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All-American Candidate
Jamie Cassidy
Senior Center
UMaine Advances...

Player of the Game
Kristen McCormick

All-American Candidate
Senior Guard
Amy Vachon

1999 NCAA Women's Basketball East Region - First Round

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The University of Maine is the state's center of learning, discovery, and service to the public. As the flagship university of the University of Maine System and the state's land-grant and sea-grant institution, the University of Maine has the unique responsibility for providing high-quality undergraduate and graduate education programs, public service, and basic and applied research.

Located in Orono, within close proximity to the ocean, lakes, and mountains, the University of Maine offers an inspiring learning environment. There is plenty of open space on its 1,200 acres, where students are offered the diversity and the challenge of a large university in an invigorating atmosphere of a small college. The campus is located 10 miles north of Bangor, Maine’s third largest city.

The University's undergraduate and graduate educational offerings are built upon a liberal arts and sciences foundation complemented by profession-oriented education in a wide range of disciplines, many of which are found nowhere else in the state. Because of their responsibility to teach, conduct research, and serve the public, faculty members are able to incorporate the new knowledge they uncover with classroom activities, often giving students hands-on experience in the research process.

The University offers its students, faculty, and staff, as well as the people of the community and the state, an outstanding athletic tradition. Several Black Bear teams have excelled to regional and national prominence, including the Black Bear ice hockey team, the 1993 and 1999 NCAA Division I national champions. UMaine’s 20 Division I sports entertain more than 100 intercollegiate events on campus each year attracting 200,000 spectators.

Included on UMaine’s athletic staff is an academic coordinator responsible for closely monitoring the progress of each of the 600 varsity student-athletes. Coaches also monitor and advise their student-athletes, frequently holding meetings specifically to discuss academic situations. Study halls and special tutorial sessions are scheduled daily as a way to enhance the learning process. This support and close scrutiny has been a significant reason the overall grade point average of student-athletes has been higher than that of the general student body. The primary goal of the University and the athletic department is to see each individual reach his or her academic potential.

The Maine Facts:
• Enrollment is on the rise at the University of Maine. Approximately 1,600 first-year students enrolled at UMaine in the fall of 1999. The class is 450 students larger than the class that enrolled in 1997.
• The average SAT score of the 1998 entering class was 1,088, 79 points above the state average and 74 above the national average.
• Over 70 percent of the 1998 entering class cited the University of Maine as their first choice.
• The Maine Business School is one of 300 accredited by the America Association of Colleges of Business Administration and the lone accredited program in the state.
• The UMaine graduate forestry program is ranked in the top five nationally.
• The College of Education and Human Development offers the only teacher preparation and professional development programs in Maine that are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.
• In the College of Engineering, the 1998 class has an average SAT score of 1197, 201 points above the national average.

Notable Alums:
• U.S. Rep. John Baldacci
• Cindy Blodgett, pro basketball player (WNBA)
• Colby Chandler, CEO, retired Eastman-Kodak
• Stephen King, author (below)
• Dr. Bernard Lown, Nobel Prize Winner
• Paul Kariya, pro hockey player
• Gary Thorne, ESPN broadcaster
• William Treat, delegate to United Nations
• U.S. Sen. Olympia Snowe
• Rudy Vallee, singer
Dr. Peter Hoff
President

Dr. Peter S. Hoff became president of the University of Maine on August 1, 1997, following his appointment by the University of Maine System Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of System Chancellor Terrence J. MacTaggart.

During his first year in office, President Hoff focused on several major issues facing the university and the people of Maine.

Around the state, in visits to schools, service organizations, and businesses, President Hoff has talked about the University's role in improving Maine's quality of life and the state's economy. He has also spoken of the University's role in helping Maine's young people find educational and economic opportunities in Maine, and promoting high aspirations among those younger citizens. His first year as President was recognized by many for its action and leadership.

As UMaine's athletic director, Tyler is responsible for programs and facilities involving 20 intercollegiate athletic teams, as well as intramural and recreational programs involving approximately 6,500 students, employees, and members of the community. She oversees a $7.9 million budget, much of which is generated through ticket and merchandise sales, private donations, and fees.

Tyler came to UMaine after serving as the senior associate athletic director at the 25,000-student University of Maryland at College Park.

She earned a Ph.D. in Physical Education, Sports Psychology from Maryland in 1986. Since 1973 she had been employed by that university, starting as an instructor and coach. She holds the distinction of being the only Division I coach to win NCAA national championships in two different sports, lacrosse and field hockey.

Tyler coached lacrosse at Maryland in 1974 and from 1976–90, directing her team to the NCAA title in 1986. She was the national Coach of the Year in 1984 and 1986.

One of President Hoff's most ambitious undertakings was the development of a University action plan called BearWorks. That 80-item document, provides a list of priorities, goals and objectives designed to enable the University of Maine to fulfill its mission and potential as the flagship of the state university system. The plan calls for UMaine to achieve the following fundamental goals:

- a land-grant University with a Maine focus and a human scale
- a strong and dynamic University
- a collegial community of learners, and
- Maine's college of choice.

During President Hoff's brief tenure, first-year student enrollment has risen and, recognizing the University's importance and value to Maine, state appropriations for research and development at UMaine have increased.

President Hoff says he is a strong believer in the special role the University of Maine plays in the lives of Maine people.

"As the state's flagship university and its land-grant and sea-grant institution, the University of Maine serves the entire state," he explains. "UMaine is actively working in every country with local businesses, industries, farmers, governments, and citizens to address their most pressing social and economic needs.

"The University is an essential, relevant, and valued resource for the state," President Hoff stresses. "It is a thriving and vital institution with major responsibilities and public expectations."

Prior to his appointment as UMaine's president, Hoff served as Senior Advisor to the Chancellor of The California State University. He joined the California system in 1993 as Senior Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, a position he held until 1996. President Hoff also served as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University System of Georgia (1990–1993) and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Indiana University Southeast (1987–1990).

He received a B.A. degree in 1966, from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. He began his career teaching English in 1970 at the University of Wisconsin System after completing his M.A. and his Ph.D. in English and Humanities at Stanford University in 1968 and 1970, respectively.

Hoff, his wife Dianne, and 15-year-old son Jay, reside in the President's House, a stately Victorian home located on campus.

Dr. Suzanne J. Tyler
Director of Athletics

Under the tenure of Dr. Suzanne J. Tyler, the University of Maine continues to strive to greater heights. She began her tenure as director of athletics on October 1, 1995.

Among the accomplishments the department has reached under her guidance are the grand opening of Morse Field at Alfond Sports Stadium, plans for the Michael Kessock Softball facility, and balancing the department budget in 1998 and 1999. Last year, the men's ice hockey team captured its second national championship and the women's basketball team won its first-ever NCAA Tournament game in its sixth-straight 20-win season.

She served as head field hockey coach at Maryland from 1974–87, leading the Terrapins to the NCAA title in her final season.

From 1987–89 she served as an assistant athletic director before being elevated to associate athletic director in 1989. She held that title until 1991 when she was named the senior associate athletic director and senior woman administrator.

Tyler also served as the acting athletic director at Maryland from July-October, 1990.

In 1995, Tyler became the second woman ever elected to the University of Maryland Hall of Fame. She has served on numerous national committees and currently is a member of the NCAA Women's Basketball committee.

Tyler received her B.S. in Physical Education from Northeastern University in 1969. She earned her M.S. in Physical Education, Sports Psychology from The Pennsylvania State University in 1972.

Tyler and her husband, Dennis Casey, have two children — Andrew, 9, and Alexis, 7. They live in Glenburn.
The University of Maine has a commitment to offering a comprehensive academic support program for student-athletes. The University of Maine Academic Support Program for Student Athletes has expanded its services to include a variety of progressive and proactive support programs to assist the student-athlete in developing academically and personally.

**ACADEMIC SUPPORT**

All student athletes receive academic support upon committing to the University of Maine. After the signing of the letter of intent, student-athletes are given information regarding admission and registration procedures.

**Orientation.** The first-year student-athlete is provided an orientation program informing them of athletic and eligibility issues, in addition to resources available on campus. This orientation draws together many campus constituencies and provides the first-year student-athletes with the opportunity to discover all that the University of Maine has to offer-both academically and culturally.

**Academic Monitoring.** Throughout their college career, student-athletes are monitored by the academic counseling staff to ensure academic progress toward their degree program. In order to enhance knowledge of the academic progress of student-athletes during the semester, grade reports are sent to faculty twice per semester. In addition, the student-athletes receive information frequently regarding the requirements of their degree program as well as the academic requirements of the NCAA.

**Academic Mentoring.** In some cases it is necessary to provide additional support to student-athletes. When this is deemed necessary, academic mentors are made available to student-athletes. These mentors provide time management and study skills instructions as well as tutorial assistance when necessary.

**Tutorial Program.** All students at the University of Maine have access to tutors free of charge for 100 and 200 level courses through the Onward program. Tutorial support is also provided on a limited basis to student-athletes through the Academic Support Programs.

**Computer Facilities.** In addition to the computer facilities available to all University of Maine students, the Sam Sezak Academic Lounge houses a computer facility for the exclusive use of student-athletes. This facility is open at accommodating hours to fill the needs of student-athletes’ hectic schedules.

**LIFE SKILLS**

The goal of the life skills program is to help student-athletes as people, students and aspiring professionals.

**Life Skills Seminars.** Student-athletes work with the Life Skills Coordinator and campus members to design and select life skills workshops covering a variety of areas: career development, alcohol and drug education, team building, nutrition, and study skills.

**Multicultural Programs.** The University of Maine and its Athletic Department have a commitment to supporting diversity within the campus community. A liaison relationship involving full-time staff members has developed between the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Department of Athletics to promote an appreciation of diversity and to serve the student-athletes of different cultures.

**Student-Athlete Advisory Board.** The board is comprised of members of all intercollegiate sports teams at UMaine. The board meets with pertinent athletic and academic administrators regularly to discuss issues of relevance to the student-athlete population, and to lobby for changes which the student-athletes feel are necessary to promote their growth as athletes and members of the community.

**Outreach.** Opportunities exist through the Community Outreach Program for student-athletes to gain valuable public speaking experience while they give back to the community. Student-athletes speak at numerous schools and community groups throughout the year.

**Scholar-Athlete Recognition.** In addition to providing academic support to the student-athletes at UMaine, the staff also recognizes their academic accomplishments. Each spring a recognition reception and ceremony is held at which those athletes who have earned a 3.0 minimum grade point average are acknowledged and presented with medallions. The ceremony is held during halftime of a basketball game, so members of the community can recognize the academic achievements of the student-athletes at the University of Maine. Last February, 106 medallions were awarded.

A view of the Sam Sezak Learning Center (top right), and student-athletes Nicole Sawyer, Phil McGeoghan, Ryan Crotin, and Dwayne Wilmot (above) speak with students at a local school.
PRIDE.
TRADITION.
EXCELLENCE.

What UMaine women's basketball is all about.

While the UMaine women's basketball program has earned national attention for its success on the court, the Black Bears have also made a name for themselves as one of the top academic teams in the country. In 1997, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) named UMaine to the WBCA Academic Top-25 Honor Roll as the Black Bears recorded the seventh highest grade point average as a team among Division I women's basketball programs in 1996–97. In 1997–98, the Black Bears continued to rank among the nation's academic leaders with the 13th best GPA among women's basketball teams.

This achievement builds upon the academic tradition of excellence and success that has characterized the program. This tradition is built on years of hard work and dedication by the talented student-athletes who have been a part of the UMaine women's basketball program.

The women's basketball team has always been one of the highest academic performing teams on the UMaine campus while being one of the most successful athletically as well.

In addition to the WBCA honor, 10 members of last year's team were named to the America East Academic Honor Roll for earning a grade point average of 3.0 or higher over the academic year. In the spring of 1995 the program was recognized for having the highest GPA of all the women's athletic teams on campus.

Five members of the 1998–99 team (Kelly Bowman, Amy Vachon, Katie Clark, Chantal Macream, Martina Tinklova) were honored as University of Maine Scholar-Athletes. Those student-athletes earned a 3.0 grade point average or better for both the previous spring and fall semesters and/or maintained a 3.0 accumulative grade point average.

In 1998, Cindy Blodgett shared the Dean Smith Award with track athlete Johanna Riley as the University's top female student athlete. She was also named a GTE-CoSIDA Academic All-American.

Rachel Bouchard received an NCAA Postgraduate scholarship and was named a GTE Academic All-American.

Cindy Blodgett was the 1998 co-recipient of the Dean Smith Award given to the University's top-scholar athlete and was named a GTE Academic All-American.

Chrissy Strong was the recipient of the 1994 Dean Smith Award given to the University's top scholar-athlete.
1998-99 Athletic Highlights at UMaine


Baseball
- First-year outfielder Mike Ross earns Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-American and AMERICA EAST Rookie of the Year honors in leading UMaine back to the league tournament. Senior captain Kregg Jarvis is drafted and signed by the Boston Red Sox.

Basketball (Men)
- UMaine ties the school record for wins (19) and the University mark for league wins (13) while Andy Bedard, Nate Fox, and Allen Ledbetter received All-Conference honors and freshman Huggy Dye is named to the All-Rookie team.

Basketball (Women)
- America East Coach of the Year Joanne Palombo-McCallie guides the Black Bears to their seventh regular season league championship and fifth-straight NCAA Tournament. The squad upsets Stanford in the first round of the NCAA Championship. Jamie Cassidy is selected America East Player of the Year and was also joined by Kristen McCormick and Amy Vachon on the All-Conference teams.

Field Hockey
- The Black Bears celebrate the grand-opening of a new facility, Morse Field at Alfond Stadium, and also broke into the national rankings (16th). Dedra DeLilli, Mary Beth Coughlin, and Becky Blue receive Astro Turf/NFHCA Regional All-American honors.

