourth Team in 2002... Bux-Mont Player of the Year her junior and senior seasons... 2000, 2001 and 2002 All Bux-Mont First Team... All-Area First Team in 2001 and 2002... First Team *Philadelphia Inquirer* for two years and Second Team in 2000... Suburban I First Team her sophomore, junior and senior year and Honorable Mention her freshman year... The 2001 *Intelligencer* Player of the Year... Named girls basketball area player to watch in 2001 and 2002... All-time leading scorer at Central Bucks East (girls and boys)... Member of the 2002 Suburban I National Championship team... Helped her team to three Colonial Division Championships in 2000, 2001 and 2002... Averaged 6.2 assists, 6.0 rebounds and 4.5 steals in her career.

Jessica Conte
5'8 - Senior - Guard
New Canaan, Conn./ Scarsdale (N.Y.)

As a Junior in 2004-05: Played in 31 games and made four starts this year, averaging 6.9 points per game as the team's sixth man... finished the season ranked fifth in the Patriot League with a .365 three-point percentage... *Patriot League Player of the Week* (Feb. 21)... *Holy Cross Club of Worcester Homecoming Game MVP* (2/19)... Scored 11 points at Bucknell on 2/23/05... Tallied a career-high 18 points on 6-of-8 shooting, including three three's and three steals on 2/19/05 vs. Colgate... Recorded 13 points, a season-high seven rebounds, and three steals on 2/6/05 vs. American... Scored 12 points (4-for-6) and had four steals on 1/30/05 vs. Lehigh... Contributed two rebounds, two steals and one point on 1/8/05 vs. Bucknell... Chipped in seven points, two rebounds and a steal on 1/4/05 vs. #2 Duke... Tallied eight points and grabbed two rebounds vs. #18 DePaul on 1/2/05... Scored seven points and added five rebounds, one assist and one steal on 12/30/04 vs. St. John's... Tallied a season-high 14 points, and a season-high five steals, as well as five rebounds and one assists on 12/20/04 vs. Northeastern... Scored six points, and had two rebounds and one assist on 12/9/04 vs. Siena... Chipped in seven points and two steals on 12/7/04 vs. URI... Recorded three steals, two rebounds, and an assist on 12/5/04 vs. UConn... Tallied 11 points, hitting two long balls and converting 5-of-5 free throws on 12/1/04 vs. BC... Had 13 points on 3-of-4 shooting from long range, and added four rebounds, three assists, and a steal on 11/27/04 vs. Iona... Tallied nine points, four rebounds, three assists, and two steals on 11/26/04 vs. UAB... Recorded a rebound and a steal on 11/23/04 vs. UMass... Tallied seven points on 2-of-3 shooting from behind the line, and grabbed two rebounds on 11/21/04 vs. Buffalo... had three points, two steals, a rebound, and an assist on 11/19/04 vs. Providence... **As a Sophomore in 2003-04:** Shot 3-for-6 from the field, and a perfect 2-for-2 from the free throw line for eight points in the Patriot League Quarterfinal game versus Bucknell... poured in 14 points on 6-for-12 shooting against Bucknell on 2/27/04... shot 4-for-4 from the free throw line and tallied 10 points, to go along with five boards in a 75-63 win over Colgate... was a perfect 3-for-3 from the field, 1-for-1 from behind the arc, and 4-for-4 from the free throw line in an 11-point performance against Army on 2/8/04... recorded 11 points, four rebounds, three steals, and a block versus Navy... had a career-high seven steals in a 71-65 win over Lafayette on 1/17/04... hit for a season-high four 3-pointers for 12 points at Colgate... tallied 12 points, five assists, four rebounds, and one steal against DePaul on 12/6/03... had a career-high six assists against Illinois-Chicago... registered a team-high five assists, to go along with six points, three rebounds, and one steal at UMass on 11/23/03... chipped in 13 points on 3-of-6 shooting from behind the arc, and played a career-high 36 minutes versus St. John's in the first game of the season... named to the Patriot League All-Academic team with a 3.49 gpa... **As a Freshman in 2002-03:** Hit three treys en route to 13 points vs. Lafayette, 3/7/03... had a career-high two steals in the Navy game on 2/23/03... shot 6-for-9 from the field, including 4-of-6 from three-point land, for a career-high 17 points vs. Lafayette, 2/15/03... registered 11 points, including a perfect three-for-three from behind the three-point line vs. Vermont, tying the record for 3-point field goal percentage (1.000, 3-3)... scored eight points and played a career-high 27 minutes versus Bucknell... sank three three-pointers in the American game on 1/26/03... chipped in eight points vs. Lafayette, 1/18/03... pulled down a career-high eight rebound against Savannah State, 11/29/02... **High School:** Played for Coach Vaccaro at Scarsdale... Captain her senior year... New York All-State selection in 2000, 2001 and 2002... All-Section selection her sophomore, junior, and senior years... Three-year All-League Selection... *Gannette* All-County First Team in 2001 and 2002, and Second Team in 2000... 2002 Section I Basketball Coaches' All-American... finished second in scoring in Tri County region in 2000, 2001, and

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2002... selected to the Empire State Team for the Hudson Valley Region in Empire State Games in 2000 and 2001... ranked ninth in *Gameball* Magazine Tri-State class of 2002... holds Scarsdale all-time scoring record (men or women) with 1,579 points... 2002 McDonald's All-American Nominee... 2002 Madison Square Garden Network Tri-State Honorable Mention... averaged 23.9 points, 7.5 rebounds, and 4.0 assists her senior year.

