



GAME NO. 1

LA SALLE (0-0, 0-0 BIG FIVE) AT VILLANOVA (0-0, 0-0 BIG FIVE)
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 (4:00 PM), THE PAVILION, VILLANOVA, PA.

VILLANOVA

VS.

LA SALLE

VILLANOVA POSSIBLE STARTERS

Pos.	No.	Name	PPG	RPG	APG	3-PTRS
G	4	Siobhan O'Connor	4.9	2.5	2.0	35
G	5	Maria Getty	7.3	3.2	2.9	48
F	3	Laura Kurz	14.9	6.4	1.0	56
F	11	Lisa Karcic	12.2	4.9	2.7	77
C	55	Heather Scanlon	Redshirted the 2007-08 sseason			

VILLANOVA OFF THE BENCH

Pos.	No.	Name	PPG	RPG	APG	3-PTRS
G	21	Tia Grant	4.8	1.6	2.4	22
F/C	45	Shannon Elliott	1.9	1.5	0.3	8
F	2	Briana Weiss	1.3	0.8	0.4	9
G/F	24	Amanda Swiezynski	0.8	1.1	0.6	4
G	12	Kyle Dougherty	0.7	0.5	0.3	0
G	34	Sarah Jones	Redshirted the 2007-08 season			

Note: Player statistics in the above boxes are from the 2007-08 season.

Head Coach: Harry Perretta - 31st Season (553-329, .627)

Associate Head Coach: Joe Mullaney - 13th Season

Assistant Coach: Shanette Lee - 10th Season

Assistant Coach: Heather Vulin - 1st Season

Director of Basketball Operations: Courtney Davis - 1st Season

VILLANOVA-LA SALLE QUICK FACTS

	<u>Villanova</u>	<u>La Salle</u>
Location	Villanova, Pa.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Conference	BIG EAST	Atlantic 10
Nickname	Wildcats	Explorers
Colors	Blue and White	Blue and Gold
Current Record	0-0 (---)	0-0 (---)
Conference Record	0-0 (---)	0-0 (---)
Head Coach	Harry Perretta	Tom Lochner
Record at School	533-329 (.627)	54-61 (.470)
2007-08 Record	17-16	12-17
2007-08 Conference Record	5-11	4-10
2007-08 Conference Finish	T-11th	13th
2007-08 Postseason	WNIT	None
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	10/1	9/4
Starters Returning/Lost	4/1	3/2
Newcomers	3	3

2008-09 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Record	Big East
Nov. 14	LA SALLE (B5)	4:00 PM			
Nov. 17	@ Fairfield	7:00 PM			
Nov. 19	@ Penn (B5)	7:00 PM			
Nov. 27	vs. Wisconsin (%)	1:00 PM			
Nov. 28	vs. Baylor (%)	3:30 PM			
Nov. 29	vs. Central Florida (%)	1:00 PM			
Dec. 4	@ Saint Joseph's (B5)	8:00 PM			
Dec. 7	LEHIGH	1:00 PM			
Dec. 10	@ Binghamton	7:00 PM			
Dec. 20	TEMPLE (B5)	1:00 PM			
Dec. 22	DELAWARE	NOON			
Dec. 28	SACRED HEART	1:00 PM			
Dec. 31	MONMOUTH	3:00 PM			
Jan. 3	@ Cincinnati (*)	2:00 PM			
Jan. 10	@ Providence (*)	2:00 PM			
Jan. 14	RUTGERS (*)	7:00 PM			
Jan. 17	WEST VIRGINIA (*)	2:00 PM			
Jan. 21	@ George Washington	8:00 PM			
Jan. 24	NOTRE DAME (*)	2:00 PM			
Jan. 27	PROVIDENCE (*)	7:00 PM			
Jan. 31	@ Syracuse (*)	1:00 PM			
Feb. 4	ST. JOHN'S (*)	7:00 PM			
Feb. 7	@ Seton Hall (*)	2:00 PM			
Feb. 10	@ Marquette (*)	8:00 PM			
Feb. 14	DEPAUL (*)	2:00 PM			
Feb. 18	@ Pittsburgh (*)	7:00 PM			
Feb. 21	LOUISVILLE (*)	2:00 PM			
Feb. 24	@ Connecticut (*)	7:30 PM			
Feb. 28	@ Georgetown (*)	3:00 PM			
Mar. 2	USF (*)	7:00 PM			
Mar. 6-10	BIG EAST Championship (^)				

All times listed are Eastern time and subject to change without notice

Home games denoted in **BOLD** and played at The Pavilion

*: denotes a BIG EAST Conference game

B5: denotes a Philadelphia Big Five game

#: denotes the Paradise Jam (St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands)

^: denotes the BIG EAST Championship (XL Center, Hartford, Conn.)

MEDIA INFORMATION

RADIO: Internet radio broadcast available at www.villanova.com

INTERVIEW REQUESTS

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Pos.	No.	Name	PPG	RPG	APG
G	13	Tara Lapetina	3.3	0.8	2.3
G	21	Margaret Elderton	9.0	2.5	2.6
G	24	Jamie Walsh	9.4	2.2	2.6
F	3	Danielle Mickiewicz	1.7	1.8	0.2
F	31	Morgan Robertson	6.3	4.5	1.1

LA SALLE OFF THE BENCH

Pos.	No.	Name	PPG	RPG	APG
G	5	Ashley Gale	5.4	2.5	0.6
G	10	Antonia Gale	Redshirted		
G	11	Nadia Duncan	Freshman		
F	22	Jenna Gilbert	Freshman		
G	25	Shelly Szmyt	2.5	2.0	0.0
F	33	Jessica Walton	Freshman		
F	55	Chelsea Conner	0.5	1.0	0.0

VILLANOVA-LA SALLE SERIES HISTORY

All-Time Series: Villanova leads 29-8

Record at Villanova: Villanova leads 18-3

First Meeting: 1970 (50-16 Villanova)

Last Meeting: 11/9/07 (64-58 Villanova)

First Villanova Win: 1970 (50-16)

Last Villanova Win: 11/9/07 (64-58)

First La Salle Win: 1976 (61-47)

Last La Salle Win: 11/14/06 (74-62)

LA SALLE REPORT: The Explorers return nine letterwinners and three starters from last season and will look to begin the season healthy after a number of players missed significant time last season due to injuries. La Salle finished the 2007-08 campaign with a 12-17 overall record and finished with marks of 4-10 in Atlantic 10 games and 1-3 against Big Five teams.

The top returning scorer for the Explorers is junior guard Jamie Walsh, who averaged 9.4 points per game last season and led the team with 2.6 assists per contest and 50 made three-pointers. She scored 10 points on 4-of-8 shooting and was one of two La Salle players to reach double figures in last season's game against Villanova. Walsh is joined in the backcourt by senior guard Margaret Elderton, who contributed 9.0 points and 2.6 assists per game as a junior. Returning from a medical redshirt season is redshirt junior guard Tara Lapetina, who started every game of the 2006-07 campaign and was sidelined by injury after just four games last year.

In the frontcourt, junior forwards Morgan Robertson and Danielle Mickiewicz give La Salle two experienced players in the post. Robertson scored 6.3 points per game in 2007-08 and her 4.5 rebounds per game were the most among the nine returning players to this year's squad.

LA SALLE HEAD COACH TOM LOCHNER: The beginning of the 2008-09 season will mark Tom Lochner's fifth season as head coach at La Salle and his 23rd overall as a coach at the school.

Lochner will be trying to return the program to the heights it reached two seasons ago, when La Salle won 19 games in 2006-07 and posted its highest win total in more than a decade. The Explorers were done in by injuries last season, however, as players missed a combined 115 games due to injury.

In his second season as head coach in 2005-06, Lochner led La Salle to a 7-1 record in the month of January and a 6-1 start to Atlantic 10 play. The 14 combined conference wins in 2005-06 and 2006-07 were the most for the program since 1999-00 and 2000-01.

Prior to becoming head coach of the Explorers, Lochner spent 17 seasons as an assistant coach. During that time, La Salle won 296 games, made two NCAA Tournament appearances and reached the WNIT on one occasion.

