



2013-14

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME NEWS & NOTES



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NEC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FACTS & FIGURES

2014 Northeast Conference Tournament

(all games played at home of higher seed)

Quarterfinals

Sunday, March 9

#1 ROBERT MORRIS 65, #8 LIU BROOKLYN 49

#2 MOUNT ST. MARY'S 75, #7 WAGNER 66

#3 SAINT FRANCIS U 132, #6 SACRED HEART (20T)

#4 BRYANT 58, #5 ST. FRANCIS BROOKLYN 53

Semifinals

Wednesday, March 12

#1 ROBERT MORRIS 72, #4 BRYANT 67

#3 SAINT FRANCIS U 68, #2 MOUNT ST. MARY'S 63

Championship

Sunday, March 16

#3 SAINT FRANCIS U at #1 ROBERT MORRIS

3:00 pm on ESPNU

#NEC14
@NECBBT

NEC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

THRU SEMIFINAL ROUND

	School	NEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Streak	Home	Away	Neu
1.	Robert Morris *	14-4	0.778	20-11	0.645	W3	15-4	5-7	0-0
2.	Mount St. Mary's *	13-5	0.722	19-13	0.594	L1	11-4	7-8	1-1
3.	Saint Francis U *	11-7	0.611	15-16	0.484	W4	8-5	7-10	0-1
	Bryant *	11-7	0.611	17-14	0.548	L1	9-5	8-9	0-0
5.	St. Francis Brooklyn *	10-8	0.556	19-11	0.633	L1	12-2	6-9	1-0
6.	Sacred Heart *	9-9	0.500	12-18	0.400	L2	9-5	3-12	0-1
7.	Wagner *	8-10	0.444	9-21	0.300	L3	5-8	4-12	0-1
8.	LIU Brooklyn *	7-11	0.389	9-21	0.300	L3	4-10	5-11	0-0
9.	Central Connecticut	5-13	0.278	11-17	0.393	L1	7-6	4-11	0-0
10.	Fairleigh Dickinson	2-16	0.111	3-26	0.103	W1	3-12	0-13	0-1

NEC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME



FRONT ROW



LIVE on ESPNU
March 16 at 3:00 pm



#1

ROBERT MORRIS COLONIALS

OVERALL RECORD: 20-11
 NEC RECORD: 14-4
 HOME RECORD: 15-4
 AWAY RECORD: 5-7



SAINT FRANCIS U RED FLASH

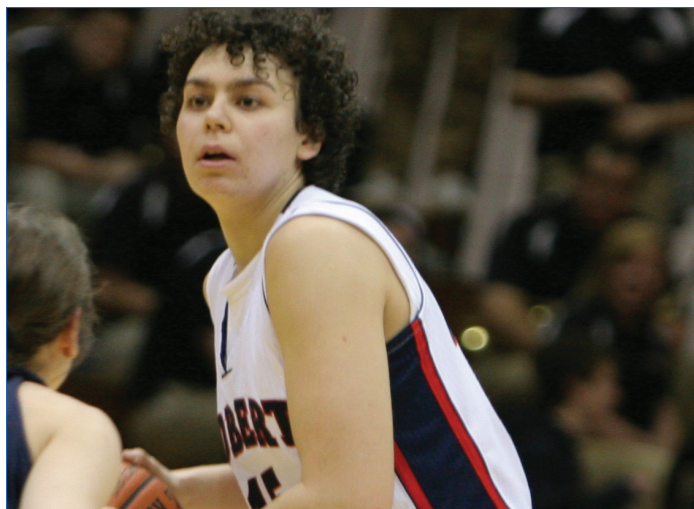
OVERALL RECORD: 15-16
 NEC RECORD: 11-7
 HOME RECORD: 8-5
 AWAY RECORD: 7-10