Football
- Over 9,000 people were on hand to watch Coach Jack Cosgrove's team dedicate the new Morse Field at Alfond Stadium. Aaron Dashiell earns All-America honors. Dashiell, Drew O'Connor, Pat Sheehan, Jojo Oliphant, Eric Lewis, Brent Naccara, and Darrick Brown earn All-League honors.

Golf
- Coach Ted Woodward's team places six players on the America East Academic Honor Roll, tying for the league lead and also maintains the highest GPA among UMaine men's teams. Freshmen Joey Alvarez finishes eighth overall as UMaine places fourth in the America East Championship.

Hockey (Men)
- Coach Shawn Walsh's team wins its second national championship behind the efforts of NCAA Tournament MVP goalie Alfie Michaud. Hobey Baker Award finalist Steve Kariya earns GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America honors and his third Len Ceglarski Sportsmanship Award. David Cullen joins Kariya on the Titan All-America team.

Hockey (Women)
- The Black Bears complete their first Division I season 13-18-1, 7-18-1 with a team made up of mostly rookies. Raif Wolf leads UMaine with 43 points (31 goals and 12 assists) while classmate Kira Misikowitz adds 12 goals and a team-high 28 assists (40 points).

Soccer (Men)
- UMaine wins the Best Western/Black Bear Inn Classic with wins over Army and St. Francis. Ten Black Bears receive America East Academic Honor Rolls recognition.

Soccer (Women)
- Sixteen Black Bears earn America East Academic Honor Recognition. Senior captain Suzanne Grant is named All-America East and also receives the Wes Jordan Service Award for her efforts as a student-athlete and student trainer.

Softball
- Coach Janet Anderson completes her career with a record of 26-17 in her final season. Sara Jewett ties an NCAA record with three home runs in a game while also earning All-America East honors and Northeast All-Region honors. Jen Burton and Jill Cassie earn GTE Academic All-District I honors.

Swimming and Diving
- UMaine serves as host to the America East championship and the men's team finishes sixth and the women seventh. Susie Herrick was the top individual finishing third in the 200-yard butterfly and fourth in two other events. Academically, Joe Dinan, Ann Murphy, Shannon Smith, Trina Smith, and Jason Williams all earned gold medal academic honors.

Track and Field
- Joe Moody won New England and America East titles and bettered his UMaine record in the 800 meters while advancing to the NCAA Outdoor Championship. Moody was also the recipient of the Dean Smith Award presented to UMaine's top male senior scholar-athlete. Phil McGeoghan wins the America East and New England Indoor High Jump championships.

Vanessa McGowan was the Dean Smith Award winner among UMaine's top female scholar-athletes. She was third in the outdoor America East 800 meters. Kate D'Entremont places in four events at the America East championship. Maggie Vandenberg won the America East title in the indoor 400 meters.
1998-99 Athletic Highlights at UMaine


Sara Jewett (page 6 top) tied an NCAA record with three home runs in a game. Joe Moody (page 6 middle) advanced to the NCAA Outdoor track Championship in the 800 meters and Raffi Wolf (page 6 bottom) led the women's ice hockey team in goals and points. The men's ice hockey team (top left) won its second NCAA Championship, while the women's basketball team behind Jamie Cassidy (top right) won the league title and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Ann Murphy (above) was one of five UMaine swimmers to earn gold medal academic honors. Aaron Dashiell (left headshot) earned All-America honors for the football team while Mike Ross (right headshot) earned America East Rookie of the Year honors in baseball. Andy Bedard (bottom right) was first team All-America East for the record-breaking basketball team and Dedra DeLilli was a regional All-American in field hockey.
Joanne Palombo-McCallie, 34, was named the fourth head coach in the 23-year history of the University of Maine women’s basketball program on June 18, 1992. The appointment was an opportunity to return home for the native of Brunswick, Maine, and was a chance for the Black Bears to be led by a coach who has achieved the highest levels of performance at every point of her career.

Now in her eighth year at the helm of the program, she has led the Black Bears to four conference championships, five regular season titles, six straight 20-win seasons and the program’s first NCAA Tournament win. She was named the 1995, 1996 and 1999 conference Coach of the Year and led the Black Bears to their fifth NCAA Tournament berth last season with a 24-7 mark.

Palombo is accustomed to success. She was the state of Maine’s first Parade Magazine girls’ basketball All-American as a senior at Brunswick High School in 1983. She took her playing talents to Northwestern University where she was a four-year letterwinner for the Wildcats, helping them to the second round of the NCAA Tournament in 1987. As a senior, she was an All-Big Ten Honorable Mention selection and a first-team All-Academic choice.

She graduated in 1987 with a bachelor’s degree in political science and worked in the sales and marketing division of a major telecommunications company, quickly becoming one of the company’s top producers.

After assisting the Northwestern team on a part-time basis while working in the private sector, she moved on to Auburn University where she earned her master’s degree in business administration in 1990 and served as an assistant coach for the Lady Tigers from 1988–92. Auburn played in two national championship games and made an appearance in the Elite Eight during her tenure. The team also posted the longest home winning streak in NCAA history, winning 69 games. As the team’s primary recruiter, Palombo signed the fourth-ranked recruiting class in 1990–91 and the 16th-ranked recruiting class in 1991–92.

Palombo came to Maine prepared to use her experience and knowledge to continue and build on the achievements that have been a part of her life.

In her first season as a head coach, Palombo overcame the loss of four seniors, the challenge of a new coaching staff and a difficult schedule to lead UMaine to its fourth straight North Atlantic Conference title game.

In 1994, UMaine won 14 of its last 16 games to finish 20-7 overall. The 12-game improvement of the team’s 1992–93, 9-20 mark was the fourth-best turn around in the nation. A smothering defense which ranked second in the nation in points allowed (54.7 ppg) and sixth in field goal percentage defense (.361) helped lead the Black Bears.

In August of 1995, Palombo coached a U.S. college all-star team that traveled to Belgium to play against Europe’s all-stars in the People-to-People tournament. Her squad, which included two members of her Black Bear team (Stephanie Guidi and Sandi Carver), recorded a 4-5 mark.

In 1996, she led the team on a 19-game winning streak, the longest in school history, in addition to a defense that ranked third nationally in field goal percentage defense (35.4) and eighth in scoring margin (16.8).

Under the guidance of Palombo, the 1997 squad won 18 of its final 20 games and was second in the nation in field goal percentage (49.5), eighth in scoring margin (18.6),...
Palombo has been named the conference Coach of the Year three times.

Palombo directed the Black Bears to the 1999 America East Regular Season Championship and its fifth NCAA Tournament.

eighth in field goal percentage defense (35.6) and 12th in scoring offense (80.5).

The 1998–99 team earned the program’s first at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament and proved the selection committee right by defeating Stanford and challenging Old Dominion before falling in the second round. The team was fifth in the nation in field goal percentage (48.8) and was nationally ranked in five other categories as well.

Palombo recorded her 100th career coaching victory in 1997 with a 99-57 victory over Towson in the AMERICA EAST tournament quarterfinals. During the 1997–98 season, she became the winningest coach in the history of UMaine women’s basketball and her career record now stands at 147-62.

In that season, the Black Bears once again broke the 20-win mark, posting a 21-9 record. Maine was ranked 24th in scoring offense (77.9), ninth in field goal percentage (48.2) and 16th in free throw percentage (74.0).

As a part of her role as head coach, Palombo has worked diligently in several areas surrounding the sport. She has sought to increase the visibility of not only her own program but women’s athletics in general. Attendance for home basketball games soared to an average 4,846, a school and conference record in 1997–98. UMaine ranked as high as 10th in the nation, and second in New England in average attendance.

Additionally, Palombo has played an integral role in putting together a fundraising event for the UMaine women’s basketball program and women’s athletics. She secured two high-profile advocates of women’s athletics, Dr. Donna Lopiano and Sheryl Swoopes, to be the featured speakers for “Realizing the Dream; Celebrating Women in Athletics.” Palombo is also a member of the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association as well as having served as a YES (Youth Education in Sports) clinician. She is a former member of the Kodak All-American Selection Committee and four-year member of the USA Today Top 25 Poll Committee. Palombo also serves on a variety of state of Maine committees which include: Board of Directors for the Shaw House, Governor’s Council for Physical Fitness and honorary member for Take Our Daughters to Work Day.

Another role which is important to Palombo is being a mother. She and husband Dr. John McCallie are the proud parents of 5-year-old Madeline.
Benner, 28, enters his seventh year as an assistant coach at the University of Maine.

The 1995–96 season was his first as a full-time coach after spending two seasons as a restricted-earnings coach prior to 1995. He has previously coached recreational league basketball in Wiscasset, Maine. In August of 1998, he served as one of the coaches of a U.S. all-star team which traveled to France. The team included current UMaine players Amy Vachon and Kristen McCormick.

Benner has also assisted with various forms of game management for the men’s and women’s teams at Lyndon State College in Vermont, a school he attended before coming to UMaine as an undergraduate. He graduated from UMaine in December of 1992 with a bachelor’s degree in psychology and is currently nearing completion of his master’s in education.

At Wiscasset High School, he was a three-sport athlete, competing in soccer, basketball and baseball. As a senior he captained both the basketball and baseball teams.

Benner coordinates recruiting, scheduling, and Black Bear Basketball summer camps, while assisting with scouting of opponents and game preparation.

Carla Debro begins her first season as an assistant coach on the UMaine women’s basketball staff.

Prior to arriving in Orono, Debro spent the 1998–99 season as an assistant coach at Chicago State University.

Previously, she was an assistant coach at Northwestern Illinois during the 1997–98 season, served as head women’s basketball and volleyball coach at Savannah State from 1995 to 1997, and began her career as an assistant coach at Clark University during the 1994–95 campaign.

Debro earned her bachelor’s degree in finance from Hampton University in 1988, where she was a four-year member of the Lady Pirate basketball team. Playing alongside four future All-Americans, Debro averaged nearly 10 points per game during her career and shot over .500 from the field. She was a member of Hampton’s 1984–85 Division II Final Four team, and was a student-assistant with the squad when Hampton won the 1988 Division II Championship.

Following completion of her studies at Hampton University, Debro was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army Adjutant General’s Corps in 1987, serving at Ft. Benjamin Harrison outside of Indianapolis, Ind. She served a one-year tour in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, during the 1991 Gulf War, and joined the inactive reserves in 1995.

Debro has also completed her coursework for a master of science degree in sports management from Georgia State. She currently resides in Holden.

JODY BENNER
ASSISTANT COACH
UMaine ’92
SEVENTH SEASON

CARLA DEBRO
ASSISTANT COACH
Hampton ’88
FIRST SEASON

Benner resides in Bangor with his wife, Christine.

The Benner File
Place of Birth: Damariscotta, Maine... Favorite Role Models: Dean Smith, my uncles... Favorite Authors: Dean Koontz, Stephen King, Patricia Cornwell... Favorite Movie: “The Fugitive,” “Austin Powers”... Subject/Course I Have Enjoyed Most: Psychology, especially child psychology... Off-Court Interests: Reading, tennis, driving... Non-Basketball Aspirations: Broadcasting for local media and raising a family with my wife Christine... Best Advice Received: “Think before you speak”... Few People Know: I am a huge fan of stock car racing... Favorite Quote: “Success is peace of mind that is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you did your best to the best you are capable of becoming.” — John Wooden

The Debro File
Place of Birth: Columbus, Georgia... Favorite Role Model: my mother—Mary Mathis... Favorite Books: How Stella Got Her Groove Back... Favorite Movie: “Fried Green Tomatoes” “Friday”... Subject/Course I Have Enjoyed Most: sports marketing & promotions... Off-Court Interests: karate and kickboxing... Non-Basketball Aspirations: to learn all I can about the state of Maine... Best Advice Received: “Be yourself”... Few People Know: I like country music... Favorite Quote: “Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success.” — Henry Ford
Janel Grimm is the newest member of the Black Bear coaching staff, having joined the program late this past summer.

A four-year starter at Iowa State, Grimm played a key role in reviving a moribund ISU program that was 8-19 when she arrived as a freshman. Four years later, in her senior season, the Cyclones finished with a 25-8 record, posted the most wins in school history, and made their second consecutive appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

Grimm was a two-time All-Big 12 selection for the Cyclones, and was named to Big Eight/Big 12 All-Academic teams every season she played. She finished her career ranked second in career rebounds at ISU, and third in career points. She was named MVP of the Cyclone Classic during both her sophomore and junior seasons, and was team co-captain as a senior.

Prior to arriving at UMaine, Grimm spent two months as director of basketball operations for the women’s basketball program at Northern Illinois.

The North English, Iowa native earned her bachelor’s degree from Iowa State in elementary education. She resides in Bangor.

**The Grimm File**

**Place of Birth:** Sigourney, Iowa... **Favorite Role Model:** my family, who have given me strength and confidence my entire life... **Favorite Books:** Left Behind. Reach for the Summit... **Favorite Movie:** “Hope Floats” “The Little Mermaid”... **Subject/Course I Have Enjoyed Most:** The best educational tool and most enjoyable was my four years of collegiate basketball... **Off-Court Interests:** playing the piano and farming with my dad... **Non-Basketball Aspirations:** I would love to be able to teach the youth of today and help improve our society. Teaching is a career of neverending rewards where you can influence many lives... **Best Advice Received:** The best advice I received was not given through words, but actions. My dad has always shown me that life is not always going to be easy but you have to keep working hard. Hard work is the key to a lifetime of success... **Few People Know:** I’m a farmgirl at heart and enjoy bottle feeding orphan calves... **Favorite Quote:** “Challenges make you discover things about yourself that you never really knew.” — Cicely Tyson
1999–2000 Season Outlook


It would be an understatement to say the University of Maine is optimistic about the 1999–2000 women’s basketball season. The Black Bears are coming off one of their most successful seasons in the history of the program. They participated in the NCAA Tournament for the fifth straight season and defeated Stanford in the first round before suffering a tough loss to Old Dominion in the second round. UMaine returns all but two players from that team and the returning players make up almost 90 percent of the offensive production from last season. Add to that a talented incoming class that could make an immediate impact and UMaine is poised to continue its past conference success, reach its goals of cracking the top 25 and advancing further into the NCAA Tournament.