Entering the season opener of his fifth season as head coach, Lochner sports a career record of 54-61 (.470) as a head coach.

TALE OF THE TAPE (2007-08 STATS)

VILLANOVA		LA SALLE
33	Games Played	29
61.0	Scoring Average	57.9
59.9	Scoring Defense	59.2
+1.1	Scoring Margin	-1.3
.422	Field Goal Percentage	.396
.380	3-Point Percentage	.348
.744	Free Throw Percentage	.740
989	Total Rebounds	891
238	Offensive Rebounds	218
751	Defensive Rebounds	673
30.0	Rebounds Per Game	30.7
14.8	Assists Per Game	11.8
11.9	Turnovers Per Game	13.6
107	Blocked Shots	51
176	Steals	170
510	Fouls	390



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BIG EAST CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	Big East Conference			Overall Games		
Connecticut	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Rutgers	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Louisville	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Notre Dame	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Pittsburgh	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Syracuse	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Marquette	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
DePaul	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
West Virginia	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Villanova	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Georgetown	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
USF	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
St. John's	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Seton Hall	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Cincinnati	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Providence	0	0	.000	0	0	.000

*Regular season games begin on November 14
Standings are listed in predicted order of finish
(Based on preseason poll of league head coaches)*

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Friday, November 14

La Salle at Villanova (4 p.m.)

Seton Hall vs. Rider (5 p.m.) (Prudential Center)

Saint Joseph's at Rutgers (5 p.m.)

Northeastern at St. John's (6:30 p.m.)

Syracuse at Siena (7 p.m.)

Detroit-Mercy at Cincinnati (7 p.m.)

North Carolina Central at West Virginia (7 p.m.)

Brown at Providence (7 p.m.)

Saturday, November 15

Oral Roberts at Marquette (3 p.m.)

Louisville at Tennessee Tech (3 p.m.)

Central Connecticut State at USF (5 p.m.)

DePaul vs. Idaho State (7 p.m.) (Albuquerque, N.M.)

Sunday, November 16

Harvard/Loyola (Md.) at USF (Noon/2 p.m.)

Georgia Tech at Connecticut (2 p.m.)

Iona at West Virginia (2 p.m.)

Notre Dame at LSU (2:30 p.m.)

Georgetown at Jacksonville State (3 p.m.)

Pittsburgh vs. Texas A&M (5 p.m.) (Baton Rouge, La.)

Syracuse at Maryland-Eastern Shore (6 p.m.)

DePaul vs. Alcorn State (7 p.m.) (Albuquerque, N.M.)

Monday, November 17

Villanova at Fairfield (7 p.m.)

Cincinnati at Kentucky (7 p.m.)

Austin Peay at Louisville (7 p.m.)

Caldwell at Seton Hall (7 p.m.)

Sacred Heart at Marquette (8 p.m.)

RECENT RESULTS

Regular season games begin on Friday, November 14

VILLANOVA ON THE AIR

Internet Radio Broadcasts

All Villanova home games and selected road games will be broadcast live on the Internet as part of the Nova Nation All-Access package. Each game can be accessed by visiting www.villanova.com.

Television

Each Villanova home game will air live on the Internet as part of the Nova Nation All-Access package. Streaming audio and video will be available as part of the broadcast for each of these games. In addition, three Wildcat games will be broadcast on television during the season. The following three games will air live during the season:

CBS College Sports

Wednesday, Jan. 21 at George Washington (8 p.m.)

BIG EAST Regional Sports Network Game of the Week

Saturday, Jan. 3 at Cincinnati (2 p.m.)

Saturday, Feb. 7 at Seton Hall (2 p.m.)

Gametracker

Live statistics during the game via the Gametracker interface will be available for all home games and many road games this season. To access Gametracker during the game click on the link which can be found at www.villanova.com the day of each game.



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After 30 years as head coach of the Villanova women's basketball program, Harry Perretta has established himself as one of the most respected and knowledgeable coaches in the country. A true teacher both on and off the court, Perretta strives to have a positive influence on his student-athletes not only as basketball players, but also as people.

In his 31-year Villanova career, Perretta has tallied a career record of 553-329. His 553 wins place him 21st on the winningest active collegiate coaching list, and ranks him as the all-time winningest

coach in the history of Villanova basketball for both men and women. Over the past eight seasons Perretta has compiled an impressive 158-93 record.

During the 2007-08 season, Perretta led the Wildcats to one of the top turnarounds in the country with a 17-16 record. A year earlier, Villanova tallied an 8-21 mark with a young and inexperienced squad. In addition to the 17 wins, the Wildcats earned a bid to the WNIT, where they advanced to the third round. This marks the eighth postseason appearance in the last nine years. After playing in the 2000 WNIT, Villanova went to four consecutive NCAA Tournaments from 2001-2004 before playing in the WNIT in 2005, 2006 and 2008. Also, last season, Perretta guided junior forward Laura Kurz to second team All-BIG EAST honors.

Perretta registered his 14th career 20-win season in 2005-06 by leading the Wildcats to a 21-11 record. This was the fifth time in six years that Perretta led his team to a 20-win campaign. Villanova earned a WNIT berth, giving the Wildcats their seventh-straight postseason appearance. Also, in 2005-06, Perretta coached senior forward Liad Suez-Karni to first team All-Big East accolades.

In 2004-05, Perretta became the 26th Division I women's basketball head coach to win 500 games when the Wildcats defeated Pittsburgh, 70-49, on February 2. Villanova finished the season with a 19-12 overall record and qualified for the postseason for the sixth-straight season with a WNIT berth.

One year earlier, Perretta led his team to a fourth-straight 20-win campaign and a fourth consecutive NCAA Tournament berth where the Wildcats advanced to the second round. Perretta also coached his squad to a second-straight Philadelphia Big Five title in 2003-04. For his efforts, he was named Big Five Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season.

The 2002-03 season was a special one for Perretta and the Wildcats. In addition to an impressive 28-6 overall record and a 12-4 Big East Conference mark, Perretta led the Wildcats to their third Big East Conference Tournament championship and first since 1987 with an improbable 52-48 upset over previously unbeaten Connecticut. The win snapped Connecticut's NCAA Division I women's basketball record of 70-straight victories and ended Connecticut's streak of nine-straight conference tournament championships.

The 28 wins recorded in 2002-03 is the second most victories in school history. Villanova was rewarded for its season by earning a No. 2 seed in the 2002-03 NCAA Tournament which is the highest seed ever for a Philadelphia area women's basketball team. In the NCAA Tournament, the Wildcats recorded wins over St. Francis (Pa.), George Washington and Colorado and advanced to the Elite Eight for the first time in the program's history. Also, during the 2002-03 season, Villanova went 4-0 in the Philadelphia Big Five to capture the City Series championship and he was named the Big Five Coach of the Year. Under Perretta's guidance, senior guard Trish Juhline led the Big East in scoring and garnered first

team All-Big East acclaim for the second-straight year, while senior forward Katie Davis was named second team All-Big East and junior guard/forward Courtney Mix was a Big East Honorable Mention Team selection. In addition, Juhline was named the Big East Tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

In 2001-02, Perretta guided Villanova to a 20-11 mark and a trip to the NCAA Tournament. In the NCAA's, Villanova received the No. 9 seed in the west region where they defeated Pepperdine in the first round before losing to No. 1 seed Oklahoma in the second round. Under Perretta's tutelage, junior guard Trish Juhline became the first Wildcat since 1994-95 to be named first team All-Big East. Perretta also helped senior point guard Mimi Riley earn Big East Honorable Mention acclaim in 2001-02.