#3

- With **Artemis Spanou** enjoying an Artemis Spanou-like performance, top-seeded Robert Morris eked past No. 4 seed Bryant to advance to the #NECWBB Championship Game for the first time since 2008.
- Robert Morris has won four NEC Tournament titles, but none have come as the No. 1 seed.
- **Spanou** recorded the 85th double-double of her career with 24 points and 12 rebounds in the semifinal win over Bryant. The 6-foot-2 forward, who shot 67 percent from the floor, came up two assists shy of what would have been the second triple-double in NEC Tournament history.
- The Colonials advanced to the NEC Tournament semifinal round for the seventh time in the last nine seasons.
- Head coach **Sal Buscaglia** captured the 2014 Brenda Reilly NEC Coach of the Year award, marking the third time in his career he has held the honor.
- RMU (20-11) has hit the 20-win mark for the eighth time in program history and the sixth time during Buscaglia's 11-year tenure.
- Robert Morris rides a 12-game home win streak into Sunday's title game against SFU. RMU is 111-30 (.787) at the Sewall Center since 2004-05, including 75-15 (.833) against NEC foes.
- **Buscaglia** is the lone head coach in the 2014 NEC Tournament field to ever raise the championship trophy. His Colonials won back-to-back titles in 2007 and 2008.
- Senior forward **Artemis Spanou** captured the #NECWBB Player of the Year award for the second straight season. She is only one of three back-to-back winners of the award in the league's 28-year history of women's basketball.
- **Spanou** leads the NEC in rebounding (14.6 rpg) and field goal percentage (.514) this season. Her 19.5 ppg are second and her 4.00 assists per contest rank sixth amongst league leaders.
- **Spanou**, the NEC's all-time leading rebounder, is one of just seven Division I players in history to tally 2,000 points, 1,000 rebounds, 300 assists and 100 blocks over the course of a career.
- **Spanou**'s 85 career double-doubles rank third all-time on the NCAA leader board.
- Freshman guard **Anna Niki Stamolamprou** and first-year forward **Cassie Oursler** earned spots on the NEC All-Rookie team.
- **Stamolamprou** averages 12.3 ppg (15th in NEC) and 3.1 apg (11th in NEC).
- **Oursler** (.490) ranks second in the NEC in field goal percentage and her 49 blocks are third most in the conference.

- The Red Flash's 43 NEC Tournament wins are first in league history.
- Saint Francis has advanced to the #NECWBB Championship Game for the 16th time in the last 21 years.
- No NEC team has won more league titles than the Red Flash (11).
- Under head coach **Joe Haigh**'s direction, SFU is 4-1 all-time in NEC Tournament play. The second-year head coach has the Flash in the #NECWBB Championship Game for the second year in a row.
- Saint Francis finished on the winning side of the second-highest scoring game in NCAA history on Sunday, March 9. The Flash outlasted No. 6 Sacred Heart, 132-124, in double overtime. Both teams broke the former NEC Tournament single-game scoring record in regulation, which ended with the two deadlocked at 102-102.
- SFU has scored points at an historic pace this season. **Joe Haigh**'s team averages 83.0 points per contest, which is tops in NEC history.
- The 2013-14 Red Flash have been responsible for four of the seven highest scoring single-game outputs in NEC history. The 132 points that SFU scored in its quarterfinal round victory rank first all-time. The Flash also scored 111 (3rd), 110 (14th) and 106 (7th) points against NEC opponents this year.
- Saint Francis averages 88.6 offensive possessions per 40 minutes of basketball. Paul Westhead's Oregon Ducks are the only Division I team possessing the ball at a higher rate.
- Senior forward **Alli Williams** has enjoyed an honors-filled career. The two-time Capital One Academic All-American is one of only four women in NEC annals to record at least 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds in her career – Artemis Spanou (RMU), Ashley Palmer (LIU) and Jess Zinobile (SFU).
- After setting SFU's single-game scoring record with 47 points in the Flash's regular season finale against Wagner, **Williams** again poured in 47 during SFU's quarterfinal win. Her performance moved her past NEC Hall of Famer Jess Zinobile (46) for first place on the conference's single-game postseason scoring list.
- **Williams** (25.5 ppg) ranks fifth on the national scoring leader board this season. Her 3.0 steals per game are tied for third in the nation.
- Junior **Alexa Hayward** tallied 43 points during the Red Flash's record performance in the 2014 NEC quarterfinal round.
- **Hayward**, who averages 17.5 ppg (seventh in NEC), leads the league in three-pointers made this season (97). The 97 triples are fifth most in NEC single-season annals. RMU's Sade Logan (126) set the record back in 2008.
- The Red Flash's 251 three-pointers made are a NEC single-season record.



ROBERT MORRIS' Artemis Spanou (Sr., F)



SAINT FRANCIS' Alli Williams (Sr., F)

2014 NEC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



QUARTERFINALS

#1 Robert Morris

Sunday, March 9
2:00 pm

#8 LIU Brooklyn

#2 Mount St. Mary's

Sunday, March 9
2:00 pm

#7 Wagner

#3 Saint Francis U

Sunday, March 9
3:00 pm

#6 Sacred Heart

#4 Bryant

Sunday, March 9
6:00 pm

#5 St. Francis Brooklyn

SEMIFINALS

#1 Robert Morris (65-49)

Wednesday, March 12
7:00 pm
(ESPN3)

#4 Bryant (58-53)

#2 Mount St. Mary's (75-66)

Wednesday, March 12
7:00 pm
(ESPN3)