Sarah Placek **5'3 - Senior - Guard** **Alexandria, Va./ Hayfield Secondary**

As a Junior in 2004-05: Started 28 out of 31 games... Led the team in steals (59) and was second on the team in assists (80), two categories she also finished the season with a top 11 rank in the Patriot League... Averaged 8.5 points and 2.2 rebounds per game... Collected 12 points, three rebounds and two assists in the PL championship game on 3/9/05... Scored 11 points in the PL semis against Navy... Tallied 10 points against Lafayette in the league quarterfinals... Had 12 points, including two long balls against Navy on 2/4/05... Chipped in four points, a team-high four steals, two rebounds and two assists on 1/8/05 vs. Bucknell... Scored a team-high 10 points, to go along with three rebounds, two assists and a steal on 1/4/05 vs. #2 Duke... Had five points, four assists, two steals and one rebound on 1/2/05 vs. #18 DePaul... Chipped in eight points, three rebounds, three assists, and three steals on 12/30/04 vs. St. John's... Scored 16 points, had six assists, two rebounds and a steal on 12/20/04 vs. Northeastern... Had a team-high 15 points, including two three-pointers, had three assists, and two steals on 12/9/04 vs. Siena... Poured in a game-high and a career-high 23 points, and added four boards, three assists, and three steals on 12/7/04 vs. URI... Poured in a team-high 11 points, going 3-for-6 from long range, and also recorded three assists, two steals, and two rebounds on 12/5/04 vs. UConn... Scored nine points, and added three assists and two rebounds on 12/1/04 vs. BC... Poured in a team-high 17 points on 7-of-10 shooting from the floor, added three assists, two steals, and a rebound on 11/27/04 vs. Iona... Recorded eight points, two assists, and two steals on 11/26/04 vs. UAB... Tallied 10 points, four rebounds, and tied a career-high with four steals (also a game-high) vs. UMass on 11/23/04... Scored 10 points, added three assists, two rebounds, and a steal on 11/21/04 vs. Buffalo... Played 20 minutes in the season opener vs. Providence on November 19... had three points on 1-for-2 shooting from behind the line... added a rebound, and an assist... **As a Sophomore in 2003-04:** Dished out a team-high five assists, to go along with eight points in the Patriot League Quarterfinals against Bucknell... nailed three 3's and poured in 16 points in a 79-60 win over Navy... had a team-high four assists, with nine points, two steals, and a rebound at American University... hit for 17 points on 5-of-10 shooting from behind the arc in a 75-63 win over Colgate... shot a perfect 5-for-5 from the free throw line and had a team-high 15 points against Army... chipped in 15 points, seven rebounds, and a team-high three assists in a 71-55 win over Bucknell on 2/1/04... tied a career-high with four steals in a 71-68 victory at Lehigh... tied a career-high in points with 20, to go along with five assists, and a team-high three steals at Buffalo... had seven assists and nine points in a 71-65 win over Lafayette... hit for seven points, seven assists, six rebounds, and a team-high two steals in a 66-58 win at Army... hit three 3's and pumped in a team-high 17 points against Furman... hit for 14 points at Boston College and against Illinois-Chicago... had 11 points and a team-high five assists at Providence... poured in five 3's on 6-of-12 shooting from the field for a team-high 19 points in 37 minutes of action against St. John's... named to the Patriot League All-Academic team with a 3.42 gpa... **As a Freshman in 2002-03:** **PATRIOT LEAGUE ALL-ROOKIE TEAM**... netted nine points and dished out five assists vs. Lafayette, 3/7/03... shot 4-of-5 from the floor, including two treys, en route to 10 points vs. Lehigh, 3/2/03... totaled 12 points, three steals and two assists in the Bucknell game on

2/28/03... posted 10 points, four rebounds, three assists, and one block in the Navy game on 2/23/03... shot 4-for-8 with five free throws for 13 points vs. Colgate, 2/11/03... contributed 16 points, including three three-pointers versus Lehigh, 1/31/03... set a career-high assist total with eight vs. American in a career-best 43 minutes of play, while contributing 13 points... was 4-for-7 from the floor with a free throw to collect 10 points at Lafayette, 1/18/03... pulled down a career-high nine rebounds vs. Colorado State, 1/9/03... tallied double-digit points for the third-straight game with 15 points vs. Northeastern in addition to a career-high in steals with four... scored a career-best 20 points vs. La Salle, 12/29/02... scored 14 points vs. Maine, going 4-for-5 from three point range, and adding three assists and two steals... played 40 minutes vs. #2 UConn, contributing three thefts... scored 10 points against Savannah State, 11/29/02... **High School:** Played for Coach McCormick at Hayfield Secondary... The 2002 Patriot District Player of the Year... First Team Northern Region her senior year... Patriot District All-Tournament Team in 2001 and 2002... Third Team *Washington Post* All-Metro in 2002... The 2002 All *Springfield Times*... Metro Classic and NVWBCA All-Star her senior year... Averaged 19 points per game as a senior year... Helped the team advance to the State quarterfinals her junior year.

