

ARMY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

WEST POINT

BLACK KNIGHTS CONCLUDE SUCCESSFUL 2008-09 CAMPAIGN

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

The Army women's basketball program would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support each season. This program is thriving thanks to the generosity of your commitment, and you should be commended for your efforts. Thank you so much, and hope to see you next year!

GO ARMY! BEAT NAVY!



A fifth-straight winning season, a run to the Patriot League Tournament semifinals and a stellar exit for the winningest senior class in program history highlighted the 2008-09 women's basketball season. The Black Knights turned the page on a season during which the team turned around what was a 1-4 start into an impressive 19-win campaign that included games against four 2009 NCAA Tournament teams - Ohio State, Rutgers, Drexel and Lehigh. Ohio State and Rutgers both reached the Sweet Sixteen, while Army recorded wins against both Colonial Athletic Association champion Drexel

and Patriot League champion Lehigh.

A 1-4 start was not exactly what the Black Knights were hoping for to kick-off the season, but that all changed during the team's Thanksgiving trip to Air Force. Army managed a 54-44 victory over its service academy rival and went on to win nine of the next 10 games to set the Black Knights back on course. One of just two teams to beat Lehigh, Army swept Lafayette and Colgate while splitting with Holy Cross, Lehigh American and Navy. Army used a 58-50 victory over the Mids on Feb. 21 to capture the team's fifth Star Game in a row.

Army won three of its four final games of the year, finished in a four-way tie for third but after tiebreakers, earned the fifth seed in the Patriot League Tournament. Army drew a familiar rival in Holy Cross in its quarterfinal match-up and sent the Crusaders packing with a 54-47 win at Lehigh's Stabler Arena on March 7. It was just the second time in Patriot League history that Holy Cross had been eliminated in the first round. Army went on to face the top-seeded Mountain Hawks in a semifinal match-up the following afternoon. Despite holding a three-point halftime lead, the Black Knights bowed in a 61-42 decision to see their season come to an end. Sophomore G Nalini Hawkins enjoyed two of the finest games of her young career during the Black Knights' tournament run, as she averaged 22.5 points per game for better than 50 percent of Army's scoring on her way to collecting All-Tournament Team honors.

Hawkins was one of three Black Knights honored during the tournament weekend in Bethlehem, Pa. To jumpstart (Con't Page 2)

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the event, a formal banquet was held to honor the league's top players and coaches. Army senior G Alex McGuire and sophomore F Erin Anthony were placed on the first and second all-league teams, respectively. Anthony then collected Patriot League Scholar-Athlete of the Year accolades as well.

Defense was Army's strong suit all year long, as evidenced by its ranking among Patriot League statistical leaders. The Black Knights led the league and ranked fourth in the country allowing just 53.2 ppg. Army also topped the Patriot League in field goal percentage defense (.364), rebounding defense (32.6), rebounding margin (+4.3), blocked shots (3.8) and three-point field goal percentage (.348).

Despite losing four seniors to graduation - a class that averaged better than 20 wins a season during its time at West Point - the Black Knights return three starters to the fold for the 2009-10 campaign. Anthony, Hawkins and sophomore G/F Laura Baranek will be back. Army loses McGuire, F Megan Evans, G/F Courtney Wright and G Megan Ennenga to graduation this month.

SO LONG SENIORS



(L to R) Megan Ennenga, Alex McGuire, Courtney Wright, Megan Evans

The Class of 2009 has certainly left its mark on the Army women's basketball program. An integral part of Army's first-ever NCAA Championship and trip to the NCAA Tournament in 2005-06 was just the start for a stellar group - **Alex McGuire, Megan Evans, Courtney Wright and Megan Ennenga**. These four ladies have been major contributors both on and off the court, serving as team captains in 2008-09. They averaged better than 20 wins per season at the Division I level, a feat that constantly impresses head coach Dave Magarity. Sporting an 81-41 (.664) record while at West Point, this foursome has accumulated more wins than any other class in Army's 31-year women's basketball history. McGuire will graduate as Army's third-leading scorer of all time, while Evans and Wright have been among the league's best rebounders over the last couple of seasons. A four-time Patriot League Academic Honor Roll member, Ennenga served as a solid back-up point guard to starter **Nalini Hawkins** all season.

WHERE ARE THEY HEADED...

Megan Ennenga



BOLC II—Ft. Benning
OBC—Ft. Leonard Wood
Post—Hawaii

Megan Evans



BOLC II—Ft. Sill
OBC—Ft. Leonard Wood
Post—Ft. Lewis

Alex McGuire



Women's Basketball
Athletic Intern
West Point, N.Y.

Courtney Wright



USMAPS
Women's Basketball
Athletic Intern
Ft. Monmouth N.J.