PERRETTA BY THE NUMBERS (1978-present)

YEAR	W	L	PCT	ACCOMPLISHMENTS
2008-09				
2007-08	17	16	.515	Won the Odwalla San Fran. Thanksgiving Tourney WNIT Appearance; 550th Career Win Team won the Nnenna Lynch Award for highest Villanova team GPA
2006-07	8	21	.276	WNIT Third Round URI Thanksgiving Invitational Champs
2005-06	21	11	.656	Earned postseason berth for sixth straight season First round of WNIT
2004-05	19	12	.613	Fourth-straight 20-win season Fourth-straight NCAA Tournament Philadelphia Big Five champs Big Five Coach of the Year
2003-04	23	7	.766	Third-straight 20-win season Third-straight NCAA Tournament Big East Tourney champs NCAA Tournament Elite Eight Philadelphia Big 5 Champs
2002-03	28	6	.823	NCAA Tournament Second Round Fairfield Sheraton Classic Champs
2001-02	20	11	.645	NCAA Tournament Second Round Big Five Coach of the Year 400th career win All-time winningest coach in the history of Villanova basketball for men and women
2000-01	22	9	.709	WNIT first round Nevada Danka Classic Champs Wildcat Classic Champs
1999-00	15	15	.500	Second place Philadelphia Big Five WNIT First Round 2nd Place-Big East 6
1998-99	14	14	.500	Second place Philadelphia Big 5
1997-98	19	10	.655	Big East Coach-of-the-Year Big 5 Coach-of-the-Year Big 5 Champions
1996-97	14	14	.500	300th Career Win Big East runner-up
1995-96	21	7	.750	Big 5 Coach-of-the-Year Big 5 Champions
1994-95	19	9	.679	Big East runner-up Big 5 Coach-of-the-Year UNLV Desert Classic Champions; Wildcat Christmas Classic Champions
1993-94	13	14	.481	Second place Philadelphia Big 5 Co-Philadelphia Big 5 Champions
1992-93	15	13	.536	Earned 250th career victory
1991-92	11	17	.393	Havoline Wildcat Champions
1990-91	12	17	.414	NCAA First Round
1989-90	9	19	.321	Co-Philadelphia Big 5 Champions
1988-89	18	12	.600	NCAA First Round
1987-88	20	9	.689	Co-Philadelphia Big 5 Champions
1986-87	27	4	.870	NCAA First Round Big East Conference Coach of the Year Big East Conference Champions Big East Tournament Champions Co-Philadelphia Big 5 Champions NCAA Second Round
1985-86	23	8	.741	Big East Tournament Champions
1984-85	21	9	.700	Co-Big East Conference Champions
1983-84	22	7	.758	Co-Philadelphia Big 5 Champions
1982-83	14	15	.482	Rider Tournament Champions
1981-82	29	4	.878	Ranked 11th by AP EALAW, Big 5 Champions AIAW Final Four EALAW Playoffs
1980-81	22	6	.786	Philadelphia Big 5 Champions
1979-80	20	5	.800	EALAW Playoffs Philadelphia Big 5 Champions
1978-79	17	8	.680	Finalist Small College Coach of the Year
TOTAL	553	329	.627	(249-190 in Big East)

- One NCAA Elite Eight Appearance
- Fourteen 20-win seasons
- Eight NCAA Tournament appearances
- All-time winningest coach in the history of Villanova basketball for men or women
- 11 Philadelphia Big Five titles
- Three Big East Conference Tournament titles
- Three Big East Conference regular season championships
- 1982 AIAW Final Four



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The 2000-01 season was a memorable one for Perretta, as he led his team to a 22-9 overall record and a berth in the NCAA Tournament where they advanced to the second round. In a 60-55 win over Temple on Dec. 2, 2000, Perretta won his 400th career game and with the 61-45 victory over Providence on Feb. 24, 2001. He became the all-time winningest coach in the history of Villanova basketball for both men and women with career win number 414. For his efforts in 2000-01, Perretta was named the Philadelphia Big Five Co-Coach of the Year. Also that season, Perretta helped senior center Brandi Barnes earn third team All-Big East distinction and sophomore guard Trish Juhline garner Big East Honorable Mention acclaim. In the Philadelphia Big Five, freshman forward Courtney Mix was named Rookie of the Year.

In 1995-96, Perretta led his team to a 21-7 record and added to his already impressive resume when he earned Big East Coach of the Year honors along with the Philadelphia Big Five Coach-of-the-Year award. Already the winningest coach in Villanova women's basketball history, on January 8, 1995 against the Georgetown Hoyas, Perretta earned his 300th career win at the age of 39. At the end of the 1994-95 season, he was named the Philadelphia Big 5 Coach of the Year.

The dean of the Big East and Big 5 coaches, Perretta has brought the Wildcats national respect and success during his tenure at Villanova. Always a crowd favorite wherever he goes, he is one of the most animated and vocal coaches in the country, continually instructing his players during the course of a game. Year-in and year-out, his teams are feared for their aggressive play, disciplined style, defensive prowess and pre-game preparations of an opponent.

A teacher of basketball, Perretta also realizes the importance of the overall college experience. He and his staff follow closely each player's academic progress, and in his 31 years at Villanova, 99 percent of the student-athletes who has stayed all four years has received her degree. Perretta is also a firm believer of using the basketball experience to teach his players lessons on life. Upon graduation, it is a sure bet that Perretta's players will leave Villanova as better basketball players, in addition to being prepared to be a success in whatever career avenue they choose.

During his career on the Main Line, he has led the Wildcats to eight NCAA Tournament appearances, national rankings in the Associated Press poll, Big East regular season and tournament championships in both 1985-86 and 1986-87, the 2003 Big East Tournament title, seven outright and four shared Big 5 titles, and fourteen 20-win or better seasons. In addition, one of his players, Shelly Pennefather, was recognized in 1987 as the nation's top women's basketball player, winning the Margaret Wade Trophy and earning Kodak All-America honors.

"This program is something I feel is my own, my own personal project," stated Perretta. "When I got here, there wasn't much to start with. Yet, all the players we have brought in have graduated, we've had All-Americans and gone to the Final Four (1982). The fact that we are considered one of the better teams in the country over the last 30 years makes me proud. I can honestly say that I wouldn't want to coach anywhere but Villanova."

Perretta began his career on the Main Line in 1978 at the age of 22, the youngest coach ever to head a women's program at Villanova. In his first season, he led the 'Cats to a 17-8 record and was a finalist for the AIAW small college coach of the year. During his career, Perretta and the Wildcats have had many highlights, including reaching the Final Four of the AIAW in 1982. The 1982-83 season saw Villanova begin play in NCAA Division I and in the Big East Conference. Since joining the Big East in 1982, Perretta has compiled a 197-162 conference record.

Perretta attended Lycoming College after earning All-Catholic League honors at Monsignor Bonner High School in Upper Darby, Pa. His playing career was cut short, however, by an ankle injury during his freshman year at Lycoming. Perretta spent the remainder of his college years assist-

ing Lycoming's varsity and junior varsity programs as a coach, and he also aided the women's program. He received his bachelor's degree in social studies and a secondary teaching certificate in 1978. In 1995, he earned his Master's Degree in Education from Villanova.

Perretta is married to the former Helen Koskinen and they are the parents of a 10 year old son, Stephen William and an eight-year old son Michael John. Together, they reside in Drexel Hill, Pa.

PERRETTA ALL-TIME VERSUS OPPONENTS (553-329)