UMaine’s senior class will play a pivotal role in the team’s aspirations this season. Not only does this class provide the team with valuable experience and leadership, but Jamie Cassidy, Amy Vachon, Kristen McCormick and Katie Clark are some of the most talented players on the team, in the league and in the nation.

Cassidy was the fifth leading scorer in the nation last season and was named the 1999 ECAC and America East Player of the Year. The 6-4 senior led the league with a scoring average of 23.8 and 2.2 blocks per game. She was also among the league leaders in field goal percentage, rebounds and free throw percentage. She is strong in the paint but isn’t afraid to shoot from beyond the arc. Her ball handling and passing skills make her difficult to guard, as many opponents discovered last year.

One of the most underrated point guards in the country, Vachon had a hand in much of the offensive success Cassidy and the rest of the team found last season. The 5-7 guard was fourth in the nation with 8.1 assists per game and she broke her own UMaine and America East record for assists in a season with 234, despite missing two games with a concussion.

The second team All-Conference player already holds the Black Bears record for assists in a career, 550, and needs just 56 to break the league mark. A threat to drive and from three-point range, she averaged 8.6 points and hit more than 33 percent of her three pointers.

The top threat from the outside is McCormick, a 5-10 guard from Medford, Mass. The second team All-Conference selection led the conference and was fifth in the nation with a three-point field goal percentage of 45.2 percent. She set a school record with 70 treys last season and was second on the team in scoring with 11.7 points per game.

If the fourth member of the class, Clark, had been injury-free, she might have the same accolades as her classmates. The 6-0 guard/forward missed nine games as a freshman due to surgery, then played in just 11 games as a sophomore before a recurring foot problem kept her out of action. She expected to miss all of last season and perhaps be unable to play again because of the injury to her foot but she was back in action for the final 16 games of the year. The work ethic and tenacity which enabled her to play again are tremendous assets to the team as are her intensity and solid skills in each part of the game.

The junior class showed no signs of a sophomore slump last season and will be expected to give another solid effort this season. Kizzy Lopez, a 5-10 guard, was one of the most improved players on the team last year, stepping up with big performances when necessary. With Amy Vachon sidelined, Lopez took over the point guard position and despite never playing there prior to those games, she scored a career-high 14 points in each. She finished the season with an average of 5.3 points and 4.4 rebounds, the third best rebound average on the team.

Martina Tinklova, a 6-4 forward, also came through for the Black Bears in 1998-99. Tinklova recorded a double-double in the NCAA first round win over Stanford and her two free throws in the waning moments proved to be the difference. Often overlooked, she was third on the team in scoring with 10.2 points and was second in rebounding with 5.3 per game.

Chantal Macream saw action in 24 games, backing up Vachon at the point as well as expanding her role and seeing time at the two-guard position. One of the team’s quickest players, Macream’s strong defensive and passing skills are a bonus in the backcourt.

This year’s sophomores can build upon the strong foundation they laid last year. Despite the dominance by the upperclass players and some injuries, Tracy Guerrette, Eva Molder, Andrea Pardilla and Lacey Stone made significant contributions. Guerrette, a 5-9 guard, made an impression in the preseason and earned a starting position early in the season. Molder, a 6-3 center, began the year with an injury but recovered and quickly became an important factor in UMaine’s inside game. Pardilla, a 5-10 forward, made the adjustment to the college game against bigger competition but given UMaine’s strength inside, did not see a lot of court time in her rookie season. Five-foot-ten-inch guard Stone’s aggressive defense and sharp shooting, earned her a spot in the starting five but a stress fracture closed out her year just 10 games into the season.

The team’s wild card is a young player who did not play last season: Ellen Geraghty, who was slated to be the back-up point guard. The 5-7 guard was impressive in preseason but a difficult bout with mononucleosis ruined her season.

The incoming class is expected to challenge the veteran players immediately. Pam Cruz, a 5-8 guard, Anna James, a 6-0 forward, and Christy Grover, a 6-3 center, make up one of the strongest rookie classes in Black Bear history. Cruz played for one of the top high schools in the nation at Butler High School in Huntsville, Ala. James, from Guelph, Ontario, is considered one of the top forwards in the province and Grover, from Bucksport, Maine, was one of the finalists for Miss Maine Basketball this past year.

Joanne Palombo-McCallie’s crew will face a challenging schedule this season. The Black Bears will host a WNIT first round game against Boston College with a possible second round confrontation with national finalist Duke, Georgia, which is also in the WNIT, Stephen F. Austin and St. Francis, Pa., will compete in the Dead River Company Classic at UMaine to open the regular season. The Black Bears will travel to Southwest Missouri State in early December before opening the conference season with a home date against Northeastern and a game in Augusta with Boston University. Northwestern comes to town on December 16 before UMaine begins a five-game road trip at Rhode Island. Next, the Black Bears will see Boston College again in the first round of the University of Florida State Farm Classic and could face either Florida or Western Kentucky in the second round. Contests at Towson and Delaware finish the road trip and the Black Bears will return to Alfond on Jan. 8 to take on Hartford. Rice University will visit Alfond and will be the final non-conference opponent of the season as UMaine will play six more home games and seven road games against conference opponents. The conference tournament will take place at the University of Vermont from March 8-11 as the Black Bears try to win their fifth tournament in the last six years and earn the automatic NCAA bid that accompanies the championship.
### 1999–2000 UMaine Roster

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**Head Coach:** Joanne Palombo-McCallie (Northwestern '87)

**Assistant Coaches:** Jody Benner (UMaine '92), Carla Debro (Hampton '88), Janel Grimm (Iowa State '99)

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MEET THE CAPTAINS


24 JAMIE CASSIDY
Senior • 6-4 • Center
Methuen, Mass. / Methuen High School

Named a preseason All-American by Women’s Basketball Journal, and is a candidate for post-season All-America honors as well... team captain for the second year.

AS A JUNIOR: A Kodak/District 1 All-American... 1999 ECAC Player of the Year... named the 1999 America East Player of the Year... a finalist for the New England Sports Awards’ Female Athlete of the Year... a first team All-Conference selection for the second straight year... led UMaine in both NCAA games with 15 points versus Stanford and 20 against Old Dominion... Cassidy led UMaine and America East in scoring with an average of 23.8 points... was fifth in the nation in scoring in the final NCAA rankings... led the conference in blocked shots with 2.2 per game; and was ranked 18th in the nation in that category... also nationally ranked in field goal percentage (31st at 57.2)... second on the team with 63 assists... was named America East Player of the Week five times... scored more than 30 points six times, including a 34-point performance in the conference tournament semifinals against Vermont... earned her third All-Tournament honor of the season at Tulane, scoring a career-high +1 points against Middle Tennessee State and adding a game-high 25 points against Tulane... earned her third America East Player of the Week nod for her 66 points in two games at Tulane... started the season by leading UMaine with 24 points and 12 rebounds against Northeastern and was named America East Player of the Week for her efforts... scored 24 points, grabbed 11 rebounds and added five assists in 26 minutes in the opening round win over St. Bonaventure in the Dead River Company Classic... also became the 11th UMaine women’s basketball player to break the 1,000 point mark in that game and currently stands fourth in scoring in UMaine history with 1,712 points... could become the third player in UMaine history to score 2,000 points and pull down more than 1,000 rebounds... earned a spot on the Dead River Company Classic All-Tournament team after scoring 38 points and grabbing 10 rebounds against Ole Miss... set a tournament record for points in a game (38) and points in a tournament (62) and was named conference Player of the Week for the second straight week... scored 20 points against Western Kentucky and 16 points against Ohio University as she was named to the All-Tournament team at the Northwestern Roger L. White Invitational... a preseason Street & Smith Honorable Mention All-American, she has been named to the America East All-Tournament team for each of the past three years... has 27 double-doubles to her credit, including 12 this season... co-captain of the team.

The Cassidy File

Born: Sept. 12, 1978... Place of Birth: Methuen, Mass... Daughter of Debra Cassidy Richards... Major: Elementary Education... Favorite Role Model: Tina Turner, who believed in herself and overcame many obstacles... Favorite Book: The Velveteen Rabbit... Favorite Movies: “What’s Love Got To Do With It?” “Grease”... Course/Subject I Have Enjoyed Most: Outdoor leadership... Off-Court Interests: Water-skiing, snowmobiling, music, hanging out... Non-Basketball Aspirations: to be happy and successful in all I do... Best Advice Received: Never give up and never cut yourself short... Few People Know... I started playing basketball in the eighth grade... Favorite Quote: “It’s better to aim for the stars and miss by a mile, than aim for a mud puddle and hit it straight on.”

Career Highs

Points: 41 vs. MTSU. 12/28/98
Rebounds: 15, last vs. URI 12/21/97
Assists: 6 vs. Delaware 1/10/98
Blocks: 7 vs. URI 12/21/97

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14 • UMaine Black Bears
All-American Candidate


"Jamie is a tremendous competitor who comes ready to play everyday. She is one of the top post players in the country and her versatility makes her very difficult to defend. She is in excellent physical condition and she is committed to providing great intensity on both ends of the floor. Jamie is an outstanding All-American candidate."

— Joanne Palombo-McCallie

**AS A SOPHOMORE:** Averaged 17.6 ppg and 7.9 rpg during the 1997–98 season... an All-America East first team selection as a sophomore... played in 30 games and started 27... she scored the game-winning basket with six seconds remaining versus Vermont in the conference title game... she was second in the league with 1.53 blocks per game... she scored in double figures in all but one game last season and scored 20 points or more in 12 games... she had a game-high 24 points and 10 rebounds against UConn and averaged 22.3 ppg and 8.7 rpg against ranked opponents (20 points vs. Western Kentucky, 23 points against Wisconsin)... was named to the all-tournament team in the Dead River Classic... tied the UMaine record for blocked shots in a game with seven against Hofstra on January 24... she recorded an impressive line at Delaware and was named America East Player of the Week for the second time in the 1997–98 season, scoring a career-high 30 points, grabbing nine rebounds, dishing off six assists and blocking two shots... was named to the All-Tournament team at the UMaine Holiday Classic after scoring 13 points against East Carolina and notching a team-high 26 points, a game-high 10 rebounds and four blocks against Miami... she was named America East Player of the Week on Dec. 22 after scoring 18 points, grabbing 15 rebounds and blocking five shots against Rhode Island... had five double-doubles.

**AS A FRESHMAN:** Cassidy played in every game of the season, starting 18... the 1997 America East Rookie of the Year... was one of seven college players and nine pro players invited to Pete Newell’s Elite Post camp over the summer... scored nine points in her collegiate debut against George Washington... named the America East Rookie of the Week five times (Dec. 16, Jan. 6, Jan. 13, Jan. 20, Feb. 24)... she was named to the America East All-Tournament team for her combined 41 points and 17 rebounds... scored 24 points and had five blocks in the NCAA Tournament first round loss to LSU... combined for 31 points and 20 rebounds in the Dead River Company Classic... named the ECAC Rookie of the Week Dec. 16 for her 22 points, six rebounds and two blocked shots vs. Western Kentucky... she scored 28 points against UNH Jan. 11... tossed in 20 points vs. Delaware Feb. 13... was the team’s top shot blocker and was second in scoring and rebounding.

**BACKGROUND:** 1996 Merrimack Valley Conference Player of the Year... *Boston Globe* All-Scholastic... *Eagle Tribune* All-Star... 1996 Massachusetts Player of the Year... averaged 18 points, 13 rebounds, and four blocked shots a game her senior year... holds the Methuen H.S. record with 25 rebounds in one game... scored 1,204 points and cleared 802 rebounds in her career... also a conference all-star in volleyball... coached by Mimi Hyde-Stott at Methuen High School.
Meet the Captains

20 Amy Vachon
Senior ♦ 5-7 ♦ Guard
Augusta, Maine / Cony High School

As a Junior: Vachon led the conference in assists with an average of 8.1 and was fourth in the nation... one of the most unheralded point guards in the nation... the top returning point guard in the country in terms of assists per game... holds the UMaine career record for assists with 550, breaking Cindy Blodgett's record of 487 on Feb. 14 versus UNH... needs just 56 assists to break the America East career assist record... broke her own UMaine and America East record for assists in a season on Feb. 25 with 10 assists against Hartford... had set the record of 194 in her sophomore year and had 234 as a junior... a 1999 America East second team All-Conference pick... earned a spot on the 1999 America East All-Tournament team... recorded the sixth double-double of her career with 13 points and 11 assists in the semifinal win over Vermont... five of those double-doubles occurred this season (the semifinal game; 14 points, 10 assists vs. URI; 11 points, 10 assists vs. Drexel; 12 points, 12 assists vs. UVM; and 12 points, 10 assists vs. Hartford)... led the team in minutes per game... dished off a career-high 12 assists four times, including three times in a five-game stretch... that span started on Jan. 30 when she returned from a concussion that kept her out of action for two games... had eight assists and no turnovers in the Feb. 6 win over BU... in the first game against Drexel, she recorded 10 assists with only one turnover... scored 14 points, pulled down nine rebounds and had seven dishes against BU on Jan. 5 in one of her best all-around performances of the season... broke her own Dead River Company Classic records for assists in a game (11) and assists in the tournament (17).

