

Wayne State University Women's Basketball

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This Week:

The Warriors qualified for the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament in Grand Rapids, Mich. Wayne State is a fourth seed in the North Division. Wayne State plays Gannon University, Wednesday Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. With a victory Wayne State would play Friday March 2 at 3 p.m. against the winner of the Findlay-Northern Michigan contest. The championship game is Saturday, March 3 at 6 p.m.

Wayne State's Record: 15-11 overall, 9-8 GLIAC.

Game Information:

The Warriors and Golden Knights will do battle for the third time this season. Gannon and Wayne State have split this season with the Warriors defeating Gannon, 84-70, and Gannon beating WSU, 86-68.

Gannon has won five straight games and six of its last seven contests. Gannon is 20-6 overall and 12-5 in the GLIAC. Gannon won the GLIAC South Division this season, which gave it the number one seed in the GLIAC South Division for the tournament.

Gannon is led by junior center Kristen Roseberry who is averaging 18.9 ppg and 8.0 rpg. Roseberry scored 36 points and pulled down nine rebounds against the Warriors in the first game of the season. She came back and posted a double-double against the Warriors in their last contest with 18 points and 14 rebounds. Roseberry leads the GLIAC in scoring and field goal percentage.

Senior guard Jacki Windon is averaging 12.3 ppg, 3.3 rpg and 6.7 apg. She scored 12 points and dished out 10 assists in her last contest against WSU.

Junior forward Nikki Smith is averaging 11.1 ppg and 6.3 rpg. Smith scored 11 points and pulled down nine rebounds in her last contest against the Warriors.

Bradley Bytes

"We did a great job to get in the tournament, now we need to take the next step and win some games," said head coach Gloria Bradley. "We will be playing a tough team in Gannon, but we have beaten them before. We have the capability of beating anyone in this tournament. It will be a matter of how well we play as a team and our ability to play defense."

Series Record:

Below is the Warriors record against teams in the GLIAC Tournament and also the results during the regular season.

- Michigan Tech: Huskies lead the series 24-12. MTU defeated WSU, 54-43 (1/04)
- Northern Michigan: Wildcats have a 24-9 all-time series lead. WSU defeated NMU, 68-65 (1/06)
- Ferris State: Bulldogs lead series 24-23. FSU defeated Wayne State, 81-74 (1/13)
- Lake Superior State: The Lakers lead the series 26-22. LSSU defeated WSU, 85-72.
- Gannon: Warriors have an 11-6 all-time series lead over Gannon. The two teams split this season. Wayne State defeated Gannon, 84-70. Gannon beat Wayne State, 86-68.
- Hillsdale: Warriors have a 24-18 all-time series lead over the Chargers. Hillsdale swept the season series over the Warriors. HC defeated Wayne State, 73-58 and 55-52.
- Findlay: Findlay has a 7-3 series lead over the Warriors. Wayne State and UF split this season. The Oilers won 68-65, while Wayne State won 91-61.

Last Week:

Wayne State went 1-1 in Erie, Pa. last week. The Warriors defeated Mercyhurst College, 74-73, and lost to Gannon, 86-66. Wayne State has won seven of its last nine games.

Against Mercyhurst the Warriors looked as though they were going to have an easy night leading 41-27 at halftime. The Lakers caught fire in the second half and outscored WSU, 46-33. The Lakers tied the contest with 55 seconds remaining on jumper by Holly Horton. Freshman guard **Ebony Vincent (Oak Park, Mich./Shrine)** sunk one of two free throws with nine seconds left. Guard Katie Lorincz attempted a shot with three seconds left that fell just short of the basket to give the Warriors the victory.

Wayne State shot 47.1 percent from the field (32-68) and 20 percent from the three-point line (4-20). Mercyhurst shot 40.3 percent from the field (29-72) and 40.7 percent from the three-point line (11-27). The Lakers shot a 55.6 percent from the floor in the second half (20-36).

Sophomore forward **Shana Lynch (Clinton Township, Mich./Fraser)** led the Warriors with 25 points and nine rebounds. In two games this season against Mercyhurst, Lynch is averaging 27.5 ppg and 11.5 rpg. Sophomore forward **Jessica King (Hartland, Mich./Howell)** scored 13 points and pulled down eight rebounds. Sophomore guard **Nikki Jackson (Kalamazoo, Mich./Central)** and **Dianna Sorentino (Rochester Hills, Mich./Adams)** each scored 10 points for WSU. Junior guard **LaTisha Martin (Detroit, Mich./Dominican)** had two points, 11 assists and six rebounds. Junior center **Rebecca Barok (Dayton, OH/Vandalia Butler)** scored eight points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

Against Gannon the Warriors had a strong first half trailing by three, 44-41. Wayne State shot 41.7 percent from the floor (15-36) and 37.5 percent from the three-point line (11-32). Jackson led the Warriors with 11 first half points.

In the second half Gannon took over outscoring the Warriors 42-27 and holding WSU to only 26.5 percent from the field (9-34). Gannon shot 50.8 percent from the field for the contest (33-65) and outrebounded WSU 50-39.

Martin led the Warriors with 18 points and nine assists. King chipped in 13 points and five rebounds. Jackson was held scoreless in the second half and finished with 11 points.

The Golden Knights had five players score in double figures.

Notes:

- LaTisha Martin set a WSU single-season record for the Warriors in assists. Martin broke the record against Mercyhurst. Martin has 166 assists on the season. Stephanie Stone held the previous record for 22 years (1978-1979) with 156 assists.
- This is the second consecutive year the Warriors have qualified for the GLIAC Tournament. Before last season, Wayne State had not reach the playoffs since the 1994-1995 season.
- Head Coach Gloria Bradley is the fourth WSU coach to take the Warriors to the tournament in her first season. Bob Simon (1999-2000), Rita Horkey (1980-1981) and Gloria Soluk (1980-1981) each took the Warriors to the tournament in their first season coaching. Bradley has career record of 129-80.
- This is the first time since the 1995-1996 season the Warriors have three players averaging double-digits in scoring. Tiffany Grubaugh (13.7 ppg), Shana Lynch (12.9 ppg) and Jessica King (10.3 ppg)
- Wayne State finished with a home record of 10-2 and a road record of 4-8. The Warriors are 8-0 when they score 80 or more points and are 9-3 when they hold opponents under 70 points in a contest.

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