

* * 10-Straight Postseason Appearances * * 2012 NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 * *
 * 10 NCAA Tourney Appearances * 14-Straight BIG EAST Tournament Appearances *
 2016 BIG EAST Champions

2017-18 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Queens, N.Y. 11439
 Founded: 1870
 Enrollment: 21,087
 Nickname: Red Storm
 Colors: Red and White
 Arena (Capacity): Carnesecca Arena (5,602)
 Madison Square Garden (19,786)
 Affiliation: NCAA Division I
 Conference: BIG EAST
 President: Conrado "Bobby" Gempesaw
 Director of Athletics: Anton Goff
 Athletic Department Phone: 718-990-6217
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TEAM INFORMATION

2016-17 Record: 22-12
 Home: 13-5
 Away: 7-5
 Neutral: 2-2
 Conference Record: 11-7
 Regular Season Conference Finish: 4th
 2016-17 Postseason: WNIT Round of 16
 L, 60-40 vs. Michigan (March 23, 2017)
 2016-17 NCAA Final RPI: 42
 2016-17 Final Top 25 (AP/USA Today Coaches): NR/RV
 Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/6
 Newcomers: 3

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Joe Tartamella
 Alma Mater: James Madison '01
 Seasons at St. John's: Sixth Season
 Record at St. John's (Yrs.): 109-58 (5)
 Career Coaching Record (Yrs.): Same
 Basketball Office Phone: 718-990-6002
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 Assistant Coach: Jonath Nicholas (Trinity University '97)
 Assistant Coach: Da'Shena Stevens (St. John's '12)
 Assistant Coach: Rory Kuhn (Cortland '03)
 Director of Operations: Matt Bernstein (St. John's '09)
 Graduate Assistant: Dave Adams (St. John's '16)

KEY RETURNERS

- IMANI LITTLETON • Forward • Senior • 6-3**
- 2016-17: Saw action in 25 games with 24 starts; Missed nine games due to injury; Finished the season averaging 5.1 points and 5.7 rebounds in 25.6 minutes per game; Shot 57.7 percent from the floor, hitting 56 of her 97 attempts on the year; Also recorded 1.2 blocks per game.
- AKINA WELLER • Guard/Forward • Junior • 5-11**
- 2016-17: Played and started 33 games for the Red Storm; Named to the BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll three times; Ranked second on the team with 11.3 points per game; Led the BIG EAST in three-point field goal percentage, knocking down shots from behind the arc at a 45.8 percent clip; Shot 43.0 percent from the field overall; Also grabbed 3.6 rebounds in 29.9 minutes per game.
- ALISHA KEBBE • Guard • Sophomore • 5-10**
- 2016-17: Named to the BIG EAST All-Freshman Team; Earned a league-best four Freshman of the Week honors; Saw action in 33 games making 32 starts and played 25.0 minutes per contest; Finished fourth on the team with 7.7 points per game and shot 42.3 percent from the floor; Saw success from behind the three-point line, knocking down 37.9 percent of her tries from long distance; Also grabbed 4.4 rebounds per game.
- MAYA SINGLETON • Forward • Senior • 6-0**
- 2016-17: Played in all 34 games and made eight starts in her first year at St. John's; Averaged 5.8 points and 5.8 rebounds in 19.5 minutes per game; Hauled in 20 rebounds and scored 13 points in her first career start in a St. John's uniform (Feb. 10), becoming the first player to record 20 rebounds in a game since 2015.