As a Sophomore: led the league and was among the nation's assist leaders with 6.5 apg... broke the UMaine and America East record for assists in a season with 194... averaged 6.5 ppg and 3.8 rpg... played 30 games, starting 22... she averaged 11.6 ppg and 5.6 rpg in the conference tournament scoring 13 points in each of the first two games of the conference tournament, hitting 10 of 13 shots... led the team with 69 steals... recorded the first double-double of her career with 13 points and 11 assists against Delaware... dished out a career-high 12 assists against Vermont and recorded eight or more assists nine times.

■ The Vachon File
Born: Aug. 23, 1978... Place of Birth: Augusta, Maine... Daughter of Paul and Deborah Vachon... Major: psychology... Favorite Role Model: parents... Favorite Book: Chicken Soup for the Soul... Course/Subject I Have Enjoyed Most: psychology... Off-Court Interests: hanging out with friends, music, TV... Non-Basketball Aspirations: to become a counselor in the schools... Best Advice Received: Treat everyone as you would like to be treated... Few People Know... I don't have a sense of smell... Favorite Quote: "Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go." — T.S. Eliot

■ Career Highs
Points: 18 vs. URI 12/21/97
Rebounds: 11 vs. Boston University 1/4/97
Assists: 12, last vs. Hofstra 2/1/99
Steals: 5, last vs. Drexel 1/31/99

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— Joanne Palombo-McCallie

**MEET THE CAPTAINS**


**AS A FRESHMAN:** Vachon appeared in every game as a rookie, starting six... she scored five points in her collegiate debut against George Washington... led the team with 122 assists... she hit for nine points in the NCAA Tournament first round loss to LSU... combined for 10 points and six assists in the Dead River Company Classic... she made her first career start against North Carolina... recorded her first career double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds against BU Jan. 4... scored 12 points, including three three-pointers vs UNH Jan. 11... scored 13 points against Towson State Jan. 16... her 15 points vs. Hofstra Jan. 26 was a season-high... dished out a career-high eight assists vs. Towson State Feb. 15.

**BACKGROUND:** Averaged 18.0 ppg., 5.0 rebounds, 8.0 assists, 5.0 steals per game her senior year... 1995 USA Today Maine Player of the Year... four-time Bangor Daily News All-Maine team member... helped lead Cony H.S. to the 1996 and 1995 Class A State Championships... All-Conference four years... four-time Class A All-Tourney team member... two-time Bangor Daily News Owen Osborne Most Valuable Player... coached by her father, Paul Vachon, at Cony High School.
**METE THE CAPTAINS**


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**The Clark File**

Born: Sept. 5, 1978... Place of Birth: Rumford, Maine... Daughter of Elanna Farnham... Major: history... Favorite Role Model: Jackie Joyner Kersee... Favorite Book: Anything by John Grisham... Favorite Movie: "When A Man Loves A Woman"... Course/Subject I Have Enjoyed Most: History... Off-Court Interests: Running and reading... Non-Basketball Aspirations: To go to law school... Best Advice Received: That which does not kill you makes you stronger... Few People Know: I can only move three toes on my right foot... Favorite Quote: "We cannot change the past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable" "I am convinced life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it."

"Katie has returned in the best shape of her career physically and mentally. She has worked through an incredibly difficult injury to return and provide outstanding senior leadership. She is a tenacious defender and an excellent offensive rebounder. It is exciting to have her back with the team."

— Joanne Palombo-McCullough

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**Katie Clark**

Senior • 6-1 • Forward

Bangor, Maine / Bangor High School

**AS A JUNIOR:** At the start of the season, Clark battled a recurring foot injury and it was thought she would miss the season and perhaps be unable to play again... her rehabilitation was successful and she returned to score four points and grab two rebounds in the Jan. 24th win over Towson... scored a career-high 12 points in 14 minutes of play on Feb. 1 against Hofstra... added nine points and had three rebounds in the Feb. 14 win over UNH.

**AS A SOPHOMORE:** Clark missed the last 19 games with a foot injury after starting three straight ... she averaged 3.5 ppg in 11 games... she came off the bench to score 11 points against Miami in the championship game of the UMass Holiday Classic... scored seven points in the win over Northeastern, had six points against Rhode Island and five points and four rebounds against UMass.

**AS A FRESHMAN:** Appeared in 21 games, starting eight... missed nine games due to surgery... she scored seven points in her collegiate debut against George Washington... scored a season-high 11 points in the win over Brown... scored 10 points in the wins over Vermont Feb. 1 and Delaware Feb. 13... she scored 10 points in the win over Drexel in the semifinals of the AMERICA EAST Tournament while combining for 22 points in all.

**BACKGROUND:** Two-time Bangor Daily News All-Maine team member... All-Penobscot Valley Conference... 1996 Class A All-Tourney team... averaged 28.9 points her senior year... coached by Tom Tennial at Bangor High School.

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**Career Highs**

Points: 12 vs. Hofstra 2/1/99

Rebounds: 5 vs. Vermont 2/1/97

Assists: 3 vs. Vermont 1/27/93/97

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**UMaine Black Bears**
Kristen McCormick

Senior • 5-10 • Guard
Medford, Mass. / Medford High School

AS A JUNIOR: McCormick was one of the top outside threats in the nation... she was fifth in the nation with a three point field goal percentage of .452... led the conference in three-point field goal percentage.... a 1999 All-America East second team selection... tied Cindy Blodgett’s record for threes in a game with six on Feb. 10 versus Vermont and then equaled that feat at Delaware... broke Blodgett’s UNA conference record for threes in a season (70)... second leading scorer with 11.7 ppg... scored a game-high 22 points in the Vermont game and had 20 versus Delaware... had a team-high 18 points in the regular season loss to Northeastern where she hit four of five three pointers... was also four-for-five at Towson, scoring 18 points... had two key three pointers in the final minutes of the 62-58 road win over Vermont... the second trey tied the game at 58-58, completing an 8-0 run... finished with 15 points... had a strong outing in the 75-50 win over Drexel, leading the team with 20 points and seven rebounds... scored three three-pointers in the opening four minutes of the second half in the win over Delaware and totalled 13 points in the game... was named to her second All-Tournament team in her career and of the season with a strong effort at Tulane... scored a career-high 24 points against Middle Tennessee State, then contributed 23 points against Tulane, hitting five three-pointers in the process... opened the season against St. Bonaventure after a preseason injury kept her out of the season opener... showed no signs of the injury as she scored 22 points in 20 minutes and was named to the Dead River Company Classic All-Tournament team.

AS A SOPHOMORE: McCormick started 10 games and averaged 5.6 ppg... led the team with a three point field goal percentage of .379... she equaled her season-high for the second time with 16 points against UNH... previously, she tied her season-high with a 16 point performance versus James Madison... scored 12 points against Towson, going five-for-eight from the field including two threes... she added nine points and six rebounds against Delaware... she had seven points and a career-high eight rebounds against Vermont.

AS A FRESHMAN: McCormick played in every game during the 1996-97 season, starting 16... she scored four points in her collegiate debut against George Washington, then duplicated her efforts against Brown... she hit for eight points against Wake Forest... she made her first career start against Northeastern Jan. 2... against BU Jan. 4, she scored a career-high 16 points... she scored 12 points against Drexel Jan. 24 then dropped in 10 vs. Vermont Feb. 1... she combined for 15 points in the AMERICA EAST Tournament.

BACKGROUND: Boston Globe All-Scholastic... three-time All-Conference and Blue Star East All-Star team member... coached by Ernie Ardolino at Medford High School.
AS A SOPHOMORE: Lopez is one of the best all-around players on the team... played four different positions for the Black Bears, including assuming the point guard role in the Jan. 24 Towson and Jan. 27 Vermont games when Amy Vachon was injured... in the Towson game, she scored a career-high 14 points, pulled down a game-high nine rebounds and picked off four steals... followed it up by equaling her career-high of 14 points, 13 of which were scored in the first half, and grabbing 10 rebounds for her second double-double of the year in the win over Vermont... at home against UNH, she recorded a career-high five assists... in the win over Delaware on Jan. 22, she scored eight points, had four assists, six rebounds and four steals in 22 minutes... at Hartford, she scored 10 points, pulled down five rebounds and had seven steals... scored seven points against UNH on Jan. 16, grabbing nine rebounds, including five off the defensive glass, and four steals... against BU on Jan. 5, she scored seven of her 10 points and grabbed some key rebounds in the final minutes of the game to help Maine seal the victory... she finished with 10 rebounds, a game-high and career-high mark... came off the bench against Ole Miss, scoring a then-career-high nine points and pulling down nine rebounds... she equaled that mark with nine points against Western Kentucky and earned her first career start against Ohio University... against the Bobcats, she scored nine points again and added five steals and three blocks.

AS A FRESHMAN: Played in 26 games as a rookie... a season-high six points and had three rebounds in five minutes of play against UNH... equaled her season-high with a six point performance against Towson and she had five points and eight rebounds in the first Towson game.

BACKGROUND: Captained Faye Craig's team at Chateau Guay Valley Regional High School in 1996-97 which won the Provincial Championship five consecutive seasons... was named the most valuable player in every tournament in which the team played in the 1996-97 season... won Athlete of the Year honors at every level she has competed in... was captain of the Chateau Guay Valley Regional field hockey team that won two consecutive provincial titles... medaled in shot put, javelin and discus for the school's track and field team.
**Player Profiles**

**NCAA Appearances:** '95, '96, '97, '98, '99; Conference Tournament Championships: '90, '91, '95, '96, '97, '98

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**25 Martina Tinklova**

**Junior • 6-4 • Forward**

Olomouc, Czech Republic / Czech English Gymnasium

**AS A SOPHOMORE:** Tinklova is probably the most overlooked member of the team... hit two free throws with 16 seconds to go in the game to give UMaine a 60-58 win over Stanford in the first round of the NCAA Tournament... scored 11 points and grabbed a career-high 11 rebounds in that game... poured in 18 points in the road win over BU... scored 15 points at Delaware and had 11 points and three blocks against Towson... finished third on the team in scoring (10.2 ppg), second in rebounding (5.3 rpg) and has 49 assists... missed the quarterfinal game of the 1999 America East Championship with an ankle injury... returned to score 10 points and snag six rebounds in the win over Vermont... had 15 points, six rebounds and four assists in the win over Drexel... scored a career-high 22 points against St. Bonaventure, doubling her previous best effort... scored 11 points in the opening game of the season... had nine rebounds in addition to 16 points and four assists against Ohio University in her first career start.

**AS A FRESHMAN:** Played in 29 games as a rookie, missing one due to injury... she came up with two key steals and scored four points in the win in the America East Championship game against Vermont... in the game with Towson, she scored 10 second half points to help Maine pull away and go on to a 20-point victory... scored seven points against Rhode Island and scored five points and grabbed seven rebounds in her collegiate debut against Northeastern... against James Madison, she scored 10 points on four-of-five shooting.

**Background:** A member of the Czech Republic Junior National Team which placed third at the European Championships and finished sixth at the World Championships this past summer... played for the Olomouc University team coached by Milan Soukup.

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**The Tinklova File**

**Born:** June 22, 1978... **Place of Birth:** Olomouc, Czech Republic... **Daughter of** Milana Tinklova and Jiri Tinkl... **Major:** Economics... **Favorite Role Models:** My parents... **Favorite Book:** *Doctors* by Erich Segal... **Favorite Movie:** "Il Postino"... **Course/Subject I Have Enjoyed Most:** Any foreign language... **Off-Court Interests:** Wellness, Visage... **Non-Basketball Aspirations:** To travel around the world... **Best Advice Received:** Stop thinking... at least for a while... **Few People Know:** I have a bronze medal from the 1996 Junior Women’s Basketball European Championship... **Favorite Quote:** “Worry about the chances you miss when you don’t even try.”

"Martina has returned in the best shape of her career and her game continues to grow. She is an outstanding passer with a soft touch who possesses guard instincts. Her commitment to rebounding and defense will make the difference for her to be a dominant post in the region and nationally.”

— Joanne Palmombo-McCallie

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**Career Highs**

**Points:** 22 vs. St. Bonaventure 11/27/98

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3 Chantal Macream  

Junior • 5-6 • Guard  
Pierrefonds, Quebec, Canada / Vanier College

AS A SOPHOMORE: Macream played in all but seven games... scored a career-high seven points and added three steals against Rhode Island... she dished off for a career-high three assists in 13 minutes of play against Western Kentucky.

AS A FRESHMAN: Macream played in 17 games... scored her first collegiate point in the first round of the Dead River Company Classic against James Madison on Nov. 28.

BACKGROUND: Won four GMAA City Championships with Riverdale High School... captained coach Mirelle Beland's CEGEP Vanier College team for two years... named team's Best Defensive Player and won the Sportsmanship Award... Valedictorian of her Riverdale High School class.

■ The Macream File

Born: June 28, 1977... Place of Birth: Montreal, Quebec... Daughter of Bertha and Paul Macream...

Major: psychology... Favorite Role Models: My little sister Paulette, my mom, Sherrie Weeks... Favorite Book: Chicken Soup for the Soul... Favorite Movie: "Crooklyn"... Course/Subject I Have Enjoyed Most: sports psychology... Off-Court Interests: Reading, writing poetry, praying... Non-Basketball Aspirations: becoming a better person, becoming financially independent, author/psychologist... Few People Know... my mother tongue is French... Favorite Quote: "Experience is not what happens to a man. It is what a man does with what happens to him."

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12 Tracy Guerrette  

Sophomore • 5-9 • Guard  
St. Agatha, Maine / Wisdom High School

FRESHMAN: Started the first three games of the season, and saw action in 23 contests... scored six points against St. Bonaventure in the Dead River Company Classic, then scored eight against UMass... had a career high four rebounds against Delaware (1/22).

BACKGROUND: Led Wisdom High School to a State title in 1998... played for Mim Gagnon and served as captain as a senior... a 1998 Bangor Daily News All-State player... Lewiston Sun Journal/Class D Player of the Year... Eastern Maine Class D All-Tourney team... a McDonald's Senior All-Star... scored 1,549 points in her career and holds the school record for points scored in a game (40)... also a four-year letterwinner in soccer and softball.