Ashley Brennan-McBride **6'5 - Junior - Center** **London, Ontario/ London Central**

As a Sophomore in 2004-05: Appeared in 17 games... Averaged 3.9 minutes and 1.6 points per game while shooting .571 percent from the floor... Totaled three blocks on the season... Scored two points and grabbed in the Patriot League quarterfinals against Lafayette on 3/3/05... Added five points on 2/4/05 vs. Navy... Had two points and a block on 1/28/05 vs. Lafayette... Scored four points at Navy on 1/21/05... Recorded a block in nine minutes of play on 1/4/05 vs. #2 Duke... Chipped in three points and two rebounds and tied a career-high with one block on 1/2/05 vs. #18 DePaul... Missed the 12/30/04 game vs. St. John's due to a foot injury... Registered an assist in five minutes of play on 12/5/04 vs. UConn... Played a career-high 11 minutes, pulled down a career-high three rebounds, and added two points on 11/27/04 vs. Iona... Had a career-high six points, going 3-for-4 from the floor, with one rebound on 11/21/04 vs. Buffalo... recorded an assist in three minutes of play on 11/19/04 vs. Providence... **As a Freshman in 2003-04:** Appeared in seven games... Chipped in one point on a free throw in a 74-56 win over American University on 1/25/04... saw seven minutes of action, was a perfect 2-for-2 from the free throw line to tie a career-high two points, and pulled down a rebound against Wake Forest on 12/28/03... had a one block versus Arizona State, 12/20/03... played five minutes and contributed two points at nationally-ranked Boston College... grabbed a rebound and added an assist against #1 ranked Connecticut at the Hartford Civic Center on 11/30/03... **High School:** Played for Coach Ron Douglas at London Central... 2003 *London Free Press* Athlete of the Year... 2002 London Central Female Athlete of the Year... 2002 London Central Women's Basketball MVP... 2002 London Central Track and Field MVP... helped her team to the Western Ontario Championships in 2002... led London Central to the district finals in 2003... averaged 15 points, eight rebounds, and three blocks per game her senior season... only began playing competitive basketball in the Fall of 2000.

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Kaitlin Foley **6'4 - Junior - Center** **Albany, N.Y./ Bethlehem Central**

As a Sophomore in 2004-05: Saw action in all 31 games...Averaged 3.1 points and 1.8 rebounds in 10.9 minutes per game...Finished fourth on the team in blocks (10)...Shot .470 percent from the floor ...Had one block, one rebound and one assist in the first round of the NCAA Tournament against second-seeded Ohio State...Grabbed a career-high seven rebounds and tallied four points, two blocks and a steal in the Patriot League championship game on 3/9/05...Scored a season-high 11 points, going 5-for-5 from the field at Army on 2/26/05...Had six points and four rebounds against Navy on 2/4/05...Added six points and two steals against Army on 1/12/05...Chipped in two points on 1/8/05 vs. Bucknell...Tallied four points, four rebounds one assist and one steal on 1/4/05 vs. #2 Duke...Grabbed three rebounds and added two points and one block on 1/2/05 vs. #18 DePaul...Registered a career-high three blocks, to go along with two points and two rebounds on 12/30/04 vs. St. John's...Had two points, two rebounds, two assists and one steal on 12/20/04 vs. Northeastern ...Scored six points, pulled down five boards, and had two steals on 12/9/04 vs. Siena...Registered two rebounds, one point, and one assist on 12/7/04 vs. URI...Recorded four points, and a block on 12/5/04 vs. UConn ...Played 10 minutes and recorded two points, a rebound, an assist, and a steal on 12/1/04 vs. BC...Chipped in six points, grabbed three rebounds, and had an assist and a steal vs. Iona on 11/27/04...Pulled down three rebounds and added two points on 11/26/04 vs. UAB ...Scored two points in four minutes of play vs. UMass on 11/23/04 ...Tallied four points, four rebounds, and an assist on 11/21/04 vs. Buffalo...had four points, a rebound, and an assist on 11/19/04 vs. Providence...**As a Freshman in 2003-04:** Chipped in six points, three rebounds, and two blocks in 13 minutes of action against Bucknell on 2/27/04... pulled down a career-high five boards, to go along with four points, an assist, and a block in 16 minutes in a 79-60 win at Navy... saw a career-high 17 minutes of playing time, tossed in four points, added two assists, and had a team-high two blocks in a 71-68 win at Lehigh... had seven points, five rebounds, and two blocks in a 74-56 win over American... shot a perfect 6-for-6 from the field to tally a career-high 12 points in 13 minutes of action in a 66-58 win at Army... played 11 minutes against nationally-ranked Boston College... recorded four points and three boards against #1 ranked Connecticut on 11/30/03... had four points, two rebounds, and a steal versus Illinois-Chicago... registered four points, two boards, and a block at UMass...**High School:** Played for Coach Kim Wise at Bethlehem Central... 2003 McDonald's All-American Nominee... First Team Suburban Council All-Star in 2002... 2003 Wendy's Heisman Trophy Winner... *Albany Times Union* All-Star in 2003... 2003 *Troy Record* First Team All-Star... helped her team to four Gold Division Championships, 2000-2003... Suburban Council Championship in 2003... helped win the Section II Class A title for the first time in Bethlehem Central history in 2003... 2003 State Finalists... averaged 16 points and rebounds per game her junior year, while averaging 14 points her senior season.