BASKETBALL HISTORY

First Year of Women's Basketball: 1974-75
 Overall All-Time Record: 717-573 (.556)
 BIG EAST Championships: 1983, 1984, 1988, 2016
 Postseason Appearances (since 1983): 15
 NCAA Tournament Appearances: 10
 1983, 1984, 1988, 2006, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016

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KEY LOSSES

- AALIYAH LEWIS • Guard • 5-5**
- Played and started in all 34 games for the Red Storm, setting a new program record for most games played in a career with 134; Named an All-BIG EAST Honorable Mention and the league's Co-Defensive Player of the Year; Named to the All-Met First Team; Ranked sixth in the nation with 1,271:00 total minutes played and finished 13th in the country with 37.38 minutes per game; Ranked 17th in the nation and led the BIG EAST in assists with 6.2 dimes per game; Finished 14th in Division I and paced the conference with 210 total helpers, the fifth-most in a single season in program history; Compiled an assist-to-turnover ratio of 2.31:1, tops on the team and the fourth-best mark in the conference; Ranked third on the team with 11.1 points per game; Signed a professional contract with Forsan Alku in Finland.
- JADE WALKER • Forward • 6-0**
- Earned All-BIG EAST First Team praise and landed on the All-Met First Team; Became the 23rd player in program history to score 1,000 points, finishing her career with 1,207 career points, good enough for 16th on the school's all-time scoring list; Six-time BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll selection; Started all 34 games for the Red Storm; Led the team and ranked 11th in the league with 13.5 points per game; Finished third on the team in rebounding with 5.2 boards per contest; Ranked eighth in the BIG EAST in field goal percentage after converting 47 percent of her tries from the floor; Reached double figures 24 times on the season, including three games with 20-plus points; Signed a professional contract with Faros Keratsiniou in Greece.



2017-18 St. John's Women's Basketball Roster

Numerical

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown (Previous School)
0	Alisha Kebbe	G	5-10	So.	Philadelphia, Pa. (Neumann-Goretti)
1	Tamesha Alexander	G	5-7	Sr.	Philadelphia, Pa. (The Shipley School)
3	Tiana England	G	5-7	R-Fr.	Stamford, Conn. (Stamford)
5	Shamachya Duncan	G	5-6	So.	Staten Island, N.Y. (The Patrick School)
11	Kayla Charles	F	6-3	Fr.	Far Rockaway, N.Y. (William Cullen Bryant)
15	Andrayah Adams	G	5-10	So.	Minneapolis, Minn. (Como Park)
20	Akina Wellere	G/F	5-11	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. (Gwendolyn Brooks)
21	Qadashah Hoppie	G	5-7	Fr.	Staten Island, N.Y. (The Patrick School)
25	Curteeona Brelove	F	6-2	Sr.	Malone, Fla. (VCU)
34	Maya Singleton	F	6-0	Sr.	Indian Head, Md. (Trinity Valley CC)
35	Imani Littleton	F	6-3	Sr.	San Diego, Calif. (The Bishop's School)

Alphabetical

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown (Previous School)
15	Andrayah Adams	G	5-10	Fr.	Minneapolis, Minn. (Como Park)
1	Tamesha Alexander	G	5-7	So.	Philadelphia, Pa. (The Shipley School)
25	Curteeona Brelove	F	6-2	Sr.	Malone, Fla. (VCU)
11	Kayla Charles	F	6-3	Fr.	Far Rockaway, N.Y. (William Cullen Bryant)
5	Shamachya Duncan	G	5-6	Fr.	Staten Island, N.Y. (The Patrick School)
3	Tiana England	G	5-7	Fr.	Stamford, Conn. (Stamford)
21	Qadashah Hoppie	G	5-7	Fr.	Staten Island, N.Y. (The Patrick School)
0	Alisha Kebbe	G	5-10	Fr.	Philadelphia, Pa. (Neumann-Goretti)
35	Imani Littleton	F	6-3	So.	San Diego, Calif. (The Bishop's School)
34	Maya Singleton	F	6-0	Jr.	Indian Head, Md. (Trinity Valley CC)
20	Akina Wellere	G/F	5-11	Fr.	Chicago, Ill. (Gwendolyn Brooks)

HEAD COACH

Joe Tartamella, Sixth Year at St. John's (James Madison '01)

ASSISTANT COACHES

Jonath Nicholas, 10th Year at St. John's (Trinity University '97)

Da'Shena Stevens, Third Year at St. John's (St. John's '12)

Rory Kuhn, First Year at St. John's (Cortland '03)

DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS

Matt Bernstein, Third Year at St. John's (St. John's '09)

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH

Al Caronia, Ninth Year at St. John's (Springfield '89)

ATHLETIC TRAINER

Jill Christensen, ATC, 25th Year at St. John's

GRADUATE ASSISTANT

Dave Adams, First Year at St. John's

HOW YOU SAY IT....