■ The Guerrette File

Born: September 30, 1980... Place of Birth: Caribou, Maine... Daughter of Theresa and Clifford Guerrette...

Major: biology/pre-med... Favorite Role Models: my family... Favorite Book: The Bible... Favorite Movie: "Hoosiers"... Course/Subject I Have Enjoyed Most: Anatomy and physiology... Off-Court Interests: to play other sports like soccer and softball; to do outdoor activities such as downhill skiing, kayaking, and especially fishing; and most importantly, spending time with my family... Non-Basketball Aspirations: to hopefully attend medical school and eventually become a doctor... Few People Know... that I want to be an astronaut or maybe climb Mt. Everest one day — who knows what the future holds... Favorite Quote: Psalm 23

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10 **EVA MOLDRE**
Sophomore • 6-3 • Center
Tallinn, Estonia / Estonian Sports College

**AS A FRESHMAN:** A knee injury suffered in practice kept Moldre out of play for the beginning of the season but she made her collegiate debut in New Orleans... had six rebounds and five blocks in the win over Delaware on Jan 22... scored a career-high five points at Hartford and then equaled that amount at home against Hofstra.

**BACKGROUND:** Played for A. Dorbek at Estonian Sports College... a member of several Estonian Junior Championship and Estonian Championship teams... named team MVP... won an art award at the Art Exhibition at Estonian Sports College.

**The Moldre File**
Born: May 20, 1977... Place of Birth: Tallinn, Estonia... Daughter of Laine and Ants Moldre... Major: int. affairs in foreign languages... Favorite Role Model: Larry Bird... Favorite Book: The Horse Whisperer by Nicholas Evans... Father Goriot by Honore de Balzac... Favorite Movie: "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"... The Man Without a Face"... Course/Subject I Have Enjoyed Most: art, psychology, literature... Off-Court Interests: Drawing, dancing, travelling, foreign languages, classical music... Non-Basketball Aspirations: To become an interior designer and travel around the world... Best Advice Received: "The world is open for the brave, go for it..."... Few People Know... I have four sisters, one brother and I am an aunt of five nephews and three nieces... Favorite Quote: "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get..." -Forrest Gump.

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**Career Highs**
Points: 5, last vs. Hofstra, 2/1/99
Rebounds: 6, vs. Delaware, 1/22/99
Assists: 1, last vs. Vermont, 1/27/99


42 **ANDREA PARDILLA**
Sophomore • 5-10 • Forward
Old Town, Maine / Old Town High School

**AS A FRESHMAN:** Pardilla scored six points in the win over St. Bonaventure after scoring her first collegiate points against Northeastern.

**BACKGROUND:** Captain as a senior for Garry Spencer's Old Town High School team... scored more than 1,000 points in her career and holds the school record for most points in a game (35)... Old Town was the Eastern Maine runner-up in 1998... averaged 20 points, 10 rebounds, 2 steals and three blocks a game.

**The Pardilla File**
Born: June 25, 1980... Place of Birth: Bangor, Maine... Daughter of Janet Lewey and Jerry Pardilla... Major: kinesiology... Favorite Role Model: My mother... Favorite Movie: "Ace Ventura Pet Detective"... Course/Subject I Have Enjoyed Most: Anatomy and physiology... Off-Court Interests: Being with my family... Non-Basketball Aspirations: To be a physical therapist... Best Advice Received: "Follow your heart..."... Few People Know: I grew 6 inches in one summer... Favorite Quote: "There are no limits."

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**Career Highs**
Points: 6, vs. St. Bonaventure, 11/27/98
Rebounds: 3, last vs. Western Ky., 12/4/98
Assists: 1 vs. Rhode Island, 12/11/98

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"Eva has improved her strength and conditioning significantly. She is aggressive and has the potential to be an outstanding rebounder. Her game continues to grow — particularly with her post moves and her competitive spirit is a big spark off the bench."
— Joanne Palombo-McCallie

"Andrea is excited to return after recovering from knee surgery. Andrea has a good court sense and a soft shooting touch. Her willingness to make the commitment to a more aggressive and physical game will benefit the team greatly."
— Joanne Palombo-McCallie
LACEY STONE
Sophomore ▪ 5-10 ▪ Guard
Whitefish Bay, Wis. / Trinity High School (Ohio)

AS A FRESHMAN: Stone missed 21 games with a stress fracture... she started the first game of her career against Ohio University and recorded 11 points, five rebounds and four assists... scored eight of UMaine’s first 14 points in the win over Rhode Island and finished with 10 point

BACKGROUND: Played for John Stone at Whitefish Bay High School as a freshman, sophomore and junior... captained Pat Diulio’s Trinity High School team as a senior... scored 1,220 points in her career... a three-time Milwaukee Journal Sentinel All-Star... an All-Conference and All-Area player... led the conference in scoring as a senior... earned three academic excellence awards... won third at the State Tennis Championship and helped her team win the State Championship.

■ The Stone File
Born: April 17, 1980... Place of Birth: Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin... Daughter of Jaquelyn and John Stone... Major: undecided... Favorite Role Models: My sister and Michael Jordan... Favorite Book: In These Girls, Hope is a Muscle... Favorite Movie: “Something About Mary” “Hoosiers”... Course/Subject I Have Enjoyed Most: History and art... Off-Court Interests: Playing tennis, hanging out or going to movies with friends... Non-Basketball Aspirations: To be successful in whatever I decide to pursue in life... Best Advice Received: “Treat everyone as you would like to be treated”... Few People Know: I love to draw... Favorite Quote: “Be happy with what you have while working for what you want.”

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PAM CRUZ
Freshman ▪ 5-8 ▪ Guard
Huntsville, Ala. / Butler High School

BACKGROUND: Scored 1,896 career points while starting every game since her freshman year at Butler High School in Huntsville... her Butler team was regarded as one of the finest high school programs in the country, earning Top 10 rankings in the USA Today poll for three years and winning the “national championship” once during her career... led her team to three Alabama state 6A titles... earned All-Metro, Area All-Tournament, Regional All-Tournament, and second team All-State honors... averaged 14.3 ppg and 4.1 apg during her senior season.

■ The Cruz File
Born: April 7, 1981... Place of Birth: Huntsville, Alabama... Daughter of George Cruz and Lois Hammonds... Major: business... Favorite Role Models: My grandmother and mom... Favorite Book: Dennis Rodman’s Bad as I Wanna Be... Favorite Movie: “Casino”... Course/Subject I Have Enjoyed Most: Math... Off-Court Interests: Sleeping... Non-Basketball Aspirations: To be a sports broadcaster on ESPN... Best Advice Received: If things don’t go your way, just put it all in God’s hands. He will work it out... Few People Know: I’m a mama’s girl... Favorite Quote: “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”

"Lacey is a tremendous competitor who has returned in excellent physical condition. She plays with great confidence and her game continues to grow on all levels. She is a versatile guard with a soft shooting touch who can play the wing and back-up point.”
— Joanne Palombo-McCallie

"Pam possesses great speed and quickness. She is an excellent slasher and a true competitor. Her commitment to playing hard-nosed defense will be the difference in allowing her to impact the team immediately. Her court savvy is a big plus."
— Joanne Palombo-McCallie
30 Ellen Geraghty  
Freshman • 5-9 • Guard  
Winsted, Conn. / The Gilbert School

Missed last season due to a bout with mononucleosis... as a “medical redshirt” she retains four years of athletic eligibility.

BACKGROUND: A two-year captain for Gerry Hicks at The Gilbert School... holds the record for points scored (boys or girls) at The Gilbert School (more than 1800)... holds school record for assists (more than 600)... first team All-State three years in a row... member of Hartford Courant and New Haven Register dream teams... a member of the National Honor Society... an All-State track athlete in the triple jump.

■ The Geraghty File
Born: June 13, 1979... Place of Birth: Providence, R.I... Daughter of Cindy and Warren Geraghty... Major: academic and career exploration... Favorite Role Models: Jesus Christ, my family... Favorite Book: The Bible, Success is a Choice... Favorite Movie: “Pistol Pete—The Birth of a Legend”... Course/Subject I Have Enjoyed Most: psychology, communications... Off-Court Interests: I enjoy spending time with family and friends, eating and sleeping, and attending church and campus ministries.... Non-Basketball Aspirations: To be a missionary and own my own horse... Best Advice Received: Memorize Proverbs 3:5-6, and pray hard, work hard, play hard. HAVE FUN!... Few People Know... I survived my first year and mono because of support from this awesome team, God and my family; and I am deaf in one ear... Favorite Quote: “Work like a woman inspired until the battle of the day is won – if you fall, pick yourself up, brush yourself off and start all over again.”, “A champion is someone who gets up even when she can’t.” “We are all given bad breaks, the ones who persevere will accomplish goals.”

35 Christy Grover  
Freshman • 6-3 • Center  
Bucksport, Maine / Bucksport High School

BACKGROUND: Set all-time records at Bucksport High School for points (1,345) and rebounds (885)... averaged 18.6 ppg, 10.4 rpg, and 4.9 blocks per game during her senior year at Bucksport... a four-time selection to the Portland Press Herald All-State team, and a two-time Penobscot Valley Conf. Player-of-the-Year... named Maine’s Gatorade Player-of-the-Year as a senior, and was a finalist for Miss Maine Basketball... earned a spot in USA Today Magazine’s Power 100 listing.

■ The Grover File
Born: April 16, 1980... Place of Birth: Blue Hill, Maine... Daughter of Loraine and Tom Valenoti... Major: undecided... Favorite Role Model: My mother... Favorite Book: All the Pretty Little Horses... Favorite Movie: “Wild Hearts Can’t Be Broken”... Course/Subject I Enjoyed Most: Math/ P.E.... Off-Court Interests: Horseback riding, swimming, hiking, kayaking... Non-Basketball Aspirations: Graduate college and get a great job in elementary education... Best Advice Received: When you’re working hard and start to hurt, keep your head high and work harder...
MEET THE NEWCOMERS


Anna James

33 Freshman • 6-0 • Forward
Guelph, Ontario, Canada / Centennial C.V.I.

BACKGROUND: A three-time member of Team Ontario... named to the All-Canada team... ranked the number one forward in Ontario by Canada’s Cage magazine... invitee to the Nike All-Canada camp... averaged 16 ppg and 12 rpg during her career at Centennial Collegiate & Vocational Institute... helped her team to the gold medal at the 1998 Canadian Junior Nationals.

Anna is a talented and very aggressive player. The intensity and focus have helped her make an immediate transition to the Division I level. She rebounds aggressively while providing excellent defense and a soft shooting touch. She can make an immediate impact in the program.”
— Joanne Palombo-McCallie

THE JAMES FILE

Born: August 19, 1980... Place of Birth: Guelph, Ontario... Daughter of Willie and Cathy James... Major: undecided... Favorite Role Model: Cynthia Cooper... Favorite Book: Paradise by Toni Morrison... Favorite Movie: “Soul Food”... Course/Subject I Enjoyed Most: Math... Off-Court Interests: Music, Art, Dance... Non-Basketball Aspirations: To be a psychologist and obtain a Ph.D.... Best Advice Received: The only person you have to impress or be obligated to is yourself... Few People Know: I have a 6’5” wingspan... Favorite Quote: “No fear.”

UMAINE WOMEN’S BASKETBALL SUPPORT STAFF

Marian Dressler
Administrative Assistant

Sherrie Weeks, ATC
Assistant Athletic Trainer

Nick Raymond
Student Assistant Coach
1998-99 Season Review


Few people anticipated the excitement and success that characterized the 1998-99 UMaine women’s basketball season. With the loss of three of the team’s top four scorers from the previous year, including All-American Cindy Blodgett, many believed last year’s version of the Black Bears may not measure up to the caliber of its predecessors. The coaches and players did not subscribe to that point of view. The 1998-99 Black Bears did not aim to equal the feats of those who came before. Instead they sought, and succeeded, to surpass them.

The beginning of the season was not an indication of what was to come. UMaine opened with a somewhat easy 71-55 win over Northeastern in the Dead River Company Shootout in Portland. The match up with Northeastern would become a pivotal one as the year progressed.

In the opening round of the Dead River Company Classic, UMaine rolled to a 94-67 win over St. Bonaventure in a game that saw Jamie Cassidy become the 11th women’s basketball player in UMaine history to eclipse the 1,000 point mark. The Black Bears then faced Ole Miss in the finals of the tournament and held a 10 point lead over the SEC team with three minutes to play only to watch the Lady Rebels go on a tear, forcing overtime and winning 77-72 in the extra period.

The next two games were just as disappointing as the Black Bears lost 64-56 to the University of Massachusetts on the road and then fell 78-57 to Western Kentucky at the Northwestern Tournament. In the consolation game of that tournament, UMaine handled Ohio University 82-61 and then the team returned home and defeated Rhode Island 76-53 before taking a break for exams and the holidays.

UMaine returned to action at the Tulane/Doubletree Classic. In the first round, the Black Bears showed they had rebounded from the early season losses as they earned a 92-78 win on the strength of Cassidy’s career-high 41 points.

A tough Tulane team was the opponent in the finals and despite a strong effort, UMaine came up short, losing 85-76. Still, the game served as a turning point. Instead of winning from another loss, the team seemed to gain strength and the knowledge that it could challenge any team in the nation. Cassidy and McCormick were named to the All-Tournament team.

This confidence was evident as the Black Bears entered the heart of the conference season. The next game was a 75-59 win over Boston University at home. Next up was a game with Drexel. Because of a storm, the team contended with a difficult trip to Philadelphia but UMaine quickly focussed on the task at hand and won 75-50.

The following game did not include any travel problems but things did not go as smoothly on the court. UMaine eked out a 58-56 win over Hofstra to preserve the team’s undefeated conference mark.