#3 Saint Francis U (132-124 2OT)

CHAMPIONSHIP

#1 Robert Morris (72-67)

Sunday, March 16
3:00 pm
ESPNU

#3 Saint Francis U (68-63)

NEC Champion

**Teams Re-seeded following each round*

PAST NEC TOURNAMENT WINNERS & MVPs

2013 - Final Result: #1 Quinnipiac def. #4 Saint Francis U, 72-33 (Hamden, CT)
2012 - Final Result: #1 Sacred Heart def. #3 Monmouth, 58-48 (Fairfield, CT)
2011 - Final Result: #1 Saint Francis U def. #2 Monmouth, 72-57 (Loretto, PA)
2010 - Final Result: #5 Saint Francis U def. #2 Long Island, 77-68 (Brooklyn, NY)
2009 - Final Result: #1 Sacred Heart def. #3 Saint Francis U, 74-66 (Fairfield, CT)
2008 - Final Result: #2 Robert Morris def. #4 Long Island, 86-75 (Moon Twp., PA)
2007 - Final Result: #2 Robert Morris def. #3 Sacred Heart, 68-66 (Fairfield, CT)
2006 - Final Result: #1 Sacred Heart def. #2 Quinnipiac, 69-65 (Fairfield, CT)
2005 - Final Result: #1 Saint Francis (PA) def. #3 Robert Morris, 65-50 (Loretto, PA)
2004 - Final Result: #1 Saint Francis (PA) def. #3 Monmouth, 70-55 (Loretto, PA)
2003 - Final Result: #1 Saint Francis (PA) def. #7 UMBC, 58-41 (Loretto, PA)
2002 - Final Result: #1 Saint Francis (PA) def. #2 Long Island, 74-54 (Loretto, PA)
2001 - Final Result: #3 Long Island def. #1 Mount St. Mary's, 70-61 (Trenton, NJ)
2000 - Final Result: #1 Saint Francis (PA) def. #6 Wagner, 74-60 (Trenton, NJ)
1999 - Final Result: #2 Saint Francis (PA) def. #4 Monmouth, 88-76 (Staten Island, NY)
1998 - Final Result: #1 Saint Francis (PA) def. #3 Wagner, 74-49 (Loretto, PA)
1997 - Final Result: #1 Saint Francis (PA) def. #2 Monmouth, 54-42 (Loretto, PA)
1996 - Final Result: #2 Saint Francis (PA) def. #1 Mount St. Mary's, 83-75 (Emmitsburg, MD)
1995 - Final Result: #1 Mount St. Mary's def. #2 Saint Francis (PA), 80-61 (Emmitsburg, MD)
1994 - Final Result: #1 Mount St. Mary's def. #2 Saint Francis (PA), 78-67 (Emmitsburg, MD)
1993 - Final Result: #2 Mount St. Mary's def. #4 Marist, 82-61 (Teaneck, NJ)
1992 - Final Result: #2 Fairleigh Dickinson def. #1 Mount St. Mary's, 78-55 (Emmitsburg, MD)
1991 - Final Result: #4 Robert Morris def. #6 Wagner, 69-61 (Emmitsburg, MD)
1990 - Final Result: #3 Fairleigh Dickinson def. #1 Mount St. Mary's, 70-65 (Emmitsburg, MD)
1989 - Final Result: #1 Wagner def. #2 Robert Morris, 66-60 (Staten Island, NY)
1988 - Final Result: #2 Robert Morris def. #1 Monmouth, 63-60 (West Long Branch, NJ)
1987 - Final Result: #1 Monmouth def. #3 Fairleigh Dickinson, 92-65 (West Long Branch, NJ)

MVP: Brittany McQuain, QU
MVP: Ericka Norman, SHU
MVP: Brittany Lilley, SFPA
MVP: Britney Hodges, SFPA
MVP: Kaitlin Sowinski, SHU
MVP: Chinata Nesbit, RMU
MVP: Chinata Nesbit, RMU
MVP: Amanda Pape, SHU
MVP: Beth Swink, SFPA
MVP: Tonjee Ward, SFPA
MVP: Beth Swink, SFPA
MVP: Karen Hewitt, SFPA
MVP: Tamika Dudley, LIU
MVP: Jess Zinobile, SFPA
MVP: Jess Zinobile, SFPA
MVP: Mary Markey, SFPA
MVP: Jess Zinobile, SFPA
MVP: Mary Markey, SFPA
MVP: Nikki Schroyer, MSM
MVP: Susie Rowlyk, MSM
MVP: Diana Matula, MSM
MVP: Barbara DeShields, FDU
MVP: Maebeth Schalles, RMU
MVP: Cathy Panos, FDU
MVP: Cynthia Quinlan, WC
MVP: JoAnn Beatty, RMU
MVP: Linda Wilson, MU