0	Alisha (Uh-LEE-Shuh) Kebbe (KAY-BEE)
1	Tamesha (tah-MEE-shuh) Alexander
5	Shamachya (Shuh-MOCK-ee-yuh) Duncan
15	Andrayah (ON-DRAY-UH) Adams
20	Akina (Ah-KEE-na) Wellere (well-AIR)
35	Imani (e-MAHN-ee) Littleton
Jonath (JOE-NAH) Nicholas	

STATE BREAKDOWN....

CALIFORNIA (1): Imani Littleton
CONNECTICUT(1): Tiana England
FLORIDA (1): Curteeona Brelove
ILLINOIS (1): Akina Wellere
MARYLAND (1): Maya Singleton
MINNESOTA (1): Andrayah Adams
NEW YORK (3): Shamachya Duncan, Kayla Charles, Qadashah Hoppie
PENNSYLVANIA (2): Alisha Kebbe, Tamesha Alexander

CLASS BREAKDOWN....

SENIORS (4)	
1	Tamesha Alexander
25	Curteeona Brelove
34	Maya Singleton
35	Imani Littleton
JUNIORS (1)	
20	Akina Wellere
SOPHOMORES/RS FRESHMEN (4)	
0	Alisha Kebbe
3	Tiana England
5	Shamachya Duncan
15	Andrayah Adams
FRESHMEN (2)	
11	Kayla Charles
21	Qasashah Hoppie



2016-17 Statistics

Overall: 22-12 | Home: 13-5 | Away: 5-7 | Neutral: 2-2 | BIG EAST: 11-7

##	Player	/---TOTAL---/			/---3-PTS---/			/----REBOUNDS----/																		
		GPGS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg	
24	WALKER, Jade	34	34	932	27.4	187	398	.470	7	27	.259	77	104	.740	51	125	176	5.2	87	4	31	95	33	21	458	13.5
20	WELLERE, Akina	33	33	987	29.9	129	300	.430	49	107	.458	67	84	.798	32	86	118	3.6	93	1	38	86	8	29	374	11.3
04	LEWIS, Aaliyah	34	34	1271	37.4	116	322	.360	23	84	.274	123	173	.711	14	106	120	3.5	52	1	210	91	2	45	378	11.1
00	KEBBE, Alisha	33	32	826	25.0	96	227	.423	25	66	.379	38	52	.731	60	84	144	4.4	62	1	27	39	14	27	255	7.7
34	SINGLETON, Maya	34	8	664	19.5	79	146	.541	0	0	.000	39	57	.684	66	132	198	5.8	70	1	15	41	26	28	197	5.8
35	LITTLETON, Imani	25	24	641	25.6	56	97	.577	0	0	.000	15	32	.469	53	90	143	5.7	65	2	13	22	30	18	127	5.1
15	ADAMS, Andrayah	34	1	399	11.7	38	137	.277	19	71	.268	19	24	.792	7	29	36	1.1	43	0	11	32	5	8	114	3.4
13	SIMMONS, Crystal	33	3	689	20.9	27	112	.241	14	61	.230	16	31	.516	12	54	66	2.0	60	0	43	36	26	41	84	2.5
33	UDOB, Sandra	13	0	78	6.0	9	19	.474	0	0	.000	7	7	1.000	1	13	14	1.1	4	0	1	3	2	1	25	1.9
23	AGUSTUS, Jordan	22	0	157	7.1	14	41	.341	0	1	.000	8	10	.800	8	20	28	1.3	19	0	4	20	5	2	36	1.6
02	NUNN, Kendyl	15	1	72	4.8	8	26	.308	2	8	.250	4	4	1.000	3	9	12	0.8	8	0	5	6	0	3	22	1.5
05	DUNCAN, Shamachya	9	0	38	4.2	1	7	.143	1	6	.167	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.3
01	ALEXANDER, Tamesha	16	0	46	2.9	2	5	.400	0	0	.000	1	6	.167	2	4	6	0.4	5	0	3	5	0	3	5	0.3
TM TEAM.....															44	72	116	3.4	0			18				0
Total.....		34				762	1837	.415	140	431	.325	414	584	.709	353	825	1178	34.6	569	10	401	494	151	226	2078	61.1
Opponents.....		34				672	1814	.370	130	528	.246	410	575	.713	384	799	1183	34.8	586	-	329	532	105	243	1884	55.4

