

MANHATTANVILLE VALIANTS

2008-09 Women's Basketball Preseason Prospectus

Manhattanville College

Location: Purchase, N.Y.
Founded: 1841
Enrollment: 1,600
Nickname: Valiants
Colors: Crimson & White
Affiliation: NCAA Division III
Conference: Freedom
Home Facility: Kennedy Gymnasium (cap. 500)
Year Opened: 2005
President: Richard A. Berman
Athletic Director: Keith Levinthal
Senior Woman Administrator: Julene Fisher
Department Phone: (914) 323-5280
Website: www.GoValiants.com

Women's Basketball History

First Season: 1973-74
All-time Record: 391-467 (.456)
NCAA Tournament Appearances: 1
Last NCAA Tournament: 1981-82
ECAC Tournament Appearances: 5
Last ECAC Metro Tournament: 2003-04
Result: Lost 78-58 at Staten Island (First Round)
Conference Championships: None

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Candice Brown
Alma Mater: Marymount '02
Manhattanville Record: 20-31 (two seasons)
Career Record: 20-31 (two seasons)
Women's Basketball Phone: (914) 323-7278
E-Mail: brownca@mville.edu
Assistant Coaches: Brittany Braxton - first season
Brian Bush - third season

Sports Information

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Team Information

2007-08 Record: 13-12
2007 Freedom Conference Record: 4-8 (fifth)
Postseason: None
Final Ranking: None
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/5
Starters Returning/Lost: 5/0
Newcomers: 8

Top Returners

Olivia Nastasi - Sr., G, Cold Spring, N.Y.
• 2007-08 Second Team All-Freedom Conference selection
• Lead the team with 13.4 points per game and 26 three-pointers last season

Jess Delagrang - Sr., G, Canton, Ohio
• Averaged 9.6 points per game last year
• Led team with 37.9 percent shooting (25-for-66) from three-point range

Nina Johnson - Jr., F, White Plains, N.Y.
• Team leader in blocks (20) and finished second in steals (46) in 2007-08
• Third on team with 200 points (8.7/gm) last year

Lauren Grenier - Sr., F, Oxford, Mass.
• Led Valiants with 156 rebounds (6.2/gm) as a junior
• Third on the team with 38 steals

Top Newcomers

Courtney Turner - Fr., G, Staten Island, N.Y.
• Team MVP at Ralph McKee in 2007 and helped team to four straight borough championships

Kristina Ciotto - Fr., G, West Hartford, Conn.
• Helped Northwest Catholic team to 2008 conference title
• All-Conference in three sports in high school

Carol Ortiz - Fr., F, Naugatuck, N.Y.
• Two-time all SCC performer and team MVP as a senior
• Named All-Area by the *New Haven Register*



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2008-09 Roster

#	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School (Previous School)
00	Nina Johnson	Jr.	F	5-7	White Plains, N.Y./White Plains
1	Jess Delagrance	Sr.	G	5-6	Canton, Ohio/Glen Oak (Walsh)
4	Carey Hickey	So.	G	5-6	Dobbs Ferry, N.Y./Dobbs Ferry
5	Simona Gordon	So.	G	5-5	Cambridge, Mass./Cambridge Rindge & Latin
10	Sara Longo	Fr.	G	5-2	Simsbury, Conn./Simsbury
11	Courtney Turner	Fr.	G	5-5	Staten Island, N.Y./Ralph McKee
15	Janice Kane	Jr.	G	5-7	Vernon, Conn./Rockville
20	Stephanie Vaiano	Fr.	G	5-6	South Ozone Park, N.Y./Archbishop Molloy
21	Kelli Hyjek	Fr.	F	5-9	Tolland, Conn./Tolland
22	Kaitlin Degnan	So.	F	5-8	Irvington, N.Y./Irvington
24	Tara Pisano	So.	G	5-7	Staten Island, N.Y./St. Joseph Hill Academy
25	Kristina Ciotto	Fr.	G	5-6	West Hartford, Conn./Northwest Catholic
30	Carol Ortiz	Fr.	F	5-10	Naugatuck, Conn./Amity
32	Olivia Nastasi	Sr.	G	5-5	Cold Spring, N.Y./Haldane
33	Charline DaSilva	Fr.	G	5-7	Danbury, Conn./Southington
34	Lauren Grenier	Sr.	F	5-10	Oxford, Mass./Oxford

2008-09 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 15	at Purchase	3:00 p.m.
Nov. 18	WILLIAM PATERSON	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 22	vs. Elizabethtown !	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 23	at Franklin & Marshall/Susquehanna !	1:00/3:00 p.m.
Nov. 25	MONTCLAIR STATE	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 3	EASTERN *	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 6	ALVERNIA *	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 15-22	Florida Trip	TBD
Jan. 3	at Delaware Valley *	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 7	WILKES *	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 10	at Misericordia *	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 12	at DeSales *	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 14	NEW JERSEY CITY	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 17	at King's (Pa.) *	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 21	FDU-FLORHAM *	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 24	at Alvernia *	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 28	DeSALES *	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 31	at Eastern *	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 2	at Ramapo	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 7	DELAWARE VALLEY *	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Wilkes *	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 14	MISERICORDIA *	3:00 p.m.
Feb. 17	KING'S (Pa.) *	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 21	at FDU-Florham *	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	Freedom Conference First Round \$	TBA
Feb. 25	Freedom Conference Semifinals \$	TBA
Feb. 28	Freedom Conference Championship \$	TBA

Program Quick Facts

- Last season's team recorded a 13-12 record, posting the most victories and the first over-.500 season by a Manhattanville women's squad since the 2003-04 team won 16 of its 28 contests.
- The 13 victories from the 2007-08 season also nearly matched the school's win total from the previous two years combined (14).
- Senior guard **Olivia Nastasi** was named to the All-Freedom Conference second team in 2007-08, becoming the Valiants' first All-Conference selection since the 2004-05 season.
- Nastasi enters her senior season ranked 15th all-time in scoring at Manhattanville and needs 193 points to become the eighth player in program history to reach the 1,000-point plateau. She also ranks 10th in career assists at the school with 208.
- This year, the Valiants will field the two most accurate three-point shooters in program history, as seniors **Jess Delagrance** (.343) and **Nastasi** (.339) rank first and second, respectively, on the school's career three-point percentage list.
- Junior **Nina Johnson** is tied for third in program history with 49 career blocks after two collegiate seasons.

* - Indicates Freedom Conference Game

! - Terry Greene Tipoff Tournament (Lancaster, Pa.)

\$ - Freedom Conference Tournament (campus sites)

All Times Eastern.

Home Games in Bold and Played at Kennedy Gym.