Brittany Keil **6'2 - Junior - Guard/Forward** **Sparta, N.J./ Sparta**

As a Sophomore in 2004-05: *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America District I ...Appeared in 30 games...made 28 starts...Shot .810 percent from the free throw line...shot .436 percent from the floor ...Shot .420 percent from the three-point line...Finished third on the

team in scoring (9.6 ppg) and rebounding (5.3 rpg)...Second on the team in blocks (19)...Fourth on the team in assists (64)...Chipped in with five points, two rebounds and a steal in the first round of the NCAA Tournament against second-seeded Ohio State...Had a career-high six assists, tied a career-high with nine rebounds, also had two blocks and five points against Colgate in the PL championship game on 3/9/05... Scored 16 points and grabbed eight rebounds at Army on 2/26/05... tied a career-high with 17 points and had four rebounds and two blocks at Bucknell on 2/23/05...had 15 points, four rebounds and four assists against Colgate on 2/19/05...scored 14 points against American on 2/6/05...had 10 points and six rebounds against Lehigh on 1/30/05...tied a career-high with 17 points and pulled down seven rebounds at Colgate on 1/15/05... Scored a career-high 17 points on 6-of-12 shooting and going 2-for-2 from long range and 3-for-3 from the charity stripe and also pulled down a team-high seven rebounds and tallied three assists and two blocks on 1/8/05 vs. Bucknell...Registered four points, two rebounds and an assist on 1/4/05 vs. #2 Duke...Scored seven points and added two rebounds and one steal on 1/2/05 vs. #18 DePaul...Poured in a team-high 15 points, going 3-for-3 from behind the arc, and also pulled down three boards in limited action on 12/30/04 vs. St. John's...Missed the 12/20/04 game vs. Northeastern due to injury...Tallied nine points, tied a career-high with nine rebounds, had two assists and one steal on 12/9/04 vs. Siena ...Tied for a team-high in rebounds with six, and added five points and three assists on 12/7/04 vs. URI...Had a team-high six rebounds, to go along with an assist and a steal on 12/5/04 vs. UConn...Had a team-high 13 points on 6-of-11 shooting, to go along with four rebounds, a block and an assist on 12/1/04 vs. BC...Scored 11 points, grabbed nine boards, contributed four assists and two steals on 11/27/04 vs. Iona... Tallied nine points and added six rebounds, two assists and a block on 11/26/04 vs. UAB...Poured in a career-high 16 points, which also tied for a game-high, on 11/23/04 vs. UMass...also added five rebounds, and three assists...Recorded six rebounds, five points, three steals, and two assists in 27 minutes on 11/21/04 vs. Buffalo...had a game-high 15 points on 6-of-10 shooting from the floor, seven rebounds, three assists, and a steal on 11/19/04 vs. Providence...**As a Freshman in 2003-04:** **PATRIOT LEAGUE ALL-ROOKIE TEAM...** started 15 games... scored 12 points, pulled down three rebounds, and added an assist and a steal against Lehigh on 2/29/04... recorded team-highs in assists (four), steals (two), and blocks (one), to go along with four points and four rebounds in 26 minutes of action at Navy... earned Rookie of the Week honors (2/16/04) after scoring 13 points, and pulling down a team-high eight boards in a win at Lafayette, and a seven-point performance combined with five assists, a team-high three steals, and three rebounds in a 75-63 win over Colgate... had a career-high five steals against Army... chipped in seven points and five assists, and two steals in a 71-55 win at Bucknell on 2/1/04... hit for a career-high 15 points, going 4-for-4 from the free throw line in a 74-56 win over American... had a career-high three blocks, and chipped in eight points at Buffalo... had nine points, six rebounds, two blocks, and a steal at Saint Peter's on 1/3/03... played a career-high 40 minutes, pulled down eight rebounds and added six points, five steals, and four assists in a 59-58 overtime win over Siena... had a team-high four rebounds in 19 minutes against nationally-ranked Boston College... scored six points, and had four boards and an assist in 22 minutes of action against #1 Connecticut... named to the All-Academic Team with a 4.0 gpa... Keil was one of just two women's basketball players on the 49-member Academic Honor Roll squad with a perfect 4.0 average...**High School:** Played for Coach Fred Geffken at Sparta High School... 2003 *Associated Press* First Team All-State... 2003 *New Jersey Star Ledger* Second Team All-State... 2003 *Daily Record* All-Area... West-Jersey Player of the Year in 2003... 2003 First Team All-West Jersey... helped her team to four league championships, one state title in 2001 and two sectional championships in 2001 and 2003... scored 1,413 points in her high school career... set a school record for highest free throw percentage in a season and in a career (84.3%)... tied a school record with 53 three pointers in a season... averages 21 points and 10

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rebounds per game her senior year.

