

Wayne State Women's Basketball

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This Week's Opponents: vs. Mercyhurst College (2/01), vs. Gannon University (2/03)

Wayne State's Record: 9-9 overall, 4-6 GLIAC. The Warriors are 5-1 at home and 3-7 on the road. Wayne State has won four of their last five contests at home.

Game Information:

Wayne State hosts Mercyhurst College on Thursday, Feb. 1, at the Matthaehi Building starting at 5:30 p.m. The Lakers enter the contest with a 9-10 record overall and a 5-6 record in the GLIAC. Mercyhurst is in fourth place in the GLIAC standings, one game ahead of the Warriors. The Lakers have lost two straight games and three of their last five contests. The Mercyhurst is led by senior forward Amy Galla, who is averaging 15.1 ppg. and 8.1 rpg. Senior forward Meredith Koncsol is averaging 11.5 ppg. and 3.0 rpg.

The Warriors host Gannon University on Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Matthaehi Building starting at 1 p.m. The Golden Knights come to Detroit, Mich. with a record of 14-5 overall and 7-4 in the GLIAC. The Golden Knights, who are in first place in the GLIAC South Division, have won three of their last four contests. Senior center Kristen Roseberry leads Gannon, averaging 18.2 ppg. and 8.3 rpg. Jacki Windon is averaging 12.9 ppg. and 6.7 rpg.

Series Record:

Mercyhurst has a 6-4 all-time series record over Wayne State. The Warriors swept the Lakers 2-0 last season. Wayne State defeated the Lakers 57-47 on the road and 56-55 at the Matthaehi Building.

Wayne State leads the all-time series against Gannon, 10-4. The Golden Knights swept Wayne State last season 2-0. Gannon defeated Wayne State 77-56 in Erie, Pa. and won at the Matthaehi Building 62-41.

Bradley's Bytes

"We played well this past week against Findlay and Ashland, but we finished 1-1 on the trip," said head coach Gloria Bradley. "We seem to really be coming together as a team and it shows on the floor. We really could shake things up this week in the conference if we could win against Mercyhurst and Gannon. Mercyhurst is one game ahead of us in the standings. They are a solid team that works the ball into Amy Galla. Gannon could be considered one of the best teams in our conference. They have a great post player in Kristin Roseberry and they are also good shooters."

Last Week

The Warriors went 1-1 last week. WSU lost at the University of Findlay, 68-65 and defeated Ashland University, 79-64.

Against the Oilers (Jan. 25), Wayne State lost a battle they usually don't lose, rebounding. Findlay outrebounded WSU, 46-24 in the contest slipping by the Warriors for the victory. Wayne State had its opportunity to win the game with 0:06 seconds remaining with Findlay leading, 67-65. Freshman guard **Tiffany Grubaugh (Canton, Mich./Plymouth Salem)** attempted a three-point shot from the top of the key that hit the back of the iron and bounced out to give UF the victory.

The Warriors shot 43.1 percent from the field (25-58) and 36.8 percent from the three-point line (7-19). Findlay shot 46.4 percent from the floor (26-56) and 33.3 percent from the three-point line (4-12). Findlay turned the ball over 23 times while WSU had only 14 mistakes.

Sophomore forward **Shana Lynch (Clinton Township, Mich./Fraser)** led the Warriors with 16 points and seven rebounds. Junior guard **LaTisha Martin (Detroit, Mich./Dominican)** and junior center **Rebecca Barok (Dayton, OH/Vandalia-Butler)** each scored 12 points. Grubaugh had 13 points and four assists.

Wayne State traveled to Ashland on Saturday (Jan. 27) for an important match-up with the Eagles. WSU learned from its mistakes on Thursday and became the dominator on the boards, outrebounding Ashland, 52-41. The Warriors were down at halftime, 34-33, but came out in the second half with a 9-1 run to lead 43-34 with 16:26 left in the contest. Wayne State led by as many as 20 points in the second half.

The Warriors shot 38.5 percent from the field (25-65) and 30.4 percent (7-23) from the three-point line. Ashland was held to only 34.3 percent from the field (24-70) and 25 percent from the three-point line (3-12). The Warriors forced 15 AU turnovers. WSU hit 22 of 30 free throws while AU hit 13 of 19 from the stripe.

Lynch led the Warriors once again with her second double-double of the season with 21 points and 10 rebounds. Grubaugh had 16 points, five rebounds and four assists. **Jessica King (Hartland, Mich./Howell)** added 11 points. Barok had eight points and 11 rebounds while Martin nearly had a triple-double with eight points, 10 rebounds and nine assists.

Warrior Notes:

Wayne State has won three of their last five games and six of their last 10 contests. WSU is 6-2 when it holds opponents under 70 points a contest. The Warriors are 3-0 when they score 80 points in a contest.

The Warriors have held four of their last five opponents under 40 percent shooting from the floor.

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