In a battle with second place New Hampshire, Kelly Bowman had a career day, scoring 18 points as UMaine won 71-57. The Black Bears put on the defensive pressure in the next game, only allowing Hartford to score five points in the first 16 minutes of the game as they went on to a 66-42 victory.

The Black Bears won an 81-51 decision over Delaware but took a big hit when Amy Vachon suffered a concussion in the game. The team pulled together for a 72-48 win over Towson and a 62-58 victory over Vermont without their point guard.

Vachon returned for a 72-52 win over Drexel and equaled her career-high with 12 assists. She also had 12 assists in the 78-57 win over Hofstra.

The Black Bears stumbled on the road against Northeastern. Cassidy was in foul trouble early and the Huskies capitalized to win 74-68. UMaine rebounded to take care of Boston University 92-61 as Cassidy scored 34 points.

A much anticipated match up with Vermont was next. UMaine started the game with a 35-6 run and went on to an 80-59 victory. They did likewise to New Hampshire, 83-58, to clinch the America East title. Vachon also broke Blodgett’s UMaine assist record in the game.

McCormick hit six three pointers to tie Blodgett’s UMaine record for threes in a game in a 77-66 win over Delaware and then hit four of five from long range in a 93-64 victory over Towson.

UMaine closed the regular season with a 79-56 win over Hartford as Vachon broke her own school and America East single-season assist record.

Cassidy was named the America East Player of the Year and earned first team honors. Vachon and McCormick were named to the second team.

As the top seed in the America East Tournament, UMaine defeated Hofstra 69-57 in the first round and Vermont 66-61 on their home court to advance to the championship game for the fifth straight year. In the finals, Northeastern scored with six seconds to go to take the 57-55 victory.

Without the automatic bid, it looked as though UMaine would miss the NCAA Tournament for the first time in five years, but the Black Bears were awarded an at-large bid and a 10th seed—the highest ever.

The opponent was a tough Stanford squad but UMaine refused to be intimidated by their reputation. The Black Bears controlled the game and defeated the Cardinal 60-58 for their first NCAA Tournament win.

In the second round, UMaine faced Old Dominion on ODU’s home court. The Black Bears challenged the Lady Monarchs but ODU used their experience and athleticism to take a 72-62 win.

Cassidy was honored with District I All-American honors and finished fifth in the nation in scoring. Vachon was fourth in assists and McCormick was fourth in three point shooting percentage. As a team, the Black Bears were fifth in shooting percentage.

1998-99 UMaine Women’s Basketball Achievements

- Advanced to its fifth NCAA Tournament after earning its first at-large bid, and posted its first NCAA Tournament victory
- Averaged 3,290 in home attendance, ranking 25th in the nation.
- Seven individual and team records were tied or set, including Amy Vachon’s record for assists in a season, 234, and in a career, 550.
- Jamie Cassidy became the 11th player in UMaine women’s basketball history to score more than 1,000 points.
- Head Coach Joanne Palombo-McCallie earned her third conference Coach of the Year award.
- Cassidy was fifth in the nation in scoring (23.8 ppg), Amy Vachon was fourth in the nation in assists (8.1 app) and Kristen McCormick was fourth in the four-point field goal percentage (.452).
- Cassidy was named District I Kodak All-America, ECAC Player of the Year, America East Player of the Year, was a first team All-Conference selection for the second straight year and was a finalist for the New England Sports Awards Female Athlete of the Year Award.
- Vachon and McCormick were second team All-America East selections.
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**Notes:**
- * - American East Conference Game
- # - Dead River Company Classic, Orono, Maine
- ^ - Roger L. White / Northwestern University Tournament, Evanston, Ill.
- § - American East Tournament, Burlington, VT
- ‡ - NCAA Tournament, Norfolk, VA

### 1998-99 Attendance

- **Total Attendance:** 57,563 (Average: 1,857)
- **Home Attendance:** 49,812 (Average: 3,290)
- **Road Attendance:** 16,150 (Average: 1,165)
- **Neutral Attendance:** 2,943 (Average: 491)

**Deadball Rebounds:**
- Maine 82, Opponents 60
**1999 America East Women’s Basketball Championship**

**Patrick Gymnasium - Burlington, VT**

### Tournament Results

**First Round – Wednesday, March 3**

- No. 7 Towson 87, No. 10 Boston U. 67
- No. 8 Hofstra 53, No. 9 Hartford 52

**Quarterfinals – Thursday, March 4**

- No. 6 Drexel 69, No. 3 New Hampshire 59
- No. 2 Northeastern 58, Towson 46
- No. 1 Maine 69, Hofstra 57
- No. 4 Vermont 74, No. 5 Delaware 64

**Semifinals – Friday, March 5**

- Northeastern 76, Drexel 58
- Maine 66, Vermont 61

**Finals – Saturday, March 6**

- Northeastern 57, Maine 55

### All-Championship Team

- Jamie Cassidy, UMaine
- Karalyn Church, Vermont
- Maureen Michaels, Drexel
- Tesa Tinsley, Northeastern
- Amy Vachon, UMaine

**Most Outstanding Player**

- Tesa Tinsley, Northeastern

### All-Conference Team

**First Team**

- Jamie Cassidy, UMaine
- Tesa Tinsley, Northeastern
- Karalyn Church, Vermont
- Orsi Farcas, New Hampshire
- Betsy Palacek, Northeastern

**Second Team**

- Kristen McCormick, UMaine
- Amy Vachon, UMaine
- Cindy Johnson, Delaware
- Danielle Leyfert, Delaware
- Michelle Maslowski, Drexel

**Third Team**

- Alison Dixon, Boston Univ.
- Christie Lauzon, Vermont
- Mikki Miller, Drexel
- Shniece Perry, Towson
- Denece Rivera, Hofstra

**All-Rookie Team**

- Aubrey Danen, New Hampshire
- Megan Dellegrotti, Delaware
- Janeka Lopp, Hartford
- Kiki Proctor, New Hampshire
- Libby Smith, Vermont

**Player-of-the-Year:** Jamie Cassidy, UMaine

**Rookie-of-the-Year:** Libby Smith, Vermont

**Coach-of-the-Year:** Joanne Palombo-McCallie, UMaine

Comprised of 10 distinguished universities, America East begins its 12th year of all-sports championship competition, with a reputation as one of the most competitive and comprehensive conferences in the nation.

The conference’s recent athletic success complements the academic integrity of the 10 member institutions: Boston University, University of Delaware, Drexel University, University of Hartford, Hofstra University, University of Maine, University of New Hampshire, Northeastern University, Towson University, and University of Vermont.

America East sponsors 21 sports with championships offered in the following sports for both men and women: basketball, cross country, indoor track and field, lacrosse, outdoor track and field, soccer, swimming and diving, and tennis. Women’s championships also include field hockey and softball while men’s championships are offered in baseball and golf.

America East has a proud record of success enabling the conference to earn admission to the following NCAA Championships: baseball, men’s basketball, women’s basketball, field hockey, men’s golf, men’s lacrosse, women’s lacrosse, men’s soccer, women’s soccer, softball, men’s tennis, women’s tennis and volleyball. In addition, several America East student-athletes compete as individuals in NCAA Championships such as cross country, swimming and diving, and track and field. Only a handful of the nation’s Division I conferences provide as much access for its champions into NCAA post-season play.

Men’s and women’s basketball continue to garner much of the media and public attention as the lead sports for America East. To satisfy that demand, America East will again produce several America East basketball games to local markets and pay-per-view. Included in the package are the men’s championship semiinals and the women’s championship game. ESPN will televise the men’s championship game for the 13th straight year.

The men’s basketball championship will return to the Bob Carpenter Center on the Delaware campus, where last season’s America East championship game was played before a standing-room-only crowd and a national television audience on ESPN. Total attendance for the four-day event was nearly 22,000. The women’s basketball championship will be played for the second-straight year at Vermont’s Patrick Gymnasium, where capacity crowds in excess of 3,000 are expected.

America East’s success in each of its 21 championship sports has been a benchmark for the conference. Last season, America East placed five of its 10 institutions into post-season basketball tournaments. Of the 20 Division I-AA and I-AA conferences, only two others had as many teams play in the NCAA Championships and National Invitational Tournaments. Delaware was awarded the conference’s automatic berth to the NCAA Men’s Basketball Championship while Hofstra earned an NIT bid, marking the second time in three years America East had teams in both tournaments. Northeastern won the conference’s automatic bid to the NCAA Women’s Basketball Championship, while regular-season champion Maine earned an at-large bid, and promptly upset Stanford University in the first round. New Hampshire was selected for the Women’s National Invitation Tournament.

### 1998-99 America East Standings

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**#** – Denotes regular season champion  
* – Denotes tournament champion (automatic qualifier)

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UMaine Women's Basketball

This is UMaine

UMaine graduate Cindy Blodgett plays for the Sacramento Monarchs of the WNBA.

Maine BID FOR THE SWEET SIXTEEN: Jamie Cassidy battles Old Dominion All-American Mery Andrade in the second round of the 1999 NCAA Tournament.

Martina Tinklova with Secretary of Defense William Cohen and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright during Albright's visit to the UMaine campus as part of the Cohen Lecture Series. Tinklova and Albright, both natives of the Czech Republic, chatted for a few minutes in their native language.

Secretary of State Madeline Albright holds the Black Bear women's basketball jersey presented to her during her visit to the UMaine campus.
 UMMaine Women's Basketball


Hoops

MAINE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL


Black Bear fans flock to Alfond Arena, which has placed UMaine among the nation's leaders in women's basketball attendance throughout much of the 1990's.

Sheryl Swoopes was one of the featured speakers at "Realizing the Dream: Celebrating Women in Athletics."
### UMaine Women's Basketball Records


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**INDIVIDUAL RECORDS**

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**Most Rebounds**
Game: 19 by Stacey Porrini vs. Drexel 1/24/97

**Most Assists**
Game: 12 by Amy Vachon, last vs. Vermont 2/10/99

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**Most Points**
Game: 107 vs. Drexel 1/14/96

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**Most Rebounds**
Game: 66 vs. Boston Univ. 1/4/97

**Most Assists**
Game: 29 vs. Drexel 3/3/96

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Game: 12 vs. Drexel 1/30/99

**Most Steals**
Game: 22 vs. Hofstra 1/12/96

**Most Consecutive Wins**
16, 12/18/94 vs. Loyola (Chicago) - 12/2/95 vs. Villanova

**Widest Win Margin**
54 vs. Drexel 1/14/96

**Team Record**
85-22 since January 1992

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### 3,000 POINTS

Cindy Blodgett
3,005 Points
1994–1998

### 1,000 POINTS

Jamie Cassidy
1,712 Points
1996–present

Emily Ellis
1,696 Points
1981–85

Lauree Gott
1,393 Points
1982–87

Steph Guidi
1,295 Points
1992–96

### 2,000 POINTS

Rachel Bouchard
2,405 Points
1987–91

Liz Coffin
2,153 Points
1984–88

Tracey Frenette
1,194 Points
1988–92

Heather Briggs
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### Boston College

**First Round Opponent**
- Preseason WNIT
- Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m. @ Orono, Maine

**First Round Opponent**
- Florida State Farm Classic
- Dec. 28, 4:30 p.m. @ Gainesville, Fla.

**Location:** Boston, Mass. 02167  
**Founded:** 1863  
**Enrollment:** 14,600  
**President:** Rev. William P. Leahy, S.J.  
**Athletic Director:** Gene DeFilippo  
**Nickname:** Eagles  
**Colors:** Maroon and Gold  
**Conference:** Big East  
**Home Court (Capacity):** Conte Forum (8,606)  
**Sports Information Contact:** Ann Wheelwright  
**Office Phone:** (617) 552-4508  
**Home Phone:** (781) 647-1008  
**Fax:** (617) 552-4903  
**Press Row:** (617) 552-8989

**Head Coach:** Cathy Inglese  
**Alma Mater:** Southern Connecticut '80  
**Career Record:** 206-155 (13 seasons)  
**Record at BC:** 86-61 (Six seasons)  
**Coach's Phone:** (617) 552-4530  
**Assistant Coaches:** Pam Borton, Kelly Cole, Bill Gould  
**Letterwinners Ret./Lost:** 9/3  
**Starters Ret./Lost:** 4/1  
**1998-99 Overall Record:** 22-8  
**Conference Record/Finish:** 12-6/4th  
**Series Record:** Tied 1-1  
**Last Meeting:** UMaine, 55-49 (11/28/93)

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### Preseason WNIT

**First Round – Nov. 15**  
**Second Round – Nov. 17**  
**Semifinals – Nov. 21**  
**Finals – Nov. 22**

* Denotes home team for First Rd.