TEAM	WIN	LOSS	TEAM	WIN	LOSS
Alabama	1	1	Miami (OH)	1	0
Alcorn St.	1	0	Michigan St.	0	1
American	1	0	Minnesota	1	0
Baylor	0	0	Mississippi	2	1
Binghamton	2	0	Mississippi St.	1	0
Bloomsburg	2	0	Monmouth	9	1
Boston College	26	14	Montclair	1	1
Boston University	3	1	Mount St. Mary's	3	0
Bowling Green	0	1	North Carolina	0	1
Brown	2	1	North Carolina State	0	5
Bucknell	1	0	Nevada-Reno	1	0
BYU	1	0	New Hampshire	1	0
Cal-Berkeley	1	0	New Mexico	1	0
Cal St.-Northridge	1	0	Niagara	1	0
Canisius	1	0	North Florida	1	0
Central Florida	0	0	Notre Dame	5	8
Chattanooga	0	1	Old Dominion	0	1
Cheyney	3	6	Ohio State	1	0
Cincinnati	2	1	Penn State	4	8
Colorado	3	1	Penn	29	1
Colorado St.	1	0	Pepperdine	0	1
Columbia	1	0	Philadelphia Textile	1	0
Connecticut	17	28	Pittsburgh	33	20
Cornell	1	0	Princeton	6	1
Dartmouth	1	0	Providence	29	20
Delaware	3	1	Purdue	0	1
Delta St.	1	0	Queens	2	1
DePaul	0	4	Rhode Island	2	0
Drake	1	0	Richmond	0	1
Drexel	1	0	Rider	7	0
Duke	0	1	Rutgers	7	20
Elon	1	0	Sacred Heart	0	0
Fairfield	9	0	Saint Joseph's	10	17
Fairleigh Dickinson	5	0	Salisbury	2	0
Fordham	2	0	San Diego St.	0	1
Florida	0	1	San Francisco	1	0
Florida International	1	0	Scranton	1	1
George Washington	2	5	Seton Hall	30	17
Georgetown	30	16	Siena	1	2
Georgia	0	1	South Alabama	1	0
Georgia Southern	1	0	St. Bonaventure	1	0
Georgia State	1	0	St. Francis	1	0
Georgia Tech	1	0	St. John's	29	18
Glassboro	2	0	St. Peter's	6	5
Harvard	2	0	Syracuse	34	13
Hofstra	1	0	SW Texas State	1	0
Holy Cross	2	2	Temple	22	12
Howard	4	0	Tennessee	0	1
Illinois	0	1	Texas-Arlington	1	0
Immaculata	2	1	Trenton St.	2	0
Iona	2	0	Tulane	0	1
Kansas State	0	1	UAB	1	0
Kent State	0	1	UNLV	1	1
Kentucky	0	1	Ursinus	1	0
Kutztown	1	0	USF	0	3
Lafayette	2	0	Valparaiso	1	0
La Salle	24	6	Vanderbilt	0	1
Lehigh	1	0	Virginia	1	1
LSU	0	1	Virginia Tech	3	3
Louisville	0	3	Wake Forest	0	1
Loyola (Md.)	1	3	Washington	1	0
Maine	1	1	Wayland Baptist	1	0
Manhattan	6	0	West Chester	6	0
Marist	3	0	West Virginia	15	7
Marquette	2	2	Western Kentucky	0	1
Maryland	1	0	Widener	2	0
Massachusetts	3	1	Wisconsin	1	0
Md.-Eastern Shore	1	0	Wisconsin-Green Bay	0	2
Mercer CC	1	0	Xavier	1	0
Miami (Fla.)	11	9			

Note: 2008-09 opponents in bold.



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TURNING 40: The 2008-09 campaign will mark the 40th season of women's basketball at Villanova. The Wildcats played their first varsity season back in 1969-70, when the team posted a 4-6 record. Through the program's first 39 years as a varsity sport, Villanova has an all-time record of 636-383 (.624). Last season, the Wildcats hosted Connecticut in the 1000th contest in program history.

GETTING STARTED: Villanova is 24-15 (.615) all-time in season openers and has won five of its last seven games to begin a season. The Wildcats have a record of 19-13 under head coach **Harry Perretta** in season openers and are 10-3 when their season opener is a home game. This afternoon's game marks the 11th time that Villanova will open the season against a Philadelphia Big Five opponent and the second straight year that the Wildcats open up against La Salle. In its first 10 season openers against city rivals, Villanova has gone 6-4.

JUST A PREVIEW: After playing today's season opener in front of its home fans, Villanova will not have another home game for more than three weeks. The Wildcats will play six straight games away from The Pavilion before returning to host Lehigh on December 7 at 1 p.m. During the six-game stretch away, Villanova will travel more than 3,600 miles. That includes three games that will be played at the Paradise Jam in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Wildcats also have a road trip to Bridgeport, Connecticut for a game at Fairfield and will play at local rivals Penn and Saint Joseph's. Villanova will play five of its next six games at home after the long road trip.

CITY SERIES SUCCESS: The Wildcats have had a great deal of success in Philadelphia Big Five play since the inception of the 'City Series' in 1979. Villanova currently owns a record of 84-31 (.730) against their four Big Five opponents. The 84 all-time victories rank the Wildcats just one behind Saint Joseph's for the most Big Five wins ever. Head coach **Harry Perretta** has led Villanova to at least a share of 10 Big Five titles, including six seasons with a perfect 4-0 record and an outright championship.

LEADING LA SALLE: This afternoon's season opener will mark the 38th all-time meeting between Villanova and La Salle. The Wildcats lead the all-time series by a dominating 29-8 margin and have won seven of the past eight meetings. The teams met in last year's season opener at Gola Arena in Philadelphia and Villanova came away with a 64-58 victory. The only win for the Explorers in the past eight years came at Villanova in 2006-07 by a 74-62 count.

WELL STOCKED: Villanova enters the 2008-09 season with 10 letterwinners returning from last season, including four starters. The returning starters are senior forwards **Laura Kurz** and **Lisa Karcic** and junior guards **Maria Getty** and **Tia Grant**. Overall, the Wildcats bring back the bulk of their production in nearly every statistical category. Villanova returns 76.9 percent of its scoring, 81.6 percent of its rebounding, 82.2 percent of its assists and 79.4 percent of its three-point shooting from last season. In 2007-08, the Wildcats set NCAA single-season records for three-pointers made and attempted.

TRIPLE THREATS: The most difficult matchup that Villanova presents its opponents is the task of defending the three-point shot. Last season the Wildcats established single-season NCAA records for three-pointers made, three-pointers attempted and made three-pointers per game. Villanova connected on 326-of-858 shots from long distance in 2007-08, good for a .380 shooting percentage and 9.9 triples per game. The Wildcats outscored the opposition by a whopping 978-372 margin from behind the arc. Villanova had 16 games last season in which it made at least 10 three-pointers and four games with at least 15 threes.

SPECIAL K'S: The Wildcats will be led during the 2008-09 season by senior forwards **Laura Kurz** and **Lisa Karcic**. Kurz led the team a year ago with 14.9 points and 6.4 rebounds per game while showcasing an accurate shooting touch. She was also the team leader in field goal percentage (.495) and three-point percentage (.438) for the year. Karcic, meanwhile, contributed 12.2 points and 4.9 rebounds and led the team in three-pointers made (77), blocked shots (33) and steals (43).

TERRIFIC TRIO: Among the 10 letterwinners returning to this year's team are the trio of senior guard **Siobhan O'Connor** and junior guards **Maria Getty** and **Tia Grant**. The three backcourt players are each likely to see significant minutes for Villanova this season. O'Connor is one of the most unheralded players on the team for her ball-handling skills and ability to run the point. She owns a sparkling 1.9 assist-to-turnover ratio for her career and last season made more three-pointers (35) than she committed turnovers (26). Getty averaged 7.3 points and 3.2 rebounds per game last season while shooting 41 percent from beyond the three-point arc. A two-year starter, Grant scored 4.8 points per game and dished out 2.4 assists per contest last season.

TRADING RED FOR THE BLUE AND WHITE: Two Villanova players will become active this season after being granted redshirt seasons in 2007-08. Sophomore center **Heather Scanlon** and freshman guard **Sarah Jones** each return to the Wildcats this season. Scanlon averaged 2.1 points and 2.1 rebounds per game as a true freshman in 2006-07 and will be a key presence in the post for Villanova. Jones is a local product capable of playing at the point with strong passing skills and outstanding basketball instincts.

VULIN HIRED AS ASSISTANT COACH: Head coach **Harry Perretta** completed his coaching staff for the 2008-09 season with the appointment of **Heather Vulin** as assistant coach. Vulin comes to the Main Line from Sacred Heart University, where she was an assistant coach from 2002-08. Vulin was the recruiting coordinator from 2004-08 and during her stint with the program the Pioneers amassed a 124-55 overall record and became the first team in the history of the Northeast Conference to post seven straight seasons with at least 18 victories. As a collegiate student-athlete at Minnesota-Morris, Vulin was a four-year letterwinner in basketball and volleyball and earned Academic All-Conference honors in both sports. She earned a degree in Secondary Education at Minnesota-Morris and went on to receive a Master's degree in Education from North Dakota State.