PATRIOT LEAGUE HONORS
MCGUIRE, ANTHONY,
HAWKINS



Senior G **Alex McGuire** capped her decorated West Point career with All-Patriot League First Team honors for the second year in a row. The Gambrills, Md., native was an all-league player in all four years at Army and will leave as the third-leading scorer in Academy history. In 2008-09, she led the Black Knights and ranked sixth in the league averaging 12.9 ppg. She also grew her game to include a potent three-point stroke, as McGuire ranked third in 3PT% (.376) and fifth in 3PT made (1.8). She also became the fifth Army player ever to earn All-Metropolitan Basketball Writer's Association honors as one of the top players in the region in 2008-09.

Sophomore F **Erin Anthony** continued her growth and evolved into one

of the team's most improved players over the course of the year. The Patriot League placed her on its second team, following all-rookie status a year ago. Averaging 8.2 rpg, she led the Patriot League, while also ranking seventh in scoring (12.7 ppg), second in blocked shots (1.9 bpg) and fifth in FG% (.468). Her seven double-doubles on the year were second to any other player in the league.

Sophomore G **Nalini Hawkins** picked the right time to get hot. She scored 45 of Army's 96 total points, including a career-high 24-point effort in a win over Holy Cross, over two Patriot League Tournament games. She was named to the All-Tournament team for her standout efforts.

ARMY STAFF



Head Coach Dave Magarity
26 seasons (Three at Army)
St. Francis '74



Assistant Coach Ty Grace
Three seasons
New Haven '99



Assistant Coach Nora Jabbour
Two seasons
North Carolina '06



Assistant Coach Maureen Magarity
Three seasons
Marist '03



Assistant Coach Lauren Thomer
Two seasons
Rider '04



Assistant Coach Jason Marshall
One season
Ramapo College '08

COACH'S CORNER

As we wrap-up another exciting season of West Point women's basketball, I have mixed emotions having to say goodbye to one of the most accomplished classes in program history.

Captains **Alex McGuire, Megan Evans, Courtney Wright** and **Megan Ennenga** certainly have represented the Academy both on and off the court with

tremendous class and dignity. A record number of wins at the NCAA Division I level (81) gives this group a 20+ win average per season, which is a remarkable accomplishment. Along the way, they participated in West Point's first appearance in an NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Tournament, as well as set the Academy record for wins in a season with 24.

I also have to acknowledge their 6-2 record vs. Navy as well as winning four consecutive Star Games.

I am excited about the future with 2nd Team All-Patriot League performer **Erin Anthony** and 2009 Patriot League All-Tournament selection **Nalini Hawkins** leading the way. I look forward to seeing everyone next season. Go Army!



**ANTHONY NAMED
PATRIOT LEAGUE
SCHOLAR-ATHLETE
OF THE YEAR**



Sophomore F **Erin Anthony** was recognized as one of five major award winners at the 2009 Patriot League Women's Basketball Tournament banquet, as the Lehigh Valley native was named the conference's Scholar-Athlete of the Year in March. The first Army women's basketball player ever to earn the prestigious award, Anthony carries a 3.67 grade-point average while also second team All-Patriot League honors on the court.

Off the court, the Civil Engineering major out of Company C-1, ranked 68th academically and 70th overall in her class of 1,176 cadets. A member of the Golden Key International Honor Society, she has been awarded the Distinguished Cadet-Athlete Award, Leader-Athlete Award and Superintendent's "Wreath" for being in the top 10 percent of her class over the past year. She, along with classmate G/F Laura Baranek, wrote an online diary chronicling the entire season. Fans can read their entries by going to www.goARMYsports.com and clicking on "Army Diaries" on the front page.

Anthony continues to partake in several volunteer efforts, while also managing to shine while wearing either the White over Gray or Black and Gold. She was the Patriot League's leading rebounder last year, while ranking second in blocked shots, seventh in scoring and fifth in field goal percentage. She was Army's only Patriot League All-Rookie honoree a year ago.

Questions? Comments?

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POSTSEASON AWARDS

Maj. Gen. Philip S. Draper Award—Alex McGuire

Given annually to team's Most Valuable Player

Col. Frederick A. Mountford Memorial Award—Megan Ennenga,

Megan Evans, Alex McGuire, Courtney Wright

Given annually to team captain (s)

Joy Swanson Award—Courtney Wright

Given annually to player who shows leadership through determination, motivation, patience and selfless service to others on and off the court

Maggie Dixon Award—Megan Evans

Awarded annually in recognition of dedication and leadership to the program to the player who embodies passion, determination and the winning attitude of the former beloved Army coach, Maggie Dixon

Defensive Player of the Year—Erin Anthony

**Anthony also named team captain for 2009-10 season*

WE'RE BACK!



Erin Anthony
G, 6-2



Laura Baranek
G/F, 5-9



Liz Benedict
G, 5-8



Laura Burdick
F, 6-1



Jessie Coiffard
G, 5-6



Meagan Doucette
G, 5-8



Kait Goodall
F, 5-10



Erin Jankowski
G, 5-7



Nalini Hawkins
G, 5-3



Lauren Lybbert
F, 6-1