**First Rd**  
- Georgia°  
- UAB  
- Virginia Tech°  
- Liberty  
- Duke  
- UNCG  
- Maine°  
- Boston College

**Second Rd**  
- Illinois°  
- W. Michigan  
- Oklahoma St.°  
- Northern Iowa  
- UC Santa Barbara°  
- UNLV  
- TCU°  
- St. Mary’s (CA)

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### Boston University

**Dec. 11, 2:00 p.m. @ Augusta, Maine**  
**Feb. 24, 7:00 p.m. @ Boston, Mass.**

**Location:** Boston, Mass. 02215  
**Founded:** 1839  
**Enrollment:** 15,538  
**President:** Jon Westling  
**Athletic Director:** Gary Strickler  
**Nickname:** Terriers  
**Colors:** Scarlet and White  
**Conference:** America East  
**Home Court (Capacity):** Case Gym (1,800)  
**Sports Information Contact:** Michael King  
**Office Phone:** (617) 353-2872  
**Home Phone:** (617) 437-0102  
**Fax:** (617) 353-5286  
**Press Row:** (617) 353-0102

**Head Coach:** Margaret McKeon  
**Alma Mater:** St. John’s ’91  
**Career Record:** First season  
**Record at BU:** First season  
**Coach’s Phone:** (617) 353-4669  
**Assistant Coaches:** Jerry McLaughlin, Gabrielle Butler, Cindy Blodgett  
**Letterwinners Ret./Lost:** 11/4  
**Starters Ret./Lost:** 1/4  
**1998-99 Overall Record:** 5-22  
**Conference Record/Finish:** 2-16  
**Series Record:** UMaine leads, 25-14  
**Last Meeting:** UMaine, 92-61 (2/6/99)

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### Delaware

**Jan. 4, 7:00 p.m. @ Newark, Del.**  
**Jan. 27, 7:30 p.m. @ Orono, Maine**

**Location:** Newark, Del. 19716  
**Founded:** 1743  
**Enrollment:** 16,110  
**President:** Dr. David P. Roselle  
**Athletic Director:** Edgar N. Johnson  
**Nickname:** Fightin’ Blue Hens  
**Colors:** Royal Blue and Gold  
**Conference:** America East  
**Home Court (Capacity):** Bob Carpenter Center (5,000)  
**Sports Information Contact:** Scott Selheimer  
**Office Phone:** (302) 831-2186  
**Home Phone:** (302) 368-8639  
**Fax:** (302) 831-8653  
**Press Row:** (302) 831-8715

**Head Coach:** Tina Martin  
**Alma Mater:** Lock Haven ’86  
**Career Record:** 31-51 (Three seasons)  
**Record at Delaware:** Same  
**Coach’s Phone:** (302) 831-8663  
**Assistant Coaches:** Jeannine Rudice, Jada Pierce, Cindy Carroll  
**Letterwinners Ret./Lost:** 9/4  
**Starters Ret./Lost:** 4/1  
**1998-99 Overall Record:** 16-11  
**Conference Record/Finish:** 10-8/5th  
**Series Record:** UMaine leads, 15-1  
**Last Meeting:** UMaine, 77-66 (2/18/99)
**Opponents**

**Conference Championships: 88-89, 89-90, 90-91, 91-92, 92-93, 93-94, 94-95, 95-96, 96-97, 97-98**

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**Drexel**

Jan. 21, 7:00 p.m. @ Philadelphia, Pa.
Feb. 20, Noon @ Orono, Maine

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**Florida**

Dec. 29, 4:30 p.m.
State Farm Classic
Possible Second Round opponent

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**Georgia**

Nov. 27, 4:30 p.m.
Dead River Company Classic
Possible Second Round Opponent

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**Hartford**

Jan. 8, 1:00 p.m. @ Orono, Maine
Feb. 3, 7:00 p.m. @ Hartford, Conn.

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**Hartford**

Jan. 8, 1:00 p.m. @ Orono, Maine
Feb. 3, 7:00 p.m. @ Hartford, Conn.

**Head Coach**: Kevin Murphy
*Alma Mater: Ursinus '86*
Career Record: 45-67 (Four seasons)
Record at Drexel: Same
Coach's Phone: (215) 895-1938
Assistant Coaches: Lynn Milligan, Katie Gardler, Kathy Bielli
Letterwinners Ret/Lost: 8/4
Starters Ret/Lost: 4/1
1998-99 Overall Record: 12-16
Conference Record/Finish: 7-11/6th
Series Record: UMaine leads, 20-2
Last Meeting: UMaine, 72-52 (1/30/99)

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**Florida**

Dec. 29, 4:30 p.m.
State Farm Classic
Possible Second Round opponent

**Head Coach**: Carol Ross
*Alma Mater: Mississippi '82*
Career Record: 184-91 (Nine seasons)
Record at Hartford: Same
Coach's Phone: (352) 375-4683 x5511
Assistant Coaches: Jodi Williams, Beth Dunkengerber, Bobbie Kelsey
Letterwinners Ret/Lost: 12/1
Starters Ret/Lost: 4/1
1998-99 Overall Record: 19-14
Conference Record/Finish: 6-8/8th
Series Record: Florida leads, 1-0
Last Meeting: Florida, 78-73 (1/11/90)

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**Georgia**

Nov. 27, 4:30 p.m.
Dead River Company Classic
Possible Second Round Opponent

**Head Coach**: Andy Landers
*Alma Mater: Tennessee Tech '74*
Career Record: 568-169 (24 seasons)
Record at Georgia: 486-148 (20 seasons)
Coach's Phone: (706) 542-1176
Assistant Coach: Terri Williams, Michael Shafer, Katie Schutz
Letterwinners Ret/Lost: 8/2
Starters Ret/Lost: 4/1
1998-99 Overall Record: 27-7
Conference Record/Finish: 9-5/3rd
Series Record: First meeting

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**Hartford**

Jan. 8, 1:00 p.m. @ Orono, Maine
Feb. 3, 7:00 p.m. @ Hartford, Conn.

**Head Coach**: Jennifer Rizzotti
*Alma Mater: Connecticut '96*
Career Record: First season
Record at Hartford: First season
Coach's Phone: (860) 768-5035
Assistant Coaches: TBA
Letterwinners Ret/Lost: 7/4
Starters Ret/Lost: 2/3
1998-99 Record: 8-19
Conference Record/Finish: 5-13/9th
Series Record: UMaine leads, 27-3
Last Meeting: UMaine, 79-56 (2/25/99)
## OPPONENTS

### NCAA APPEARANCES:

### Hofstra
Jan. 23, Noon @ Hempstead, N.Y.
Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m. @ Orono, Maine

- **Location:** Hempstead, N.Y. 11549
- **Founded:** 1935
- **Enrollment:** 12,800
- **President:** Dr. James M. Shuart
- **Athletic Director:** Harry Royle
- **Nickname:** Flying Dutchwomen
- **Colors:** Gold, White and Blue
- **Conference:** America East
- **Home Court (Capacity):** Physical Fitness Center (2,500); Hofstra Arena (5,112) after Jan. 1
- **Sports Information Contact:** Rikki J. Dileo
  - **Office Phone:** (516) 463-4933
  - **Home Phone:** (516) 581-0274
  - **Fax:** (516) 898-5626
- **Press Row:** (615) 898-2807

- **Head Coach:** Leslie Schlegel-Danowski
- **Alma Mater:** Hofstra '91
- **Career Record:** 62-103 (Six seasons)
- **Record at Hofstra:** Same
- **Coach's Phone:** (516) 463-5069/6754
- **Assistant Coaches:** Kelley Watts, Patrina Blow
- **Letterwinners Ret./Lost:** 8/3
- **Starters Ret./Lost:** 3/2
  - **1998–99 Overall Record:** 9-19
  - **Conference Record/Finish:** 6-12/8th
  - **Series Record:** UMaine leads, 13-0
  - **Last Meeting:** UMaine, 69-57 (3/4/99)

### New Hampshire
Jan. 15, 1:00 p.m. @ Durham, N.H.
Feb. 12, 12:00 p.m. @ Orono, Maine

- **Location:** Durham, N.H. 03824
- **Founded:** 1866
- **Enrollment:** 11,271
- **President:** Dr. Joan Leitzel
- **Athletic Director:** Dr. Judith L. Ray
- **Nickname:** Wildcats
- **Colors:** Blue and White
- **Conference:** America East
- **Home Court (Capacity):** Whittemore Center (6,500); Lundholm Gymnasium (3,500)
- **Sports Information Contact:** Douglas Poole
  - **Office Phone:** (603) 862-2585
  - **Home Phone:** (603) 740-9202
  - **Fax:** (603) 862-3839
- **Press Row:** (603) 862-0735/3181

- **Head Coach:** Susan Johnson
- **Alma Mater:** Yale '86
- **Career Record:** 31-23 (Two seasons)
- **Record at New Hampshire:** Same
- **Coach's Phone:** (603) 862-0282
  - **Assistant Coaches:** Letterwinners Ret./Lost: 10/1
  - **Starters Ret./Lost:** 5/0
  - **1998–99 Overall Record:** 19-8
  - **Conference Record/Finish:** 13-5/2nd tie
  - **Series Record:** UMaine leads, 28-13
  - **Last Meeting:** UMaine, 83-58, (2/14/99)

### Northeastern
Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m. @ Orono, Maine
Feb. 26, 1:00 p.m. @ Boston, Mass.

- **Location:** Boston, Mass. 02115
- **Founded:** 1898
- **Enrollment:** 12,500
- **President:** Dr. Richard Freeland
- **Athletic Director:** Ian McCaw
- **Nickname:** Huskies
- **Colors:** Red and Black
- **Conference:** America East
- **Home Court (Capacity):** Cabot Gym (2,500)
- **Sports Information Contact:** Adam Polgreen
  - **Office Phone:** (617) 373-4154
  - **Home Phone:** (617) 247-1159
  - **Fax:** (617) 373-3152
- **Press Row:** (617) 373-7925

- **Head Coach:** Joy Malchodi
- **Alma Mater:** Ithaca '70
- **Career Record:** 322-317 (23 seasons)
- **Record at NU:** 263-265 (19 seasons)
- **Coach's Phone:** (617) 373-2702
  - **Assistant Coaches:** Karen Pinkos, Cathy Coaldey
  - **Letterwinners Ret./Lost:** 10/2
  - **Starters Ret./Lost:** 4/1
  - **1998–99 Overall Record:** 22-8
  - **Conference Record/Finish:** 13-5/2nd tie
  - **Series Record:** UMaine leads, 24-16
  - **Last Meeting:** Northeastern, 37-55 (3/6/99)

### Northwestern
Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m. @ Orono, Maine

- **Location:** Evanston, Ill. 60208
- **Founded:** 1851
- **Enrollment:** 7,400
- **President:** Henry S. Bienen
- **Athletic Director:** Rick Taylor
- **Nickname:** Wildcats
- **Colors:** Purple and White
- **Conference:** Big Ten
- **Home Court (Capacity):** Welsh-Ryan Arena (8,117)
- **Sports Information Contact:** TBA
  - **Office Phone:** (847) 491-7505
  - **Home Phone:** TBA
  - **Fax:** (847) 373-3152
- **Press Row:** (847) 491-8852

- **Head Coach:** June Olkowski
- **Alma Mater:** Rutgers, '82
- **Career Record:** 148-138 (10 years)
- **Record at NU:** First year
- **Coach's Phone:** (847) 491-5709
  - **Assistant Coaches:** Teri Moren, Cleve Wright, Tricie Johnson
  - **Letterwinners Ret./Lost:** 8/3
  - **Starters Ret./Lost:** 4/1
  - **1998–99 Overall Record:** 12-16
  - **Conference Record/Finish:** 5-11/9th
  - **Series Record:** Northwestern leads, 1-0
  - **Last Meeting:** Northwestern, 77-54 (12/4/93)
Rhode Island
Dec. 19, 1:00 p.m. @ Kingston, R.I.

Location: Kingston, R.I. 02881
Founded: 1892
Enrollment: 13,437
President: Dr. Robert Carothers
Athletic Director: Ron Petro
Nickname: Rams
Colors: Dark Blue, Light Blue and White
Conference: Atlantic 10
Home Court (Capacity): Keane Gymnasium (3,385)
Sports Information Contact: John White
Office Phone: (401) 874-2409
Home Phone: (401) 727-8066
Fax: (401) 874-3554
Press Row: (401) 874-3559

Head Coach: Belinda “Boe” Pearman
Alma Mater: Maryland ’84
Career Record: First season
Record at Rhode Island: First season
Coach’s Phone: (401) 874-2235
Assistant Coaches: Bobbi Morse, Edith Thompson
Letterwinners Ret./Lost: 4/7
Starters Ret./Lost: 1/4
1998–99 Overall Record: 5-22
Conference Record/Finish: 1-15/6th East
Series Record: URI leads 9-8
Last Meeting: UMaine, 76-53 (12/11/98)

Rice
Jan. 11, 7:30 p.m. @ Orono, Maine

Location: Houston, Texas 77005
Founded: 1891
Enrollment: 2,600
President: Malcolm Gilliss
Athletic Director: Bobby May
Nickname: Owls
Colors: Blue and Gray
Conference: Western Athletic
Home Court (Capacity): Autry Court (5,000)
Sports Information Contact: Patty Barnes
Office Phone: (713) 735-5657
Home Phone: (713) 785-0706
Fax: (713) 527-6019
Press Row: (713) 735-5638

Head Coach: Crissy McKinney
Alma Mater: North Carolina State ’79
Career Record: 121-104 (Eight seasons)
Record at Rice: 94-76 (Six seasons)
Coach’s Phone: (713) 737-5677
Assistant Coaches: Wooly Hatchell, Shanice Sanford, Shane Brown
Letterwinners Ret./Lost: 6/5
Starters Ret./Lost: 3/2
1998–99 Overall Record: 20-12
Conference Record/Finish: 9-5/
3rd WAC Mountain Div.
Series Record: First Meeting

SW Missouri State
Dec. 5, 2:05 p.m. (CST) @ Springfield, Mo.