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FAMILIAR FACES: Former Villanova standouts **Courtney Davis** (Mix) and **Stacie Witman** both rejoin the team as a part of the women's basketball staff this season. Davis will begin her first season as the Director of Basketball Operations and Witman remains with the program as the Women's Basketball Intern. Davis ranks 16th in school history in scoring with 1,071 points and is also third in program annals in rebounding (869) and sixth in assists (457). She helped lead Villanova to the 2003 BIG EAST title and an Elite Eight appearance in the NCAA Tournament. Witman scored 911 points in her Wildcat career and graduated last season after ranking second in scoring (14.1) and rebounding (5.5) for Villanova.

KURZ EARNS PRESEASON HONOR: Senior forward **Laura Kurz** was named an honorable mention Preseason All-BIG EAST selection at the league's annual preseason Media Day event held at ESPN Zone in New York City. Kurz led Villanova last season with 14.9 points per game, 6.4 rebounds per contest, 48.5 percent shooting from the field and 43.8 percent accuracy from three-point range.

VILLANOVA PICKED 10TH IN BIG EAST PRESEASON POLL: In a preseason poll of league head coaches, Villanova received 85 points and was selected to finish 10th in the BIG EAST this season. The Wildcats return four starters and 10 letterwinners overall from a team that ranked among the nation's best last year with a +7.0-game turnaround from the previous season. The league's head coaches chose Connecticut to win the league title. The results of the head coaches' poll were as follows:

BIG EAST PRESEASON POLL

	Team	Points
1	Connecticut	224 (14)
2	Rutgers	201 (1)
3	Louisville	200 (1)
4	Notre Dame	182
5	Pittsburgh	162
6	Syracuse	156
7	Marquette	147
8	DePaul	132
9	West Virginia	109
10	Villanova	85
11	Georgetown	77
12	USF	76
13	St. John's	66
14	Seton Hall	40
15	Cincinnati	33
16	Providence	30



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WILDCATS BY THE NUMBERS

VILLANOVA'S RECORD WHEN...

Overall	0-0
Home	0-0
Away	0-0
Neutral	0-0
Big East	0-0
Big East Home Games	0-0
Big East Road Games	0-0
Philadelphia Big 5	0-0
Leading at the half	0-0
Trailing at the half	0-0
Tied at the half	0-0
In Overtime	0-0
Shooting 40% or better	0-0
Shooting 50% or better	0-0
Scoring 50 or more points	0-0
Scoring 60 or more points	0-0
Scoring 70 or more points	0-0
November	0-0
December	0-0
January	0-0
February	0-0
March	0-0

2008-09 TEAM HIGHS

Points	N/A
First Half Points	N/A
Second Half Points	N/A
Field Goals Made	N/A
Field Goal Percentage	N/A
3-Point Field Goals Made	N/A
3-Point Field Goal Percentage	N/A
Free Throws Made	N/A
Free Throw Percentage	N/A
Assists	N/A
Turnovers	N/A
Blocked Shots	N/A
Steals	N/A

2008-09 TEAM LOWS

Points	N/A
First Half Points	N/A
Second Half Points	N/A
Field Goals Made	N/A
Field Goal Percentage	N/A
3-Point Field Goals Made	N/A
3-Point Field Goal Pct.	N/A
Free Throws Made	N/A
Free Throw Percentage	N/A
Assists	N/A
Turnovers	N/A
Blocked Shots	N/A
Steals	N/A

2008-09 OPPONENT HIGHS

Points	N/A
First Half Points	N/A
Second Half Points	N/A
Field Goals Made	N/A
Field Goal Percentage	N/A
3-Point Field Goals Made	N/A
3-Point Field Goal Percentage	N/A
Free Throws Made	N/A
Free Throw Percentage	N/A
Assists	N/A
Turnovers	N/A
Blocked Shots	N/A
Steals	N/A



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2008-09 Villanova Roster

Head Coach: Harry Perretta (Lycoming '78), 31st Season (553-329)

Associate Head Coach: Joe Mullaney (Providence '78)

Assistant Coach: Shanette Lee (Villanova '99)

Interim Assistant Coach: Trish Juhline (Villanova '03)

Numerical Roster

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School/Previous School</u>
2	Briana Weiss	F	Sr.	6-0	Piedmont, Calif./Bishop O'Dowd
3	Laura Kurz	F	Sr.	6-1	Lower Gwynedd, Pa./Germantown Academy/Duke University
4	Siobhan O'Connor	G	Sr.	5-6	West Chester, Pa./Villa Maria Academy
5	Maria Getty	G	Jr.	5-9	Centerville, Ohio/Chaminade-Julienne
10	Sarah Jones	G	R-Fr.	5-7	Philadelphia, Pa./Central
11	Lisa Karcic	F/C	Sr.	6-1	New Hyde Park, N.Y./New Hyde Park
12	Kyle Dougherty	G	Jr.	5-10	Sayre, Pa./Owego Free Academy
20	Megan Pearson	F	Fr.	6-0	West Chester, Pa./Archbishop Carroll
21	Tia Grant	G	Jr.	5-11	Lido Beach, N.Y./Holy Trinity
23	Leslie Murray	G	Sr.	5-8	Moorestown, N.J./Moorestown
24	Amanda Swiezynski	G/F	So.	6-0	Exeter, N.H./Exeter
25	Emily Suhey	F	Fr.	6-1	Boalsburg, Pa./State College
33	Laura Sweeney	F	Fr.	6-2	Marlton, N.J./Cherokee
45	Shannon Elliott	F/C	So.	6-2	Wilmington, Del./Padua Academy
55	Heather Scanlon	C	So.	6-3	Drexel Hill, Pa./Cardinal O'Hara

Alphabetical Roster

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School/Previous School</u>
12	Kyle Dougherty	G	Jr.	5-10	Sayre, Pa./Owego Free Academy
45	Shannon Elliott	F/C	So.	6-2	Wilmington, Del./Padua Academy
5	Maria Getty	G	Jr.	5-9	Centerville, Ohio/Chaminade-Julienne
21	Tia Grant	G	Jr.	5-11	Lido Beach, N.Y./Holy Trinity
10	Sarah Jones	G	R-Fr.	5-7	Philadelphia, Pa./Central
11	Lisa Karcic	F/C	Sr.	6-1	New Hyde Park, N.Y./New Hyde Park
3	Laura Kurz	F	Sr.	6-1	Lower Gwynedd, Pa./Germantown Academy/Duke University
23	Leslie Murray	G	Sr.	5-8	Moorestown, N.J./Moorestown
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24	Amanda Swiezynski	G/F	So.	6-0	Exeter, N.H./Exeter
2	Briana Weiss	F	Sr.	6-0	Piedmont, Calif./Bishop O'Dowd

Wildcats By Class: **Freshman (3)** - Megan Pearson, Emily Suhey, Laura Sweeney; **Redshirt Freshman (1)** - Sarah Jones; **Sophomores (3)** - Shannon Elliott, Heather Scanlon, Amanda Swiezynski; **Juniors (3)** - Kyle Dougherty, Maria Getty, Tia Grant; **Seniors (5)** - Lisa Karcic, Laura Kurz, Leslie Murray, Siobhan O'Connor, Briana Weiss

Wildcats By State: **California (1)** - Briana Weiss; **Delaware (1)** - Shannon Elliott; **New Jersey (2)** - Leslie Murray, Laura Sweeney; **New Hampshire (1)** - Amanda Swiezynski; **New York (2)** - Tia Grant, Lisa Karcic; **Ohio (1)** - Maria Getty; **Pennsylvania (7)** - Kyle Dougherty, Sarah Jones, Laura Kurz, Siobhan O'Connor, Megan Pearson, Heather Scanlon, Emily Suhey



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#12 KYLE DOUGHERTY

Junior • Guard • 5-10
 Sayre, Pa.
 Owego Free Academy

#45 SHANNON ELLIOTT

Sophomore • Forward/Center • 6-2
 Wilmington, Del.
 Padua Academy

2008-09:

2007-08: Played in 31 games with one start, averaging 7.5 minutes per contest ... Averaged 0.7 points and 0.5 rebounds per game ... Shot .269 (7-26) from the field and .800 (8-10) from the free throw line ... Totaled nine assists, 16 turnovers, one blocked shot and four steals ... Appeared in 14 regular season BIG EAST games and totaled eight points, seven rebounds, four assists and three steals in 6.7 minutes per game ... Logged 24 minutes in three WNIT games and averaged 2.7 points per game while shooting 3-of-5 (60%) from the field and 2-of-2 at the foul line.