28 THINGS TO KNOW HEADING INTO THE 28th ANNUAL #NECWBB TOURNAMENT

1. The 2014 NEC Tournament bracket contains three teams who were not here last year. Top-seeded Robert Morris is back after failing to qualify in 2013 when it finished 10th in the standings. Under second-year head coach Lisa Cermignano, Wagner will make its first appearance since 2010. Meanwhile, LIU Brooklyn returns following a one-year absence.
2. The 2014 NEC Tournament will follow the same "high seed host" format that was reemployed in 2011. The higher-seeded teams will host games throughout the entirety of this year's event.
3. Exactly one-quarter of the eight-team Tournament field is still searching for its first title. St. Francis Brooklyn and Bryant have yet to cut down the nets and capture the NEC's automatic bid to the Big Dance. In fact, neither has ever made it through to the title game.
4. Robert Morris owns the No. 1 seed in the NEC Tournament for the second time in its program's history. The Colonials have won four conference crowns, but have never done so as the tourney's top seed.
5. Three programs in this year's field have won two NEC Tournament titles in the past decade -- Robert Morris (2007, 2008), Sacred Heart (2009, 2012) and Saint Francis (PA) (2010, 2011).
6. Saint Francis (PA) became the lowest seed ever to win the event when the No. 5 seed Red Flash went all the way in 2010.
7. Seeded fourth in 1991, Robert Morris had been the lowest seed to ever win the tournament title.
8. Mount St. Mary's will be making its record 23rd appearance at the NEC Tournament. The Mount's string of 20 consecutive NEC Tournament appearances ended in 2010. After absences in 2010 and 2011, Bryan Whitten's team is back in the postseason for the third year in a row.
9. Sacred Heart, who has qualified for the NEC Tournament every year since it joined the league in 1999, owns the longest active streak for consecutive appearances (15).
10. The No. 1 seed has won it all 16 times in 27 years.
11. In the 19 years since the Northeast conference discontinued the six-team bracket, the No. 1 seed has won 14 times and has only missed the final on four occasions.
12. The 1991 RMU Colonials are the only team to win the tournament while finishing the season with a sub-.500 winning percentage (13-17).
13. Saint Francis (PA) has the most tournament wins (41) and most NEC titles (11) of any conference team.
14. The Red Flash's record win streak of 29 straight tournament victories came to a halt at the hands of Sacred Heart in the 2009 NEC Championship Game.
15. Saint Francis (PA) has made it through to the semifinal round more often than anyone else in the field. The Red Flash have been amongst the Tournament's final four on 15 occasions, and proceeded to advance to the Championship Game all 15 times.
16. The two lowest seeds to ever meet in the Championship Game were No. 4 Robert Morris and No. 6 Wagner back in 1991. RMU prevailed, 69-61.
17. No team has ever reached the century mark in a game during tournament time. Saint Francis (PA), Monmouth and Robert Morris have all scored 92 points in a Tournament game. The Red Flash did it against Monmouth in 1994 while the Hawks scored 92 against St. Francis (NY) en route to the title. RMU did it in the 2012 NEC quarterfinal round, topping the Red Flash by a score of 92-82.
18. The largest margin of victory in a tournament game (39) came in Quinnipiac's 72-33 triumph over Saint Francis (PA) in the 2013 Championship Game.
19. Only four players have earned both Tournament MVP and Player of the Year accolades in the same season. Monmouth's Linda Wilson was honored with both awards during the league's inaugural season in 1986-87, followed by Mount St. Mary's Susie Rowlyk in 1993-94 and Saint Francis (PA)'s Jess Zinobile in 1999-2000. Most recently, Amanda Pape of Sacred Heart was tabbed with both honors in 2005-06. Will 2014 NEC Player of the Year Artemis Spanou make it five?
20. Two of the five members of the 2013 NEC All-Tournament Team are back this March -- SFU's Alli Williams and Mount's Jackie Brewer.
21. Quinnipiac's Ashlee Kelly redefined "monster game" in 2004 when she poured in 38 points and grabbed 28 rebounds during a quarterfinal showdown with FDU. Two days after her tournament record 28-rebound performance, QU's Ashlee Kelly hauled in 26 boards and still owns the top two spots on the tournament's all-time single-game rebounding list.
22. Robert Morris' Chinata Nesbit, a former two-time Tournament MVP, owns the lone triple-double in tourney history (2008 QF vs. SFBK).
23. Two of the eight head coaches in this year's field will be making their NEC Tournament debut. Lisa Cermignano has Wagner in the postseason in her second year on the job, while rookie head coach Jessica Mannetti has led Sacred Heart back to the event.
24. RMU's Sal Buscaglia has more NEC Tournament wins (12) than any other coach in this year's field.
25. Buscaglia is the lone active NEC head coach with a tournament title on his resume (2007, 2008).
26. No. 8 seed LIU Brooklyn will look to produce the second-ever 8-over-1 upset in NEC Tournament history. St. Francis (BK) was the first to pull off the feat when they ousted LIU Brooklyn in 2007.
27. Since 1994, the NEC Tournament champion has received an automatic bid to the NCAA's Big Dance. Mount St. Mary's earned the league's first-ever auto berth and faced Iowa in the 1994 NCAA First Round.
28. For the seventh consecutive year, the NEC Women's Basketball Championship Game will reach a national TV audience via ESPNU. This year's title tilt is set for March 16 at 3:00 pm.