Laura Aloisi **5'9 - Sophomore - Guard** **Nashua, N.H./ Nashua**

As a Freshman in 2004-05: PATRIOT LEAGUE ALL-ROOKIE TEAM....
Patriot League Rookie of the Week (Nov. 29)...Appeared in 28 games... Made 24 starts... Averaged 4.25 assists, 3.3 points and 2.3 rebounds per game... Led the team in assists (119)... Third on the team in steals (51)... Had four or more assists in 11 of 17 Patriot League games this season, including the playoffs... Tied a career-high with six rebounds in the first round of the NCAA Tournament against second-seeded Ohio State... Recorded seven points, a career-high seven steals and seven assists against Lafayette in the Patriot League quarterfinals... Grabbed five rebounds and had two points, two assists and two steals at Bucknell on 2/23/05... Scored 10 points on 3-of-6 shooting from the floor, including 2-of-2 from long range, and grabbed four rebounds at Lehigh on 2/13/05... Had six assists, five points and three rebounds at Navy on 1/21/05... Tallied seven assists, four steals, four points and two rebounds against Army on 1/12/05... Grabbed six rebounds, and had three assists, two points and a steal on 1/8/05 vs. Bucknell... Tallied three assists and a steal in limited action on 1/4/05 at #2 Duke ...Tallied two rebounds, one assist and one steal in limited action vs. #18 DePaul on 1/2/05... Played 16 minutes and tallied two assists and two rebounds vs. St. John's in her first game since going down with a knee injury on 12/5/04 vs. UConn... Missed 12/20/04 game vs. Northeastern due to injury... Missed 12/9/04 game vs. Siena due to injury... Missed 12/7/04 game vs. URI due to injury... Recorded a steal before going down with a knee injury vs. UConn on 12/5/04... Recorded a game-high eight assists, to go along with seven points, a career-high four steals, and three boards on 12/1/04 vs. BC... Dished out six helpers, added three steals, two points, and a rebound on 11/27/04 vs. Iona... Had a career-high and a team-high 14 points, to go along with three rebounds, three assists, and two steals on 11/26/04 vs. UAB... Recorded a career-high and a game-high 11 assists, had two steals, and played a career-high 37 minutes on 11/23/04 vs. UMass... Had a game-high seven assists, and chipped in six points and four rebounds on 11/21/04 vs. Buffalo... Played 31 minutes in the opener vs. Providence on November 19... dished out a game-high 10 assists... chipped in three points on 1-of-3 shooting from long range... pulled down two rebounds, and added a steal... **High School:** Played for three different coaches in four years at Nashua High School... 2004 New Hampshire Player of the Year... 2004 Class L Player of the Year... 2004 New Hampshire Gatorade Player of the Year... 2004 McDonald's All-American Top 100... First-Team All-State 2002, 2003, and 2004... New Hampshire All-Academic Team 2002 and 2004... Tiger 1590 Miss New Hampshire Basketball 2003... *Street and Smith Magazine* honorbale mention 2002 and 2003... 2004 Nashua High School Winter Athlete of the Year... Earned Team MVP honors sophomore, junior, and senior year... Led Nashua High to three Class L State Championships... Scored over 1,000 points and had over 500 assists... Averaged 16 points, 6 rebounds, 8 assists, and 5 steals per game her senior year.

Ashley McLaughlin **6'1 - Sophomore - Guard/Forward** **Andover, Mass./ Andover**

As a Freshman in 2004-05: PATRIOT LEAGUE ALL-ROOKIE TEAM
...Played in all 31 games... Made 11 starts... Averaged 4.0 points per game... Finished fourth on the team with 56 rebounds and 3.1 rebounds per game... Third on the team in block (16)... Chipped in 36 assists and 28 steals... Tallied seven points, three rebounds, two assists and a steal in the first round of the NCAA Tournament vs. second-seeded Ohio State... Scored four points in the PL championship game... Grabbed four rebounds at Army on 2/26/05... Had six points and four rebounds at Lafayette on 2/11/05... Scored five points and had one rebound, one assist and one steal vs. American on 2/6/05... Had a career-high four blocks, added four points and three rebounds on 2/4/05 vs. Navy... Tied a career-high with six rebounds and had four points and two steals... tied a career-high with six rebounds, had three points and two assists vs. Lafayette on 1/28/05... Chipped in three points, one rebound and one assist on 1/8/05 vs. Bucknell... Tallied five points, two rebounds, two steals and a block on 1/4/05 vs. #2 Duke... Registered two points and two steals on 1/2/05 vs. #18 DePaul... Had eight points and pulled down five rebounds in 20 minutes of action on 12/30/04 vs. St. John's ... Grabbed a career-high six rebounds, and added four points, two blocks, two steals, and an assist, while playing a career-high 35 minutes on 12/20/04 vs. Northeastern... Scored four points, and had two rebounds, two assists, and one steal on 12/9/04 vs. Siena... Pulled down five rebounds and had three points and an assist on 12/7/04 vs. URI... Had four points, four rebounds, and one steal on 12/5/04 vs. UConn... Had five points, four rebounds, and an assists on 12/1/04 vs. BC... Tallied 10 points, five boards, three assists, and three steals on 11/27/04 vs. Iona... Pulled down five rebounds, and added four points, three assists, and a steal on 11/26/04 vs. UAB... Poured in a career-high 13 points on 3-for-3 shooting from behind the arc, also had a career-high three assists, and a career-high two blocks vs. UMass on 11/23/04... Tossed in four points, pulled down four rebounds, had three assists, and a steal in 24 minutes on 11/21/04 vs. Buffalo... tallied five points, three steals, two rebounds, and an assist on 11/19/04 vs. Providence... **High School:** Played for Coach Jim Tildsley at Andover High School... 2004 McDonald's All-American Nominee... 2004 *Boston Globe* Super Team... 2004 *Boston Herald* Dream Team... 2004 *Lawrence Eagle Tribune* Merrimack Valley Conference Most Valuable Player... 2004 Boston Media One Tournament All-Star ... 2004 Merrimack Valley Conference Most Valuable Player... 2004 Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament Most Valuable Player... 2003 Boston Media One Tournament Most Valuable Player... served as team captain her senior year ... led Andover to two Massachusetts Division 1 State Championships (won title in 2002-2003 and lost by one point in 2003-2004)... led Andover to two Merrimack Valley Championships... averaged over 15 points, 10 rebounds, and three blocks per game her senior year... 1,000 point scorer... served as a two-time volleyball captain at Andover and won conference Most Valuable Player her senior year... also won the *Boston Globe* All-Scholastic award for Volleyball as a senior.