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
St. John's	541	474	560	503	2078
Opponents	457	449	489	489	1884



2016-17 BIG EAST Statistics

Overall: 11-7 | Home: 6-3 | Away: 5-4 | Neutral: 0-0



##	Player	/---TOTAL---/			/---3-PTS---/			/----REBOUNDS----/																		
		GPGS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg	
24	WALKER, Jade	18	18	564	31.3	115	227	.507	4	17	.235	48	67	.716	26	77	103	5.7	45	2	19	54	19	12	282	15.7
20	WELLERE, Akina	18	18	548	30.4	73	168	.435	21	51	.412	46	58	.793	25	40	65	3.6	50	0	16	44	3	9	213	11.8
04	LEWIS, Aaliyah	18	18	693	38.5	60	165	.364	12	43	.279	76	104	.731	8	46	54	3.0	31	0	128	47	1	22	208	11.6
00	KEBBE, Alisha	17	17	443	26.1	47	116	.405	13	32	.406	27	33	.818	33	38	71	4.2	36	1	11	21	6	16	134	7.9
35	LITTLETON, Imani	13	13	398	30.6	35	56	.625	0	0	.000	4	10	.400	32	65	97	7.5	37	2	8	15	21	13	74	5.7
34	SINGLETON, Maya	18	4	310	17.2	40	76	.526	0	0	.000	16	26	.615	39	65	104	5.8	31	0	6	19	10	8	96	5.3
15	ADAMS, Andrayah	18	0	192	10.7	24	72	.333	11	33	.333	12	16	.750	5	15	20	1.1	22	0	6	14	1	2	713.9	
33	UDOB, Sandra	3	0	12	4.0	2	4	.500	0	0	.000	2	2	1.000	0	5	5	1.7	1	0	0	0	1	1	6	2.0
13	SIMMONS, Crystal	18	1	354	19.7	10	59	.169	6	37	.162	8	14	.571	4	30	34	1.9	36	0	22	19	14	23	34	1.9
23	AGUSTUS, Jordan	9	0	51	5.7	4	13	.308	0	0	.000	3	3	1.000	2	4	6	0.7	7	0	1	5	2	2	11	1.2
02	NUNN, Kendyl	5	1	18	3.6	1	7	.143	0	2	.000	2	2	1.000	1	7	8	1.6	4	0	1	1	0	0	4	0.8
01	ALEXANDER, Tamesha	4	0	9	2.3	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	1	2	.500	1	0	1	0.3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.3
05	DUNCAN, Shamachya	3	0	8	2.7	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TM TEAM.....															14	36	50	2.8	0			6				0
Total.....		18				411	964	.426	67	215	.312	245	337	.727	190	429	619	34.4	303	5	218	245	78	108	1134	63.0
Opponents.....		18				380	950	.400	79	287	.275	224	322	.696	187	406	593	32.9	322	-	179	259	47	127	1063	59.1

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
St. John's	287	283	286	278	1134
Opponents	260	252	281	270	1063