TOURNEY HISTORY OF 2014 TOURNEY FIELD

Seed	Team	Tourney Rec.	Semis	Chmp Gm	Titles
#1	Robert Morris	19-14 (.576)	12	6	4
#2	Mount St. Mary's	18-19 (.486)	13	7	3
#3	Saint Francis U	41-8 (.837)	15	15	11
#4	Bryant	0-1 (.000)	0	0	0
#5	St. Francis Brooklyn	5-11 (.313)	5	0	0
#6	Sacred Heart	16-11 (.593)	9	4	3
#7	Wagner	14-18 (.438)	9	4	1
#8	LIU Brooklyn	15-16 (.484)	8	4	1

NOTE: All records are upon entering 2014 Tournament.

*Semis - denotes semifinal round appearances

*Chmp Gm - denotes Championship Game appearances

HEAD COACHES IN 2014 TOURNEY FIELD

Seed	Coach (School)	App.	Tourney Rec.	Titles
#1	Sal Buscaglia (Robert Morris)	10	14-7 (.667)	2
#2	Bryan Whitten (Sacred Heart)	5	2-5 (.286)	0
#3	Joe Haigh (Saint Francis U)	2	4-1 (.800)	0
#4	Mary Burke (Bryant)	2	1-2 (.333)	0
#5	John Thurston (SFBK)	2	0-2 (.000)	0
#6	Jessica Mannetti (Sacred Heart)	1	0-1 (.000)	0
#7	Lisa Cermignano (Wagner)	1	0-1 (.000)	0
#8	Gail Striegler (LIU Brooklyn)	4	2-4 (.333)	0

* Updated through 2014 NEC semifinal round.

ALL-TIME NEC TOURNAMENT WINS LEADERS

	Name	Yrs in NEC	Wins
1.	Ed Swanson (SHU)	1999-2013	16
2.	Jenny Przekwas (SFU)	1992-99	16
3.	Bill Sheahan (MSM)	1990-98	14
	Sal Buscaglia (RMU)	2003-present	*14
5.	Tricia Fabbri (QU)	1998-2013	10

* includes 2014 quarterfinal and semifinal wins

THE SEED REPORT

Seed	Winner	Year
#1	Quinnipiac	2013
#1	Sacred Heart	2012
#1	Saint Francis (PA)	2011
#5	Saint Francis (PA)	2010
#1	Sacred Heart	2009
#2	Robert Morris	2008
#2	Robert Morris	2007
#1	Sacred Heart	2006
#1	Saint Francis (PA)	2005
#1	Saint Francis (PA)	2004
#1	Saint Francis (PA)	2003
#1	Saint Francis (PA)	2002
#3	Long Island	2001
#1	Saint Francis (PA)	2000
#2	Saint Francis (PA)	1999
#1	Saint Francis (PA)	1998
#1	Saint Francis (PA)	1997
#2	Saint Francis (PA)	1996
#1	Mount St. Mary's	1995
#1	Mount St. Mary's	1994
#2	Mount St. Mary's	1993
#2	Fairleigh Dickinson	1992
#4	Robert Morris	1991
#3	Fairleigh Dickinson	1990
#1	Wagner	1989
#2	Robert Morris	1988
#1	Monmouth	1987