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Kathy Gruzynski
6'2 - Freshman - Forward
Elk Grove, Ill./ James B. Conant

High School: Four-year letterwinner in volleyball and basketball...Team captain senior year...Averaged 17.2 points and 5.4 rebounds as a senior...Scored in double figures in 21 of 24 games as a senior...Poured in 30 points or more three times...2004 *Champaign News-Gazette* All-State honorable mention...2004 *Daily Herald* All-Area First Team...2004 All-Conference First Team...Led James B. Conant to the War-Hawk Thanksgiving Tournament championship in 2003 and the Dixon Christmas Tournament and Rockford Guilford Thanksgiving Tournament championships in 2002...War-Hawk Tournament MVP...Guilford All-Tournament Team...

Personal: Daughter of Bill and Laurie Gruzynski...Born on July 25, 1987...Her sister Vicki is a graduate student at Illinois State University, her brother Bill is a junior on the football team at Columbia and her brother Mike plays football and lacrosse at Conant High School...Her father played football and rugby at Northern Illinois University.

Jessica Merrihue
6'2 - Freshman - Forward
Holtsville, N.Y./ Sachem

High School: Four-year starter and two year team captain in both volleyball and basketball...McDonald's All-American nominee...McDonald's All-American Top 100 ...*Street and Smith* honorable mention 2001-2004...U.S. Junior Nationals AAU team championship 2004 (Liberty Belles)...Second Team All-Long Island 2003...N.Y. State Empire Games women's basketball team 2002...Averaged 15.6 points, 10 rebounds, eight assists and three blocks per game as a senior...Led the basketball team to the Suffolk County finals in 2003 and 2004...Earned MVP honors while leading team to the 2002 Northport Christmas Tournament championship...Three-time All-League and All-County selection...Scored 1,000 career points...N.Y. State Scholar-Athlete in both volleyball and basketball, 2001-2004...Recorded more than 1,000 kills and led team in blocks junior and senior year...Three-time All-County...Two-time All-League...Team MVP 2003, 2004...2001 Suffolk County Rookie of the Year...**Personal:** Daughter of James and Joanne Merrihue...Born on June 19, 1987...Has two brothers, Ryan and Kevin.

Jessica Pearson
5'7 - Freshman - Guard
West Chester, Pa./ Archbishop Carroll

High School: Four-year letterwinner at Archbishop Carroll...Helped her team to two Philadelphia Catholic League championships...Led a nationally ranked (seventh) squad in 2004-05 with six points and five assists per game...Earned MVP honors at the Oakland Catholic Tournament...2005 First Team All-Main Line...**Personal:** Daughter of Mike and Rita Pearson...Born on February 23, 1987...Has two brothers, Michael and Patrick and three sisters, Caitlin, Megan and Rachel...Michael attends the University of Scranton and Caitlin plays basketball at Mount St. Mary's...Her father played basketball at Mount St. Mary's and is a member of the 1,000 point club.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
NOVEMBER			
6 Sun.	McGill University (Exhibition)	TBA	TBA
18 Fri.	at Northeastern	Boston, Mass.	7:00 p.m.
20 Sun.	at Massachusetts	Amherst, Mass.	2:00 p.m.
22 Tue.	DARTMOUTH	Worcester, Mass.	6:00 p.m.
28 Mon.	ST. PETERS	Worcester, Mass.	7:00 p.m.
30 Wed.	at Boston College	Chestnut Hill, Mass.	7:00 p.m.
DECEMBER			
2 Fri.	Wells Fargo Holiday Classic Memphis vs. Western Kentucky	Tempe, Ari.	TBA
	Holy Cross vs. Arizona State		TBA
3 Sat.	Wells Fargo Holiday Classic Consolation Game	Tempe, Ari.	TBA
	Championship Game		TBA
7 Wed.	RHODE ISLAND	Worcester, Mass.	6:00 p.m.
19 Mon.	at Connecticut %	Hartford, Conn.	7:00 p.m.
28 Wed.	Cavalier Classic Yale vs. Virginia	Charlottesville, Va.	TBA
	Boston Univ. vs. Holy Cross		TBA
29 Thr.	Cavalier Classic Consolation Game	Charlottesville, Va.	TBA
	Championship Game		TBA
JANUARY			
2 Mon.	at Maine	Orono, Maine	7:00 p.m.
7 Sat.	LAFAYETTE *	Worcester, Mass.	TBA
10 Tue.	at Army *	West Point, N.Y.	7:00 p.m.
14 Sat.	at Bucknell *	Lewisburg, Pa.	TBA
16 Mon.	DUKE	Worcester, Mass.	7:00 p.m.
21 Sat.	AMERICAN *	Worcester, Mass.	TBA
24 Tue.	COLGATE *	Worcester, Mass.	7:00 p.m.
28 Sat.	at Lehigh *	Bethlehem, Pa.	TBA
31 Tue.	at Navy *	Annapolis, Md.	7:30 p.m.
FEBRUARY			
4 Sat.	at Lafayette *	Easton, Pa.	TBA
7 Tue.	ARMY *	Worcester, Mass.	7:00 p.m.
11 Sat.	BUCKNELL *	Worcester, Mass.	TBA
14 Tue.	NAVY *	Worcester, Mass.	7:00 p.m.
18 Sat.	at American *	Washington, D.C.	TBA
21 Tue.	at Colgate *	Hamilton, N.Y.	7:00 p.m.
25 Sat.	LEHIGH *	Worcester, Mass.	TBA
MARCH			
2	Patriot League Quarterfinals	TBA	TBA
4	Patriot League Semifinals	TBA	TBA
8	Patriot League Championship	TBA	TBA