Location: Springfield, Mo. 65804
Founded: 1905
Enrollment: 18,207
President: Dr. John H. Keiser
Athletic Director: Bill Rowe
Nickname: Lady Bears
Colors: Maroon and White
Conference: Missouri Valley
Home Court (Capacity): John Q. Hammons Student Center (8,846)
Sports Information Contact: Robert Rodgers
Office Phone: (417) 836-5402
Home Phone: (417) 836-1007
Fax: (417) 836-8808
Press Row: (417) 836-4150

Head Coach: Cheryl Burnnett
Alma Mater: Kansas, ’81
Career Record: 251-148 (12 seasons)
Record at SMS: Same
Coach’s Phone: (417) 836-4136
Assistant Coaches: Lynnette Robinson, Karen Rapier, Chuck Williams
Letterwinners Ret./Lost:
Starters Ret./Lost: 1998–99 Overall Record: 25-7
Conference Record/Finish: 15-3/1st
Series Record: First Meeting

St. Francis (Pa.)
First Round Opponent
Dead River Company Classic
Nov. 26, 7:00 p.m. @ Orono, Maine

Location: Loretto, Pa. 15940
Founded: 1847
Enrollment: 1,250
President: Rev. Christian R. Oravec, T.O.R.
Athletic Director: Jeff Eisen
Nickname: Red Flash
Colors: Red and White
Conference: Northeast
Home Court (Capacity): DeGol Arena
Sports Information Contact: Patrick Kiley
Office Phone: (814) 472-3128
Home Phone: (814) 472-3128
Fax: (814) 472-3196
Press Row: (814) 472-3145

Head Coach: Myndi Hill
Alma Mater: Heidelberg ’91
Career Record: First season
Record at St. Francis: First season
Coach’s Phone: (814) 472-3283
Assistant Coach: Greg Law, Eryn Ivnik
Letterwinners Ret./Lost: 10/3
Starters Ret./Lost: 4/1
1998–99 Overall Record: 18-12
Conference Record/Finish: 14-6/1st
Series Record: First meeting
Opponents


Stephen F. Austin
Possible Opponent
Dead River Company Classic
Nov. 27 @ Orono, Maine

Location: Nacogdoches, Texas 75962
Founded: 1923
Enrollment: 12,000
President: Dr. Dan Angel
Athletic Director: Steve McCarty
Nickname: Ladyjacks
Colors: Purple and White
Conference: Southland
Home Court (Capacity): William R. Johnson Coliseum (7,203)
Sports Information Contact: Mandy Sciba
Office Phone: (409) 468-4150
Home Phone: (409) 462-1030
Fax: (409) 468-4593
Press Row: (409) 468-4635

Head Coach: Royce Chadwick
Alma Mater: SW Oklahoma State '80
Career Record: 346-121 (15 seasons)
Record at SFA: 119-33 (Five seasons)
Coach's Phone: (409) 468-3208
Assistant Coaches: Roxanne White, Matt Corkery, Kidada Holzclaw
Letterwinners Ret./Lost: 7/8
Starters Ret./Lost: 3/2
1998-'99 Overall Record: 17-12
Conference Record/Finish: 12-6/2nd
Series Record: First meeting

Towson
Jan. 2, 1:00 p.m. @ Towson, Md.
Jan. 29, Noon @ Orono, Maine

Location: Towson, Md. 21204
Founded: 1866
Enrollment: 16,000
President: Dr. Hoke L. Smith
Athletic Director: Dr. Wayne Edwards
Nickname: Tigers
Colors: Gold, White & Black
Conference: America East
Home Court (Capacity): Towson Center (5,000)
Sports Information Contact: Jeanne Carhart
Office Phone: (410) 830-6258
Home Phone: (410) 377-7316
Fax: (410) 830-3861
Press Row: (410) 830-3286

Head Coach: Ellen Fitzkee
Alma Mater: Lafayette '81
Career Record: 133-170 (11 seasons)
Record at Towson: Same
Coach’s Phone: (410) 830-3153
Assistant Coaches: Sue Williams, Brian Johnson
Letterwinners Ret./Lost: 10/4
Starters Ret./Lost: 5/0
1998-'99 Overall Record: 12-16
Conference Record/Finish: 6-12/7th
Series Record: UM leads 9-0
Last Meeting: UM, 93-64 (2/20/99)

Vermont
Feb. 5, 1:00 p.m. @ Burlington, Vt.
Mar. 2, 7:30 p.m. @ Orono, Maine

Location: Burlington, Vt. 05405
Founded: 1791
Enrollment: 7,500
President: Judith Ramaley
Athletic Director: Richard A. Farnham
Nickname: Catamounts
Colors: Green and Gold
Conference: America East
Home Court (Capacity): Patrick Gymnasium (3,200)
Sports Information Contact: Lisa Champagne
Office Phone: (802) 656-1818
Home Phone: (802) 878-8077
Fax: (802) 656-8328
Press Row Phone: (802) 864-6114

Head Coach: Keith Geplicki
Alma Mater: William & Mary ’85
Career Record: 39-20 (Two seasons)
Record at Vermont: Same
Coach’s Phone: (802) 656-7695
Assistant Coaches: Jen Niebling, Nicole Andres
Letterwinners Ret./Lost: 9/4
Starters Ret./Lost: 4/1
1998-'99 Conference Record/Finish: 11-7/4th
Series Record: UM leads, 38-14
Last Meeting: UM, 66-61 (3/5/99)

Western Kentucky
Possible Opponent
Florida State Farm Classic
Dec. 29 @ Gainesville, Fla.

Location: Bowling Green, Ky. 42101
Founded: 1906
Enrollment: 15,087
President: Dr. Gary Ransdell
Athletic Director: TBA
Nickname: Lady Toppers
Colors: Red and White
Conference: Sun Belt
Home Court (Capacity): E.A. Diddle Arena (11,300)
Sports Information Contact: Chris Masters
Office Phone: (270) 745-5388
Home Phone: (270) 782-7898
Fax: (270) 745-5444
Press Row: (270) 745-6941

Head Coach: Steve Small
Alma Mater: Campbellsville ’70
Career Record: 47-16 (Two seasons)
Record at Western Kentucky: Same
Coach’s Phone: (270) 745-2133
Assistant Coaches: Mary Taylor Cowles, Blane Embry, Carrie Daniels
Letterwinners Ret./Lost: 8/5
Starters Ret./Lost: 2/5
1998-'99 Overall Record: 21-7
Conference Record/Finish: 8-4/3rd
Series Record: WKU leads 2-1
Last Meeting: WKU, 78-57 (12/4/98)
The Harold Alfond Sports Arena, one of the finest all-purpose facilities in the northeast, was completed in February of 1977. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Harold Alfond, the Arena allows basketball to return to campus in a modern, up-graded facility. The UMaine women played their first game in Alfond on January 30, 1992 when they defeated Boston University, 74-57. The largest women’s crowd at the Arena was 5,862 when they faced New Hampshire on February 1, 1998.

Since women’s basketball began playing at Alfond Arena, attendance has increased dramatically to place the University of Maine among the nation’s leaders in women’s basketball attendance. Last season, an average of 3,290 fans came to 12 home games, placing the Black Bears 26th in the nation in home attendance average. Attendance reached an all-time high in 1997-98, when UMaine finished 14th in the nation in attendance with an average of 4,846 fans.

Mr. Alfond, who has contributed over $6 million dollars to the University since 1968, donated $2 million dollars for the expansion. Mr. Alfond’s gift represented the largest one-time (non-posthumous) cash contribution ever bestowed upon the University at that time. Over 2,000 people, headed by Mr. Alfond, donated funds for the original construction of the complex.

The expansion created 70-foot by 140-foot additions to the east and west sides of the Arena allowing for the installation of 1,200 seats. The construction raises the capacity to 5,587 for hockey and 5,712 for basketball. Included in the Arena expansion are additional concession areas and rest rooms, locker rooms, ticket offices, and souvenir stands. A storage area has also been built for the new basketball court to be used in the building.

Aside from being UMaine’s home court, the Arena is used by high school and youth hockey leagues, and for concerts and graduation ceremonies.

The complex is a modern facility with virtually no obstructed-view seats in the building and an excellent view of the court.

The Alfond Sports Arena was the sight of UMaine’s big upset victory 75-73 over #10 Alabama during the 1994-95 campaign and another upset in 1998 when the Black Bears defeated 18th ranked Western Kentucky.

The following services are offered at Alfond Arena:

Public Telephones: Pay phones are located in the lobby of the arena.

Concession stands: Located at both the east and west sides of the arena.

Rest Rooms: Located underneath the east and west side bleachers.

Public Address: Announcements under emergency situations may be made. To make an emergency announcement report to the press row area. We regret that announcements of a personal nature will not be made.

First Aid: Medical attendants are present at each game and can be found at the south end of the arena.
The Michael B. and Georgia D. Latti Fitness Center.

A modern training facility to service the University community was completed in June of 1990. The new facility is more than double the size of the old facility. The 1,800-foot room also features top equipment to serve the 200 recreational and varsity athletes who use the facility each day. The wet area of the room includes a freezer with ice making capabilities and three whirlpools. The facility also houses seven plinths and a taping area for 30 athletes.

The University employs five full-time trainers to assist with athletic coverage. Approximately 15 student-trainers also help in the coverage of practices and home events.

Completion of the $1.2 million Memorial Gymnasium Renovation and Addition Project has given the University of Maine some of the finest athletic facilities in the Northeast.

The Michael B. and Georgia D. Latti Fitness Center was dedicated at a ceremony on October 6, 1989. The 6,000-foot facility next to Wallace Pool contains a weight room and training facility which serves an estimated 500 students, faculty and members of the surrounding community each day. Over the last few years the center has been refurbished and restocked with the latest fitness equipment to make the Latti Fitness Center one of the top athletic facilities in New England.

The Michael Kessock Sports Medicine Center.

The women's basketball team also received new locker room facilities as part of the expansion project.

The Edith Ness Women's Basketball Suite was made possible by the generous donation of Mrs. Edith Talbot Ness, class of 1932, a loyal fan and dedicated alumna who is devoted to excellence at the University of Maine.

The locker room contains 20 oak box-style lockers with upper compartments in which valuables and equipment may be stored. There is also a shower room and bathroom area.

The plush carpeting and attractive architecture make this a premier locker room facility.

The Edith Ness Women's Basketball Suite.
1999-2000 Schedule


Day DATE Time Opponent Site
Saturday Oct. 30 6:30 p.m. Blue/White (Exh.) Alfond Arena
Thursday Nov. 4 7:30 p.m. University of Latvia (Exh.) Alfond Arena
Monday Nov. 8 7:30 p.m. Add Iljiira (Exh.) Alfond Arena
Monday Nov. 15 7:30 p.m. Boston College (Preseason WNIT) at Preseason WNIT - Second Round TBA
Wednesday Nov. 17 TBA at Preseason WNIT - Semis & Finals TBA
Sun.-Mon. Nov. 21-22 TBA Alfond Arena

Dead River Company Classic

Friday Nov. 26 4:30 p.m. Georgia vs. Stephen F. Austin Georgia vs. Stephen F. Austin Springfield, Mo.
Saturday Nov. 27 4:30 p.m. Consolation Game ST. Francis (PA)
Sunday Nov. 28 7:00 p.m. Championship Game

Univ. of Florida State Farm Classic

Tuesday Dec. 28 4:30 p.m. Maine vs. Boston College Gainesville, Fla.
Wednesday Dec. 29 7:00 p.m. Western Kentucky vs. Florida Kingston, R.I.
Wednesday Dec. 29 4:30 p.m. Consolation/Championship
Wednesday Dec. 29 7:00 p.m. Florida Game

Univ. of Florida State Farm Classic

Sunday Jan. 2 1:00 p.m. at Towson University # Towson, Md.
Tuesday Jan. 4 7:00 p.m. at Delaware # Newark, Del.
Saturday Jan. 8 1:00 p.m. Hartford # Alfond Arena
Tuesday Jan. 11 7:30 p.m. Rice Alfond Arena
Saturday Jan. 15 1:00 p.m. at New Hampshire # Durham, N.H.
Friday Jan. 21 7:00 p.m. at Drexel # Philadelphia, Pa.
Friday Jan. 21 7:00 p.m. at Hofstra # Hempstead, N.Y.
Sunday Jan. 23 1:00 p.m. Delaware # Alfond Arena
Friday Jan. 27 7:30 p.m. Towson # (TV) Hartford, Conn.
Saturday Jan. 29 1:00 p.m. at Vermont # Burlington, Vt.
Thursday Feb. 3 7:00 p.m. at Hartford #
Saturday Feb. 5 1:00 p.m. at Vermont #
Saturday Feb. 12 1:00 p.m. New Hampshire # Alfond Arena
Friday Feb. 18 7:30 p.m. Hofstra # Alfond Arena
Sunday Feb. 20 7:30 p.m. Drexel # Alfond Arena
Thursday Feb. 24 7:00 p.m. at Boston University # Boston, Mass.
Saturday Feb. 26 1:00 p.m. at Northeastern # (TV) Boston, Mass.
Thursday Mar. 2 7:30 p.m. Vermont Alfond Arena

# – Denotes AMERICA EAST Game  * – Game played at Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, Maine

Information for the Media

The University of Maine Athletic Media Relations staff extends a cordial welcome to all working media covering our home games. We appreciate the coverage you give us, and we will do everything possible to assist you in your game duties. In order to create the best possible situation, please observe the following:

CREDENTIALS: All credential requests should be directed to Pete Lefresne, Assistant Manager for Media Relations, 5747 Memorial Gym, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469-5724, Ph: (207) 581-1086. Credentials to be mailed should be requested at least two weeks in advance; all other credentials can be picked up at the will-call window at the main entrance of the Alfond Arena.

INTERVIEWS: All requests for interviews, either in person or via phone, must be approved by the UMaine Athletic Media Relations Office, and should be directed through the Athletic Media Relations contact for that sport. Postgame interviews will be conducted 10 minutes after the game in an area designated outside of the locker room.

RADIO POLICY: Permission to broadcast may be obtained by calling the UMaine Athletic Media Relations Office. One phone line for a rental fee of $75 will be available for the visiting school. Other lines may be obtained by calling the Athletic Media Relations Office. All calls on these lines should be collect or billable to the user.

PRESS PARKING: A section of VIP parking has been reserved for members of the media. Please contact the UMaine Athletic Media Relations Office in advance for passes.

PRESS SERVICES: Pre-game notes, statistics, media guides, and programs/rosters are available prior to the start of the game. Halftime statistics, and final statistics will also be provided. Telephone lines and a fax machine are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Refreshments are available at the concession stand.
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