NEC TOURNAMENT SINGLE-GAME RECORDS

Individual Standards

Points	CI	Pts	Opponent (Date)
Alli Williams	Sr	47	Sacred Heart (3/9/14)
Gabby Washington	Jr	47	Saint Francis U (3/9/14)
Jess Zinobile	Sr	46	Long Island (3/4/00)
Field Goals Made	CI	FG	Opponent (Date)
Alexa Hayward (SFU)	Jr.	16	Sacred Heart (3/9/14)
Gabby Washington	Jr.	16	Saint Francis U (3/9/14)
Diane Campbell (FDU)	So	15	Loyola (3/4/87)
Linda Wilson (MU)	Sr	15	Fairleigh Dickinson (3/7/87)
Sade Logan (RMU)	Jr	15	Monmouth (3/9/08)
Field Goal Attempts	CI	FGA	Opponent (Date)
Sade Logan (RMU)	Jr	30	Monmouth (3/9/08)
3-Point FGs Made	CI	3FG	Opponent (Date)
Allison Daly (SFPA)	Jr	8	Robert Morris (3/7/10)
Rebounds	CI	Reb	Opponent (Date)
Ashlee Kelly (QU)	Sr	28	Fairleigh Dickinson (3/5/04)
Assists	CI	Ast	Opponent (Date)
Kerry Dressel (FDU)	Sr	12	Marist (3/8/88)
Steals	CI	Stl	Opponent (Date)
Colleen Demarest (RID)	Sr	9	Saint Francis (PA) (3/7/96)
Blocks	CI	Blk	Opponent (Date)
Sandra Cook (MU)	Sr	7	Fairleigh Dickinson (3/11/88)
Vanessa Blair (MSM)	So	7	Fairleigh Dickinson (3/10/90)
Free Throws	CI	FT	Opponent (Date)
Christa Ciriani (MU)	Sr	16	Long Island (3/8/94)
Free Throw Attempts	CI	FTA	Opponent (Date)
Christa Ciriani (MU)	Sr	21	Long Island (3/8/94)

Team Standards

Points	Pts	Opponent (Date)
Saint Francis U	132	vs. Sacred Heart (3/9/14)
*Three Times	92	Last - RMU vs. SFU (3/3/12)
* Previous Record		
Margin of Victory	Pts	Opponent (Date)
Quinnipiac	39	Saint Francis U (3/17/13)
Field Goals	FGM	Opponent (Date)
Saint Francis U	43	vs. Sacred Heart (3/9/14)
Sacred Heart	43	at Saint Francis U (3/9/14)
*Monmouth	36	St. Francis BK (3/6/87)
* Previous Record		
3-Point FGs Made	3FG	Opponent (Date)
Saint Francis U	14	Robert Morris (3/7/10)
Rebounds	Reb	Opponent (Date)
Quinnipiac	61	Fairleigh Dickinson (3/5/04)
Assists	Ast	Opponent (Date)
Mount St. Mary's	25	Rider (3/10/94)
Steals	Stl	Opponent (Date)
Rider	22	Wagner (3/7/95)
Blocks	Blk	Opponent (Date)
Monmouth	12	St. Francis BK (3/6/87)
Free Throws	FTM	Opponent (Date)
Saint Francis U	34	vs. Sacred Heart (3/9/14)
Monmouth	34	LIU Brooklyn (3/8/94)

NEC ALL-TIME CAREER LEADERS

Individual Scoring Leaders

Player (Team)	Years	Points
1. Jess Zinobile (SFPA)	1996-00	2,338
2. Alli Williams (SFPA)	2010-	2,149
3. Beth Swink (SFPA)	2001-05	2,127
4. Artemis Spanou (RMU)	2010-	2,088
5. Amanda Pape (SHU)	2003-07	2,045
6. Ashley Palmer (LIU)	2009-12	2,044
7. Karen Erving (SFNY)	1987-91	1,929
8. Mariyah Laury (FDU)	2009-12	1,923
9. Amanda Rosato (MU)	1997-01	1,916
10. Callan Taylor (SHU)	2009-12	1,822

Individual Rebounding Leaders

Player (Team)	Years	Rebounds
1. Artemis Spanou (RMU)	2010-	1,537
2. Jess Zinobile (SFPA)	1996-00	1,295
3. Alli Williams (SFPA)	2010-	1,144
4. Gabriella Guegbelet (CC)	2003-07	1,139
5. Naana Ankoma-Mensa (BRY)	2010-	1,124
6. Callan Taylor (SHU)	2009-12	1,123
7. Elise James (RMU)	1996-00	1,120
8. Cynthia Quinlan (WAG)	1986-90	1,118
9. Ashlee Kelly (QU)	2000-04	1,107
10. Alicia Conquest (WAG)	1994-98	1,106

Individual Assists Leaders

Player (Team)	Years	Assists
1. Sandy Salerno (SFBK)	1987-91	589
2. Ericka Norman (SHU)	2010-	583
3. Karen Hewitt (SFPA)	2000-04	574
4. Maureen Logan (SFPA)	1989-93	522
5. Amy Langville (MSM)	1994-97	513
6. Jessie Brown (UMBC)	1999-03	502
7. Andrea Reed (WAG)	2007-10	499
8. Natallia Marchanka (FDU)	2000-04	494
9. Ashley Linscott (WC)	2000-04	485
10. Nicole Cervino (MU)	1990-94	472