BOLD CAPS - Home Games

% - Hartford Civic Center

* - Patriot League Games



Holy Cross Combined Team Statistics (as of Aug 09, 2005)
Conference games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(12-2)	(7-0)	(5-2)	(0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(12-2)	(7-0)	(5-2)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)

##	Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		FT-FTA	Pct	---REBOUNDS---				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct			Off	Def	Tot	Avg								
00	Andrews, Lisa.....	14-14	333 23.8	89-173	.514	0-0	.000	36-44	.818	26	56	82	5.9	41	3	16	35	25	11	214	15.3
34	Fontana, Maggie....	14-14	378 27.0	60-114	.526	9-20	.450	55-64	.859	37	49	86	6.1	27	0	29	36	0	19	184	13.1
33	Keil, Brittany.....	14-14	376 26.9	57-124	.460	18-42	.429	23-33	.697	20	53	73	5.2	44	3	31	27	13	14	155	11.1
23	Conte, Jessica.....	14-0	319 22.8	30-87	.345	11-39	.282	26-32	.813	19	24	43	3.1	25	0	30	13	0	30	97	6.9
10	Placek, Sarah.....	14-14	370 26.4	29-99	.293	5-36	.139	21-35	.600	9	21	30	2.1	27	0	37	51	0	32	84	6.0
15	Bush, Shannon.....	14-0	226 16.1	29-81	.358	12-39	.308	13-18	.722	1	26	27	1.9	20	1	21	9	0	14	83	5.9
05	Aloisi, Laura.....	14-13	341 24.4	16-51	.314	5-21	.238	6-6	1.000	5	30	35	2.5	21	0	54	49	0	27	43	3.1
13	McLaughlin, Ashley.	14-0	257 18.4	14-43	.326	3-14	.214	8-18	.444	19	23	42	3.0	14	0	15	13	7	9	39	2.8
52	Foley, Kaitlin.....	14-0	119 8.5	16-28	.571	0-0	.000	6-7	.857	7	8	15	1.1	7	0	5	18	1	5	38	2.7
31	Brennan-McBride, A.	6-0	23 3.8	6-10	.600	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	0	1	1	0.2	4	0	0	3	1	0	14	2.3
11	Agostinacchio, C...	12-1	58 4.8	5-14	.357	2-5	.400	3-4	.750	5	15	20	1.7	0	0	6	7	0	3	15	1.3
TEAM.....											26	29	55	3.9	0		2				
Total.....		14	2800	351-824	.426	65-216	.301	199-264	.754	174	335	509	36.4	230	7	244	263	47	164	966	69.0
Opponents.....		14	2800	303-800	.379	57-204	.279	174-245	.710	188	327	515	36.8	231	-	187	303	32	149	837	59.8

TEAM STATISTICS	HOLYCR	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	966	837	*1/8/05	BUCKNELL	W	66-61	688
Points per game.....	69.0	59.8	*1/12/05	ARMY	W	70-53	873
Scoring margin.....	+9.2	-	*01/15/05	at Colgate	W	66-65	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	351-824	303-800	*1/21/05	at U.S. Naval Academy	W	73-48	624
Field goal pct.....	.426	.379	*1/23/05	at American University	W	67-48	220
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	65-216	57-204	*1/28/05	LAFAYETTE	W	70-48	922
3-point FG pct.....	.301	.279	*1/30/05	LEHIGH	W	71-68	1488
3-pt FG made per game..	4.6	4.1	*2/4/05	NAVY	W	71-57	1132
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	199-264	174-245	*2/6/05	AMERICAN	W	56-47	789
Free throw pct.....	.754	.710	*02/11/05	at Lafayette	W	68-62	280
REBOUNDS.....	509	515	*2/13/05	at Lehigh	L	63-73	433
Rebounds per game.....	36.4	36.8	*2/19/05	COLGATE	W	80-74	2885
Rebounding margin.....	-0.4	-	*2/23/05	at Bucknell	L	71-72	328
ASSISTS.....	244	187	*02/26/05	at Army	W	74-61	758
Assists per game.....	17.4	13.4	* Patriot League games				
TURNOVERS.....	263	303	! Coors Rocky Mountain Invitational, Fort Collins, Colo.				
Turnovers per game.....	18.8	21.6					
Turnover margin.....	+2.9	-					
Assist/turnover ratio..	0.9	0.6					
STEALS.....	164	149					
Steals per game.....	11.7	10.6					
BLOCKS.....	47	32					
Blocks per game.....	3.4	2.3					
WINNING STREAK.....	1	-					
Home win streak.....	7	-					
ATTENDANCE.....	8777	2643					
Home games-Avg/Game....	7-1254	7-378					
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	0-0					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total
Holy Cross.....	446	520	966
Opponents.....	351	486	837

Holy Cross Combined Team Statistics (as of Aug 09, 2005)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(20-11)	(12-3)	(7-6)	(1-2)
CONFERENCE.....	(12-2)	(7-0)	(5-2)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(8-9)	(5-3)	(2-4)	(1-2)

