

Saints Stopped in Sweet Sixteen

March 9, 2007 - The Emmanuel College Women's Basketball Team (29-2) was defeated by DePauw University (28-3) in the NCAA Division III sectional semifinals on Friday night, 74-50. DePauw will now advance to the Elite Eight and will take on Calvin College (28-2) on Saturday night (3/10) at 7:00 pm. Calvin defeated the University of Southern Maine (27-3) in the earlier sectional semifinal. The winner of Saturday night's game will earn a berth to the 2007 NCAA Division III Final Four in Springfield, MA next weekend.

DePauw was paced by sophomore guard **Cassie Pruzin** (Crown Point, IN) with 12 points. Freshman forward **Emily Marshall** (St. Louis, MO) netted 8 points and grabbed a game-high 10 boards for the Tigers. DePauw out-rebounded Emmanuel, 52-31. The Tigers also hit 17 of 25 attempts from the free throw line vs. Emmanuel's 5 of 10 makes.

DePauw got out to an early lead and the Tigers led the Saints, 41-21, at the break. Emmanuel could not capitalize on their pressure defense and fast-break, which had been the backbone of the Saints' attack for much of the season.

The Saints set a program record this season with 29 wins. Emmanuel also closed out the season with a win-streak of 20 games. The Saints were led by junior guard **Jade Paez's** (Bronx, NY) 16 points, 6 assists, and 6 steals. Senior forward **LaTeisha Johnson** (Dorchester, MA) hit for 12 points, pulled down 5 rebounds, and blocked 5 shots. Freshman guard **Iman Davis** (New Britain, CT) chipped in with 8 points and 7 rebounds in the effort.

Emmanuel Will Host NCAA Sectional Games This Weekend

March 5, 2007 - After winning regional games on Friday and Saturday nights, the Emmanuel Women's Basketball Team is one of just sixteen teams remaining in the NCAA Division III Tournament. The Saints have also received hosting privileges for the sectional games coming up this weekend. The schedule for the sectionals is as follows:

Friday (3/9) Sectional Semifinals:

- Calvin College (27-2) vs. Univ. of Southern Maine (27-2) - 5:30 p.m.
- Emmanuel College (29-1) vs. DePauw University (27-3) - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday (3/10):

- Sectional Final - 7:00 p.m.

Ticket prices:

- Adults - \$7.00
- Seniors/Students/Children - \$4.00

Emmanuel Stuns Brandeis; Saints Soar Into Sweet 16

March 3, 2007 - The Emmanuel College Women's Basketball Team (29-1) fought back from an 11-point second half deficit to defeat Brandeis University (20-6) in the second round of the NCAA Division III Northeast Regional, 71-66. The Saints extended their win streak to 20 games.

Brandeis held a solid lead for the entire first half. The Judges' largest lead of the game (13 points) came with 7:32 to play in the first half. Emmanuel battled back in the second stanza and the Saints gained their first lead of the game (50-49) on a jumper by freshman guard **Iman Davis** (New Britain, CT) with 11:21 remaining in the contest. The Judges re-gained the lead (51-50) on a lay-up by junior guard **Jaime Capra** (Old Bridge, NJ) with 10:57 to go. It was all Emmanuel for the final ten minutes. The Saints maintained the lead until the final buzzer sounded. Emmanuel's largest lead of 7 points came with 4:49 to play (65-58).

Emmanuel's freshmen combined for 39 points. Rookie **Iman Davis** led the Saints with a career-high 24 points on 8 for 18 shooting. Davis also tallied 6 steals, 4 rebounds, and 3 assists in the win. Freshman forward **Tommia Davis** (Gloucester, MA) netted 15 points and grabbed 8 boards, while junior guard **Jade Paez** (Bronx, NY) hit for 10 points and dished out a game-high 8 assists.

The Saints' pressure defense forced 35 Brandeis turnovers and caused the Judges to shoot just 29% from the floor in the second half. Emmanuel was out-rebounded, 49-31, and shot just 59% (16-27) from the line. However, the Saints capitalized, scoring 36 points off the Judges' turnovers.

For Brandeis, senior center **Caitlin Malcolm** (Winsor Locks, CT) recorded a double-double with 23 points (7 for 9 shooting) and 14 rebounds. Freshman guard **Jessica Chapin** (Mendon, NY) added 11 points and 5 rebounds, Capra pumped in 10 points and grabbed 8 boards. Brandeis wrapped up the season with an overall record of 20-6.

Emmanuel will now advance to the "Sweet 16." The Saints will take on DePauw University (27-3) out of Greencastle, Indiana on Friday (3/9). The time and location of this game have not yet been determined.

Saints Shut Down Salve; Emmanuel Advances to Round of 32

March 2, 2007 - The Emmanuel College Women's Basketball Team (28-1) knocked off Salve Regina University (22-7) in the opening round of the NCAA Division III women's basketball tournament. The Saints defeated the visiting Seahawks, 80-67, and extended their win-streak to 19 games. Emmanuel will now advance to the round of 32. The Saints will take on the Judges of Brandeis University (20-5) on Saturday night (3/3) at 7:00 pm. The Judges rolled past UMaine-Farmington in the opening game, 90-66. Saturday's second round game will be played in the Jean Yawkey Center on the campus of Emmanuel College.

Emmanuel was paced by freshman forward **Tommia Davis** (Gloucester, MA). Davis led four Emmanuel players scoring in double-figures with 20 points and 9 boards. Senior forward **LaTeisha Johnson** (Dorchester, MA) hit for 13 points and blocked 4 shots, while junior guard **Jade Paez** (Bronx, NY) totaled 13 points and dished out a game-high 7 assists for the Saints. Freshman point guard **Iman Davis** (New Britain, CT) chipped in with 11 points and 4 assists in the win.

The Saints held a solid 10-point lead for the majority of the game. Salve Regina cut the lead to 8 with 2:57 to go on a hoop by **Megan Barry** (Plainville, MA). The Saints quickly got the lead back to 12 after two Emmanuel steals followed by transition lay-ups. The Saints then extended the lead to 15, when Tommia Davis converted a three-point play with 1:15 to play. The Seahawks wrapped up the scoring on a jumper by **Allison Moen** (Yonkers, NY) with 21 seconds remaining, capping off the score at 80-67.

Emmanuel's largest lead of the game came with 16:20 to play, when the Saints led by 17 points. Emmanuel's pressure defense forced 27 Seahawk turnovers and the Saints scored 26 points off their fast-break.

Senior forward **Megan Barry** recorded a double-double for the Seahawks with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Junior forward **Allison Moen** tallied 12 points and pulled down 9 rebounds, while junior guard **Katie Horan** (Webster, MA) chipped in with 10 points in the effort.

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