ROBERT MORRIS NABS NO. 1 SEED ON HEELS OF FOURTH #NECWBB REGULAR SEASON CROWN

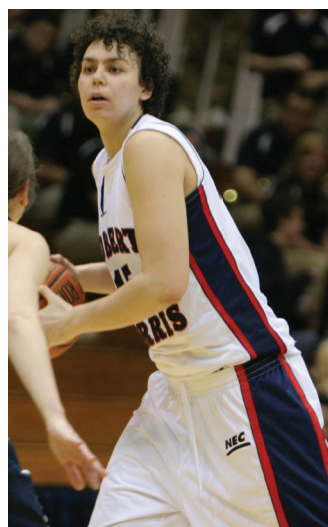
The Road to the 2014 NEC Women's Basketball Tournament title will go through Robert Morris.

Making good on the coaches' preseason prediction, the Colonials secured the NEC regular season crown and will own the No. 1 seed in the conference's eight-team postseason tournament.

Robert Morris (18-11, 14-4) captured its fourth regular season title in the Sal Buscaglia Era by knocking off Mount St. Mary's in its regular season finale at the Sewall Center.

"It's the first time for me winning the regular season championship. It's exciting and a great feeling, but now we've got to stay more focused," said RMU senior forward **Artemis Spanou**. Everybody is coming for us even more than they were during the regular season."

The Mount (18-12, 13-5), which entered Monday night's final in a first-place tie with RMU, will be the No. 2 seed at the 2014 NEC Tournament after posting the program's best conference record since 2001.



• RMU's Artemis Spanou (above) is the NEC's top rebounder.

No. 3 **Saint Francis** (13-16, 11-7) and No. 4 **Bryant** (16-13, 11-7) will join Robert Morris and Mount St. Mary's in hosting quarterfinal round contests. All NEC Tournament games will be played at the home sites of the higher-seeded teams.

No. 5 **St. Francis Brooklyn** (19-10, 10-8), No. 6 **Sacred Heart** (12-17, 9-9), No. 7 **Wagner** (9-20, 8-10) and No. 8 **LIU Brooklyn** (9-20, 7-11) will all tip off postseason play on the road.

After failing to qualify for the postseason last March, Robert Morris has earned the No. 1 seed at the NEC Tournament for the second time in program history. The Colonials have won four conference titles during their history, but never as the top-seeded team.

"Every year you go for that championship. The first two years we didn't get it, and then, we kind of struggled last year with a lot of injuries," Spanou said.

"This year, it's our senior years [speaking with Kelly Hartwell next to her] and we want the championship. Our goal was to get the NEC Championship. We played every game to get better and to get us there, and finally we got it. Now we have to focus on the playoffs."

The 28th annual NEC Women's Basketball Championship will commence on March 9 with quarterfinal round play followed by the semifinals on March 12. For the seventh year in a row, the #NECWBB Championship Game will reach a live national TV audience via ESPNU. The game, which will decide the recipient of the NEC's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, will tip off at 3:00 pm EST on Sunday, March 16.

QUARTERFINALS AT A GLANCE

No. 1 Robert Morris vs. No. 8 LIU Brooklyn

2013-14 Meetings: RMU 66, LIU 52 (Jan. 25); RMU 79, LIU 43 (Feb. 17) Robert Morris looks to complete the difficult task of defeating the same team three times in one season. Like the Colonials, LIU Brooklyn returns to the NEC Tournament following a one-year absence. Gail Striegler's Blackbirds, who had won four of five games heading into the final week of the regular season, hope to become the second team in league history to pull off an 8-over-1 upset. The upcoming meeting at the Sewall Center marks the first time these two teams have faced one another in postseason play since RMU topped LIU in the 2008 NEC Championship Game.

No. 2 Mount St. Mary's vs. No. 7 Wagner

2013-14 Meetings: MSM 89, WAG 78 (Jan. 18); MSM 64, WAG 52 (Mar. 1) Both teams are experiencing their best seasons in the past decade, but only one can advance. Holding its highest seed since it owned the No. 1 spot back in 2001, Mount St. Mary's is in search of the program's fourth conference crown. The Mount, which has qualified for the NEC Tournament 23 times in 25 years, will welcome Wagner to Emmitsburg for the first women's postseason game at Knott Arena since before the turn of the Millennium. The Seahawks, who posted only three overall victories last year, quadrupled their NEC win total during their second season under head coach Lisa Cermignano.