2006-07: Played in 27 games and made two starts ... Averaged 11.7 minutes per game, 2.3 points per game and 0.7 rebounds per game ... Made 21-of-52 (.404) from the field and hit 19-of-24 (.792) from the free throw line ... Totaled 17 assists and 21 turnovers with eight steals and three blocked shots.

2005-06: Redshirted.

2008-09:

2007-08: Appeared in 28 games with one start in her Villanova debut ... Averaged 1.9 points and 1.5 rebounds per game while playing 8.5 minutes per contest ... Shot .352 (19-54) from the floor, .276 (8-29) from three-point range and .545 (6-11) on free throws ... Totaled eight assists, seven turnovers, 18 blocked shots and seven steals ... Third on the team in blocks ... Played in 13 regular season BIG EAST contests and averaged 7.8 minutes per game while scoring 1.7 points and pulling down 1.4 rebounds per game ... Played in all three of the team's WNIT games, seeing 13.0 minutes per game while averaging 3.7 points and 1.3 rebounds per game.

2006-07: Redshirted.

THE BEST OF DOUGHERTY

<u>CAREER HIGHS</u>	<u>SEASON HIGHS (2008-09)</u>
<i>Points</i> 11 vs. Providence (2/26/07)	<i>Points</i>
<i>Rebounds</i> 4 vs. Binghamton (12/13/07)	<i>Rebounds</i>
<i>Assists</i> 3 vs. Connecticut (2/24/07)	<i>Assists</i>
<i>Steals</i> 2 vs. Louisville (3/3/08)	<i>Steals</i>

THE BEST OF ELLIOTT

<u>CAREER HIGHS</u>	<u>SEASON HIGHS (2008-09)</u>
<i>Points</i> 8 on two occasions	<i>Points</i>
<i>Rebounds</i> 5 vs. Binghamton (12/13/07)	<i>Rebounds</i>
<i>Assists</i> 3 vs. West Virginia (02/23/08)	<i>Assists</i>
<i>Blocks</i> 4 vs. South Florida (02/19/08)	<i>Blocks</i>



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#5 MARIA GETTY

Junior • Guard • 5-9
Centerville, Ohio
Chaminade-Julienne

2008-09:

2007-08: One of two players on the team to start in all 33 games and ranked second on the squad with 31.1 minutes per game ... Averaged 7.3 points and 3.2 rebounds with a team-high 2.9 assists per game ... Shot .455 (80-176) from the field, .414 (48-116) from long distance and .733 (33-45) from the foul line ... Totaled 97 assists with 55 turnovers, two blocks and 26 steals ... Second on the team in steals ... In regular season BIG EAST games scored 6.3 points and averaged 2.9 assists and 2.8 rebounds per contest ... In the team's three WNIT games averaged 9.0 points and 4.0 rebounds per game in 35.3 minutes per contest.

2006-07: Played in all 29 games and started 28 while averaging 29.6 minutes per contest ... Fourth on the team with 7.0 points per game and also recorded 2.4 rebounds per game ... Ranked second on the squad with 41 three-pointers made and hit on .325 (41-of-126) from long range ... Made .354 (67-of-189) of her shots from the field overall and went 29-of-34 (.853) at the charity stripe ... Tallied 46 assists, 44 turnovers, 22 steals and six blocked shots.

2005-06: Redshirted.

#21 TIA GRANT

Junior • Guard • 5-11
Lido Beach, N.Y.
Holy Trinity

2008-09:

2007-08: Started in 30 of 33 games and averaged 27.0 minutes per outing ... Averaged 4.8 points and 1.6 rebounds per game while shooting .377 (60-159) from the field, .306 (22-72) from beyond the three-point arc and .680 (17-25) at the foul line ... Totaled 78 assists with 58 turnovers and 19 steals ... Ranked fourth on the squad in assists ... Started 14 of 16 team games in regular season BIG EAST play and averaged 5.8 points, 2.4 assists and 1.6 rebounds per game ... In three WNIT games averaged 7.7 points and 2.3 rebounds per contest while making 9-of-21 (43%) from the field, 3-of-6 (50%) from three-point range and 2-of-2 free throws.

2006-07: Played in all 29 games with 27 starts and averaged 26.1 minutes per game ... Scored 5.0 points per game and averaged 1.7 rebounds per contest ... Ranked third on the team with 54 assists ... Made 54-of-172 (.314) from the field, 23-of-81 (.284) from three-point range and 15-of-30 (.500) from the free throw line ... Committed 57 turnovers while grabbing 10 steals and blocking two shots.

2005-06: Redshirted.

THE BEST OF GETTY

<u>CAREER HIGHS</u>	<u>SEASON HIGHS (2008-09)</u>
<i>Points</i> 17 vs. San Francisco (11/24/07)	<i>Points</i>
<i>Rebounds</i> 7 on four occasions	<i>Rebounds</i>
<i>Assists</i> 7 on two occasions	<i>Assists</i>
<i>Steals</i> 4 vs. La Salle (11/9/07)	<i>Steals</i>

THE BEST OF GRANT

<u>CAREER HIGHS</u>	<u>SEASON HIGHS (2008-09)</u>
<i>Points</i> 18 vs. Providence (01/22/08)	<i>Points</i>
<i>Rebounds</i> 4 on six occasions	<i>Rebounds</i>
<i>Assists</i> 8 vs. Providence (01/22/08)	<i>Assists</i>
<i>Steals</i> 2 on six occasions	<i>Steals</i>



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#11 LISA KARCIC

Senior • Forward/Center • 6-1
New Hyde Park, N.Y.
New Hyde Park

2008-09:

2007-08: Started in 29 of the 30 games she played in before a season-ending injury sustained in the BIG EAST Tournament ... Averaged 30.3 minutes, 12.2 points and 4.9 rebounds per game ... Led the team with 77 three-pointers made, 33 blocked shots and 43 steals ... Overall shot .416 (124-298) from the field, .416 (77-185) from three-point range and .755 (40-53) from the charity stripe ... Dished out 81 assists with only 55 turnovers ... Started all 16 regular season BIG EAST games and contributed 11.3 points and 5.1 rebounds per contest.

2006-07: Saw action in all 29 games and had 27 starts ... Averaged 29.8 minutes per game ... Ranked third on the team in scoring with 11.3 points per game and second on the team with 6.1 rebounds per contest ... Drained a team-high 61 three-pointers and shot 61-of-165 (.370) from behind the arc ... Hit on 110-of-297 (.370) from the field overall and displayed 47-of-61 (.770) accuracy at the charity stripe ... Led the team with 37 blocked shots and 32 steals ... Tallied 48 assists with 57 turnovers.

2005-06: Started five of 32 games and averaged 4.3 points and 2.9 rebounds in 12.7 minutes per contest ... Finished tied for second on the team in blocks with 11 ... Shot .429 from the field (51-of-119), .375 from behind the arc (9-of-24) and .818 at the foul line (27-of-33) ... Had 18 assists and 16 steals.

2004-05: Redshirted.

#3 LAURA KURZ

Senior • Forward • 6-2
Lower Gwynedd, Pa.
Germantown Academy / Duke University

2008-09:

2007-08: Played in 33 games with 31 starts, averaging 28.7 minutes per contest and leading the team with 14.9 points and 6.4 rebounds per game ... Shot a team-best .495 (191-386) from the field, including a team-high .438 (56-128) from the three-point line and made .654 (53-81) of her free throw attempts ... Totaled 32 assists, 71 turnovers, 31 blocked shots and 24 steals ... Her 491 total points were the most by a Wildcat since the 2002-03 season ... In BIG EAST regular season games improved her scoring touch to 15.3 points per game ... Averaged 12.3 points and 8.0 rebounds per contest in three WNIT games.