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				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct			Off	Def	Tot	Avg								
00	Andrews, Lisa.....	31-31	712 23.0	162-344	.471	0-0	.000	72-99	.727	51	117	168	5.4	78	4	24	67	55	20	396	12.8
34	Fontana, Maggie....	30-27	769 25.6	100-227	.441	12-37	.324	102-126	.810	69	99	168	5.6	67	0	68	76	0	44	314	10.5
33	Keil, Brittany.....	30-28	796 26.5	103-236	.436	34-81	.420	47-58	.810	43	116	159	5.3	85	4	64	61	19	24	287	9.6
10	Placek, Sarah.....	31-28	844 27.2	94-261	.360	27-92	.293	49-76	.645	17	52	69	2.2	59	0	80	92	1	59	264	8.5
23	Conte, Jessica.....	31-4	704 22.7	69-173	.399	31-87	.356	45-60	.750	29	53	82	2.6	54	0	48	42	0	56	214	6.9
15	Bush, Shannon.....	30-1	501 16.7	62-179	.346	24-83	.289	28-39	.718	2	51	53	1.8	41	2	49	26	2	30	176	5.9
13	McLaughlin, Ashley.	31-11	650 21.0	43-114	.377	8-26	.308	29-48	.604	39	56	95	3.1	30	0	36	40	16	28	123	4.0
05	Aloisi, Laura.....	28-24	673 24.0	32-108	.296	11-44	.250	17-24	.708	11	53	64	2.3	41	1	119	91	1	51	92	3.3
52	Foley, Kaitlin....	31-0	337 10.9	39-83	.470	0-0	.000	19-26	.731	24	32	56	1.8	26	0	17	54	10	12	97	3.1
31	Brennan-McBride, A.	17-0	66 3.9	12-21	.571	0-0	.000	3-8	.375	3	5	8	0.5	8	0	2	10	3	0	27	1.6
11	Agostinacchio, C...	27-1	148 5.5	14-28	.500	7-10	.700	3-4	.750	8	26	34	1.3	7	0	13	17	1	7	38	1.4
	TEAM.....									56	71	127	4.1	0		6					

Total.....	31	6200		730-1774	.412	154-460	.335	414-568	.729	352	731	1083	34.9	496	11	520	582	108	331	2028	65.4
Opponents.....	31	6200		732-1842	.397	141-464	.304	357-515	.693	446	768	1214	39.2	526	-	452	632	86	331	1962	63.3

TEAM STATISTICS	HOLYCR	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND	
SCORING.....	2028	1962	11/19/04	PROVIDENCE	W	68-40	1429	
Points per game.....	65.4	63.3	11/21/04	BUFFALO	W	73-42	1059	
Scoring margin.....	+2.1	-	11/23/04	MASSACHUSETTS	L	60-61	1179	
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	730-1774	732-1842	11/26/04	vs Alabama-Birmingham	L	65-66	1615	
Field goal pct.....	.412	.397	11/27/04	vs Iona	W	89-46	1445	
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	154-460	141-464	12/01/04	BOSTON COLLEGE	L	61-69	1833	
3-point FG pct.....	.335	.304	12/05/04	at Connecticut	L	36-75	16294	
3-pt FG made per game..	5.0	4.5	12/07/04	at Rhode Island	W	59-55	517	
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	414-568	357-515	12/09/04	at Siena	W	64-56	379	
Free throw pct.....	.729	.693	12/20/04	NORTHEASTERN	L	64-68	646	
REBOUNDS.....	1083	1214	12/30/04	at St. John's	L	62-75	724	
Rebounds per game.....	34.9	39.2	01/02/05	at DePaul	L	49-92	2508	
Rebounding margin.....	-4.2	-	01-04-05	at #2/2 Duke University	L	42-101	4289	
ASSISTS.....	520	452	*1/8/05	BUCKNELL	W	66-61	688	
Assists per game.....	16.8	14.6	*1/12/05	ARMY	W	70-53	873	
TURNOVERS.....	582	632	*01/15/05	at Colgate	W	66-65	-	
Turnovers per game....	18.8	20.4	*1/21/05	at U.S. Naval Academy	W	73-48	624	
Turnover margin.....	+1.6	-	*1/23/05	at American University	W	67-48	220	
Assist/turnover ratio..	0.9	0.7	*1/28/05	LAFAYETTE	W	70-48	922	
STEALS.....	331	331	*1/30/05	LEHIGH	W	71-68	1488	
Steals per game.....	10.7	10.7	*2/4/05	NAVY	W	71-57	1132	
BLOCKS.....	108	86	*2/6/05	AMERICAN	W	56-47	789	
Blocks per game.....	3.5	2.8	*02/11/05	at Lafayette	W	68-62	280	
WINNING STREAK.....	0	-	*2/13/05	at Lehigh	L	63-73	433	
Home win streak.....	10	-	*2/19/05	COLGATE	W	80-74	2885	
ATTENDANCE.....	17062	30414	*2/23/05	at Bucknell	L	71-72	328	
Home games-Avg/Game...	15-1137	13-2104	*02/26/05	at Army	W	74-61	758	
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	3-1020	%03/03/05	LAFAYETTE	W	74-61	676	
			%03/05/05	NAVY	W	72-62	574	
SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total	%03/09/05	COLGATE	W	79-70	889
	---	---	---	03/20/05	vs #2 Ohio State	L	45-86	-
Holy Cross.....	960	1068	- 2028	* Patriot League games				
Opponents.....	844	1118	- 1962	! Coors Rocky Mountain Invitational, Fort Collins, Colo.				