No. 3 Saint Francis U vs. No. 6 Sacred Heart

2013-14 Meetings: SHU 95, SFU 88 (Jan. 4); SFU 89, SHU 80 (Feb. 8) It'll be a rematch of last year's semifinal featuring two programs that have combined to win nine of the past 12 NEC Tournament titles. Saint Francis topped Sacred Heart last March to advance to the NEC Championship Game for the 15th time in 20 years. The Red Flash, who have won the conference crown an unprecedented 11 times, will host a program that has never finished under .500 in league play. Sacred Heart will make its 15th consecutive NEC Tournament appearance (the league's longest active streak), but its first under rookie head coach Jessica Mannetti.

No. 4 Bryant vs. No. 5 St. Francis Brooklyn

2013-14 Meetings: BRY 61, SFBK 58 (Jan. 20); BRY 63, SFBK 58 (Mar. 1) Bryant and St. Francis Brooklyn both enter the postseason coming off the winningest regular season campaigns during their tenures as NEC members. Bryant, which first became eligible for Division I postseason play last year, will host a NEC Tournament game for the first time in history, The Bulldogs, who have won at least 10 games all six seasons they have played a Division I schedule, set single-season program bests for NEC victories (11) and overall Division I wins (16). Meanwhile, the Terriers have continued their renaissance under second-year head coach John Thurston. After winning only two games during the 2011-12 season, SFBK posted 11 victories last year before setting the single-season school record with 19 wins during the current campaign.

2013-14 NEC Women's Basketball Award Winners

Player of the Year

Artemis Spanou Robert Morris Sr. F 6-2 Rhodes, Greece

Rookie of the Year

Jasmine Nwajei Wagner Fr. G 5-8 Rockaway Park, NY/Murry Bergtraum

Defensive Player of the Year

Ugo Nwaigwe Wagner So. C 6-3 Valley Stream, NY/Valley Stream South

Brenda Reilly Coach of the Year

Sal Buscaglia Robert Morris

2013-14 All-Northeast Conference Women's Basketball First Team

Name	School	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School
Sydney Henderson	Mount St. Mary's	5-Sr.	G	5-6	Richmond, VA/Atlee
Cleandra Roberts	LIU Brooklyn	Sr.	F	6-0	Miami, FL/Miami Norland
Artemis Spanou	Robert Morris	Sr.	F	6-0	Rhodes, Greece
Gabrielle Washington	Sacred Heart	Jr.	G	5-9	Mesa, AZ/Desert Ridge
Alli Williams	Saint Francis U	Sr.	F	6-0	Altoona, PA/Bishop Guilfoyle

2013-14 All-Northeast Conference Women's Basketball Second Team

Name	School	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School
Naana Ankoma-Mensa	Bryant	Sr.	F	6-0	Brampton, Ontario
Jessica Babe	Central Connecticut	Sr.	G	5-6	Pittsburgh, PA/Mount Lebanon
Jenniqua Bailey	Bryant	Sr.	G	5-6	Bloomfield, CT/Northwest Catholic
Jasmine Nwajei	Wagner	Fr.	G	5-8	Rockaway Park, NY/Murry Bergtraum
Eilidh Simpson	St. Francis Brooklyn	Jr.	G	5-7	Melbourne, Australia

2013-14 All-Northeast Conference Women's Basketball Defensive Team

Name	School	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School
Jessica Babe	Central Connecticut	Sr.	G	5-6	Pittsburgh, PA/Mount Lebanon
Desiree Crawford	Fairleigh Dickinson	Sr.	F	5-11	Aurora, Ontario
Leah Fechko	St. Francis Brooklyn	So.	G	5-8	Twinsburg, OH/Twinsburg
Ugo Nwaigwe	Wagner	So.	C	6-3	Valley Stream, NY/Valley Stream South
Alli Williams	Saint Francis U	Sr.	F	6-0	Altoona, PA/Bishop Guilfoyle

2013-14 Northeast Conference Women's Basketball All-Rookie Team

Name	School	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School
Hannah Kimmel	Sacred Heart	Jr.	F	6-0	Harpursville, NY/Harpursville
Jasmine Nwajei	Wagner	Fr.	G	5-8	Rockaway Park, NY/Murry Bergtraum
Cassie Oursler	Robert Morris	Fr.	C	6-3	Grand Island, NY/Grand Island
Anna Niki Stamolamprou	Robert Morris	Fr.	G	5-9	Thessaloniki, Greece
Adaysha Williams	Sacred Heart	Fr.	G	5-8	LaCrosse, WI/Logan