2006-07: Sat out the season due to NCAA Division I transfer rules.

2005-06 (Duke): Played in 30 games and averaged 5.4 points and 2.4 rebounds in 11.5 minutes per game ... Shot .539 from the field (62-of-115) and .442 from three-point range (23-of-52).

2004-05 (Duke): Appeared in 35 games and averaged 5.6 points and 2.2 rebounds in 15.2 minutes per game ... Shot .506 from the field (78-of-154) and .452 from three-point range (33-of-73).

THE BEST OF KARCIC

CAREER HIGHS	SEASON HIGHS (2008-09)
<i>Points</i>	<i>Points</i>
29 vs. Providence (2/26/07)	
<i>Rebounds</i>	<i>Rebounds</i>
14 vs. West Virginia (1/6/07)	
<i>Assists</i>	<i>Assists</i>
5 on four occasions	
<i>Steals</i>	<i>Steals</i>
4 on two occasions	

THE BEST OF KURZ

CAREER HIGHS	SEASON HIGHS (2008-09)
<i>Points</i>	<i>Points</i>
33 vs. Providence (2/12/08)	
<i>Rebounds</i>	<i>Rebounds</i>
12 on two occasions	
<i>Assists</i>	<i>Assists</i>
4 vs. West Virginia (2/23/08)	
<i>Steals</i>	<i>Steals</i>
4 vs. Ball State (12/20/04)	



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#4 SIOBHAN O'CONNOR

Senior • Guard • 5-6
West Chester, Pa.
Villa Maria Academy

#55 HEATHER SCANLON

Sophomore • Center • 6-3
Drexel Hill, Pa.
Cardinal O'Hara

2008-09:

2007-08: Appeared in 32 games and started three, playing 24.7 minutes per contest and averaging 4.9 points and 2.5 rebounds per game ... Shot .377 (49-130) from the field, .398 (35-88) from three-point range and .828 (24-29) on free throws ... Collected 65 assists and just 26 turnovers while making 12 steals ... Played in 15 regular season BIG EAST games and averaged 5.9 points and 2.0 rebounds per game ... Started all three WNIT games and averaged 4.0 points, 3.3 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game while making 4-of-10 three-pointers in the tournament.

2006-07: Appeared in all 29 games with four starts and averaged 25.1 minutes per game ... Scored 3.9 points and had 2.9 rebounds per game while ranking second on the team with 58 assists ... Shot .317 (38-of-120) from the field, including .297 (19-of-64) from beyond the three-point arc ... Showed .792 (19-of-24) accuracy from the charity stripe ... Dished out 58 assists with just 34 turnovers ... Added 12 steals and three blocks.

2005-06: Started two of the 32 games she played in and averaged 1.9 points and 1.9 rebounds in 11.8 minutes per contest ... Shot .380 from the floor (19-of-50) and .385 (10-of-26) from three-point range.

2004-05: Redshirted.

2008-09:

2007-08: Redshirted.

2006-07: Played in 27 games with 11 starts and averaged 13.1 minutes per contest ... Contributed 2.1 points and 2.1 rebounds per game ... Shot .418 (23-of-55) from the field and .476 (10-of-21) from the foul line ... Tallied 13 assists, steals and seven blocked shots.

THE BEST OF O'CONNOR

CAREER HIGHS

Points

same as season

Rebounds

8 vs. Fairfield (11/17/06)

Assists

7 vs. DePaul (1/16/07)

Steals

2 vs. Loyola (12/28/06)

SEASON HIGHS (2007-08)

Points

18 vs. Providence (02/12/08)

Rebounds

7 vs. Manhattan (12/30/07)

Assists

5 on three occasions

Steals

2 vs. Fairfield (11/28/07)

THE BEST OF SCANLON

CAREER HIGHS

Points

7 on two occasions

Rebounds

5 on seven occasions

Assists

2 on four occasions

Blocks

2 vs. North Florida (11/25/06)

SEASON HIGHS (2008-09)

Points

Rebounds

Assists

Blocks



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#24 AMANDA SWIEZYNSKI

Sophomore • Guard/Forward • 6-0
 Exeter, N.H.
 Exeter

2008-09:

2007-08: Appeared in 32 games off the bench and averaged 8.5 minutes per game ... Averaged 0.8 points and 1.1 rebounds per game ... Shot .231 (9-39) from the field, .182 (4-22) from three-point range and made 2-of-2 free throws ... Totaled 20 assists, 12 turnovers, four blocked shots and 12 steals ... Averaged 8.0 minutes per game in 15 regular season BIG EAST contests and had eight points and 22 rebounds (1.5 rebounds per game) ... Played in all three WNIT games and averaged 10.7 minutes per contest.

2006-07: Redshirted.

#2 BRIANA WEISS

Senior • Forward • 6-0
 Piedmont, Calif.
 Bishop O'Dowd

2008-09:

2007-08: Played in 27 games with two starts and averaged 9.0 minutes per contest ... Scored 1.3 points and had 0.8 rebounds per game ... Shot .361 (13-36) from the field, .346 (9-26) from three-point range and .500 (1-2) at the foul line ... Collected 11 assists, 10 turnovers, two blocks and four steals ... Played in 11 regular season BIG EAST contests and had three points and five rebounds in 5.4 minutes per game ... Saw action in all three WNIT games and averaged 16.7 minutes per contest with nine points and nine rebounds.

2006-07: Played in 28 games and averaged 13.8 minutes per contest ... Averaged 3.1 points and 1.2 rebounds per game while shooting .405 (30-of-74) from the field and .333 (16-of-48) from three-point range ... Also made .550 (11-of-20) at the foul line ... Tallied 33 assists with just 15 turnovers ... Added eight steals and three blocked shots.

2005-06: Played in 18 games and tallied two points on 1-of-10 shooting from the field to go with four rebounds.

THE BEST OF SWIEZYNSKI

<u>CAREER HIGHS</u>	<u>SEASON HIGHS (2008-09)</u>
<i>Points</i> 3 on four occasions	<i>Points</i>
<i>Rebounds</i> 5 vs. St. John's (2/9/08)	<i>Rebounds</i>
<i>Assists</i> 3 vs. Wisconsin (3/22/08)	<i>Assists</i>
<i>Steals</i> 2 vs. Binghamton (12/13/07)	<i>Steals</i>

THE BEST OF WEISS

<u>CAREER HIGHS</u>	<u>SEASON HIGHS (2008-09)</u>
<i>Points</i> 16 vs. Binghamton (12/10/06)	<i>Points</i>
<i>Rebounds</i> 5 vs. Temple (12/22/06)	<i>Rebounds</i>
<i>Assists</i> 3 on five occasions	<i>Assists</i>
<i>Steals</i> 2 on two occasions	<i>Steals</i>



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#10 SARAH JONES

Freshman • Guard • 5-7
 Philadelphia, Pa.
 Central

2008-09:

2007-08: Redshirted.

#20 MEGAN PEARSON

Freshman • Forward • 6-0
 West Chester, Pa.
 Archbishop Carroll

2008-09:

#23 LESLIE MURRAY

Junior • Guard • 5-8
 Moorestown, N.J.
 Moorestown

2008-09:

2007-08: Played in five games in her first season on the active roster ... Had one rebound against Penn.

#25 EMILY SUHEY

Freshman • Forward • 6-1
 Boalsburg, Pa.
 State College

2008-09:

#33 LAURA SWEENEY

Freshman • Forward • 6-2
 Marlton, N.J.
 Cherokee

2008-09:

THE BEST OF MURRAY	
CAREER HIGHS	SEASON HIGHS (2008-09)
<i>Points</i> N/A	<i>Points</i>
<i>Rebounds</i> 1 vs. Penn (12/1/07)	<i>Rebounds</i>
<i>Assists</i> N/A	<i>Assists</i>
<i>Steals</i> N/A	<i>Steals</i>



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2008-2009 SEASON PREVIEW

With four starters and nine letterwinners returning, hopes are high at Villanova as the Wildcats prepare for the 2008-09 season. After winning just eight games with a young and inexperienced team two years ago, the team rebounded with 17 wins and trip to the WNIT last year. The only letterwinner who will not return this year is forward Stacie Witman who has been lost to graduation. Witman had a terrific senior season a year ago. She started all 33 games and finished second on the team in scoring with a 14.1 points per game average to go with 5.5 rebounds per game (second on team) and 2.6 assists per game (second on team). Witman also ranked second on the team in three-point field goals made with 67.

FORWARDS:

The top scoring threats for the Wildcats will come from the forward spots in the senior duo of **Laura Kurz (6-1, Lower Gwynedd, Pa.)** and **Lisa Karcic (6-1, New Hyde Park, N.Y.)**. In her first season in a Wildcat uniform last year after transferring from Duke University, Kurz provided Villanova with much needed offensive output. Kurz, who has good post moves and shooting range that extends well beyond the three-point line, finished last year averaging a team-best 14.9 points per game and shooting a team-best 49.5 percent from the field (191-of-386) and a team-high 43.8 percent from three-point range (56-of-128). Kurz also led the Wildcats in rebounding with a 6.4 rebounds per game average. For her efforts last season, Kurz was a second team All-Big East selection.

Karcic is coming off a season where she finished third on the team in scoring at 12.2 points per game, in addition to leading the team in three-point field goals made with 77. She also led the Wildcats in blocks with 33 and steals with 43 and she was third on the squad in assists with 81. The biggest question surrounding Karcic centers around her health. In last year's Big East Tournament, Karcic suffered a torn ACL that forced her to miss all three games in the WNIT. Karcic is currently ahead of schedule with her rehab and looks on track to be 100 percent when the season tips-off in November.

The two reserves at forward look to be senior **Briana Weiss (6-0, Piedmont, Calif.)** and sophomore **Amanda Swiezynski (6-0, Exeter, N.H.)**. Weiss is a fundamentally sound player with a high basketball IQ. Weiss' knowledge of the Villanova system will help her earn valuable minutes. One of her main strengths is the ability to shoot the ball from behind the arc. Swiezynski also possesses a strong basketball intellect with a feel for the game. Swiezynski, who will provide the Wildcats with strength along the frontline, averaged 8.5 minutes per game last season and looks to be in position to earn more playing time in 2008-09.

GUARDS:

Villanova will have the same guard rotation that they have had the last two seasons. The starters will be the junior tandem of **Maria Getty (5-9, Centerville, Ohio)** and **Tia Grant (5-11, Lido Beach, N.Y.)**. Getty will start at the point, but will also see time at the shooting guard position. Getty has good basketball instincts and is one of the team's best three-point shooters. Last year, she finished fourth on the team in three-point field goals by connecting on 48-of-116 for 41.4 percent. She also led the team in assists with 97.

VILLANOVA WILDCAT BASKETBALL 2008-09 QUICK FACTS

Team Information

Head Coach	Harry Perretta (Lycoming '78)
Record at Villanova	.553-329 (31st Season)
Career Record	Same
Associate Head Coach	Joe Mullaney (Providence '78)
Assistant Coach	Shanette Lee (Villanova '99)
Assistant Coach	Heather Vulin (Minnesota Morris '99)
Director of Basketball Operations	Courtney Mix (Villanova '04)
Women's Basketball Trainer	Stephanie Milazzo
Lettermen Returning/Lost	.10/1
Starters Returning/Lost	.4/1
Newcomers	.3
2007-08 Overall Record	.17-16
2007-08 Big East Record	.5-11
2007-08 Postseason	WNIT Third Round

Letterwinner Lost (1)

Player	Pos.	2007-08 Stats	Reason for Departure
Stacie Witman	F	14.1 ppg., 5.5 rpg.	Graduation

Letterwinners Returning (10)

Player	Cl.	Pos.	Ht.	2007-08 Key Stats
Laura Kurz	Sr.	F	6-1	14.9 ppg., 6.4 rpg.
Lisa Karcic	Sr.	F/C	6-1	12.2 ppg., 4.9 rpg.
Maria Getty	Jr.	G	5-9	7.3 ppg., 3.2 rpg.
Siobhan O'Connor	Sr.	G	5-6	4.9 ppg., 2.5 rpg.
Tia Grant	Jr.	G	5-11	4.8 ppg., 1.6 rpg.
Shannon Elliott	So.	F/C	6-2	1.9 ppg., 1.5 rpg.
Briana Weiss	Sr.	G	6-0	1.3 ppg., 0.8 rpg.
Amanda Swiezynski	So.	G/F	6-0	0.8 ppg., 1.1 rpg.
Kyle Dougherty	Jr.	G	5-10	0.7 ppg., 0.5 rpg.
Heather Scanlon	R-So.	C	6-3	Redshirted season

Newcomers (4)

Player	Cl.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown
Megan Pearson	Fr.	F	6-0	West Chester, Pa.
Emily Suhey	Fr.	F	6-1	Boalsburg, Pa.
Laura Sweeney	Fr.	F	6-2	Marlton, N.J.
Sarah Jones*	R-Fr.	G	5-7	Philadelphia, Pa.

* Redshirted the 2007-08 season

Grant is one of the team's best all-around athletes. Her combination of size and quickness can cause mismatch problems for opponents on offense and make her one of the team's top defenders. Grant came into her own late last season and should be poised for a breakout year in 2008-09.

The team's top reserve is senior point guard **Siobhan O'Connor (5-6, West Chester, Pa.)**. A tireless worker, O'Connor continues to improve each season. Her tough-minded approach and high energy style of play make her one of the most valuable players on the Wildcat roster.



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O'Connor averaged 24.7 minutes per contest last season as a reserve and averaged 4.9 points per game to go with 65 assists and 35 three-point field goals.

Two other Wildcats expected to see time in the backcourt will be junior **Kyle Dougherty (5-10, Sayre, Pa.)** and redshirt freshman **Sarah Jones (5-7, Philadelphia, Pa.)**. Dougherty is an offensively skilled player with good ball handling skills. She should use her experience to earn playing time this year. Jones is a physical guard with a big upside. A good athlete with good basketball instincts, Jones will fight for playing time in 2008-09.

CENTER:

The center position will be held by sophomore **Heather Scanlon (6-3, Drexel Hill, Pa.)** and sophomore **Shannon Elliott (6-2, Wilmington, Del.)**. Scanlon played as a true freshman in 2006-07, before redshirting the 2007-08 campaign. She used the year off to get in top shape and looks ready to be a contributor this season. Scanlon will provide the Wildcats with versatility at the center position. In addition to possessing strong post moves, Scanlon also has the ability to step outside and shoot the three-point shot. She also has very good passing skills.

Elliott earned valuable playing time last season as a redshirt freshman appearing in 28 games and averaging 8.5 minutes per contest. Elliott is an active player who plays hard all the time. A good rebounder, she also has shooting range that extends to the three-point line.

SCHEDULE:

The Wildcats will play a 30 game schedule that includes 16 Big East Conference games, four Philadelphia Big Five contests and 10 non conference contests. Villanova will open the season on Friday, Nov. 14, when the Wildcats play host to Big Five rival La Salle. The Wildcats then travel to Fairfield and Penn. Following a week off, Villanova will spend the Thanksgiving holiday in the Virgin Islands participating in the Paradise Jam Tournament. In the Virgin Islands, the Wildcats will take on Wisconsin, nationally ranked Baylor and Central Florida.

Following the Paradise Jam, Villanova returns to the states to play two of three on the road. The 'Cats play at Saint Joseph's on Dec. 4, host Lehigh on Dec. 7 and travel to Binghamton on Dec. 10. After a 10 day break for final exams, Villanova opens a homestand of four straight games versus Temple, Delaware, Sacred Heart and Monmouth. The only other non conference game on the schedule is a trip to George Washington in mid-January.

In Big East play, Villanova will play home games against Rutgers, West Virginia, Notre Dame, St. John's, DePaul, Louisville and South Florida. The Wildcats will travel to Big East foes Cincinnati, Syracuse, Seton Hall, Marquette, Pittsburgh, Connecticut and Georgetown. Villanova will play home and home with Providence.