

2014

Empire 8 Women's Basketball Championship Tournament

#1 Ithaca College
#2 Hartwick College
#3 Stevens Institute of Technology
#4 St. John Fisher College

Friday-Saturday, Feb. 28-March 1, 2014
Ben Light Gymnasium • Ithaca College
Ithaca, N.Y.

#1 ITHACA COLLEGE (21-4, 13-1 Empire 8)

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.	High School/Hometown
4	Ali Ricchiuti	G	Fr.	5-9	Herricks/New Hyde Park, N.Y.
5	Alex Gilligan	G	Fr.	5-3	Chaparral/Fountain Hills, Ariz.
10	Elisabeth Wentlent	G	Sr.	5-9	Greene/Greene, N.Y.
11	Renée Metzger	G	Sr.	5-4	Fairport/Fairport, N.Y.
12	Keri Steele	G	So.	5-8	Hunterdon Central/Flemington, N.J.
14	Mary Kate Tierney	G	Sr.	5-10	Our Lady of Mercy/Rochester, N.Y.
15	Geena Brady	F	Jr.	6-1	Onondaga Central/Syracuse, N.Y.
20	Jennifer Escobido	F	Sr.	5-10	Norwich Free Academy/Lisbon, Conn.
21	Samantha Klie	G	Jr.	5-8	Ramapo/Wyckoff, N.J.
22	Kristen Gowdy	F	So.	5-11	Dos Pueblos/Santa Barbara, Calif.
23	Ally Mnich	G	Jr.	5-8	Holmdel/Holmdel, N.J.
24	Kathryn Campbell	G	Sr.	5-9	Wall/Wall, N.J.
31	Erin Ferguson	F	Fr.	6-0	Governor Livingston/Summit, N.J.
32	Francesca Cotrupe	F	Jr.	5-11	Whitesboro/Whitesboro, N.Y.
34	Shayna Gaskins	F	Fr.	5-10	Kennedy Catholic/Yorktown Heights, N.Y.

Head Coach: Dan Raymond
Assistant Coaches: Katherine Bixby, Katie McDonough, Kelly LaLonde
Graduate Assistant Coach: Kelsey Florian

2013-14 Schedule/Results

Nov. 15	at William Smith	W 71-60
Nov. 20	ROCHESTER	W 74-61
Nov. 23	vs. Farmingdale State	W 75-60
Nov. 24	at #5 Amherst	L 44-66
Dec. 3	CORTLAND	W 72-62
Dec. 7	ST. LAWRENCE	W 77-66
Dec. 29	vs. Hanover	W 77-70
Dec. 30	at #1 DePauw	L 47-65
Jan. 3	at Hartwick *	L 60-63
Jan. 4	at Stevens *	W 78-69
Jan. 7	HOUGHTON	W 70-56
Jan. 8	#24 JOHN CARROLL	L 62-64
Jan. 10	ALFRED *	W 91-48
Jan. 11	at Utica *	W 75-53
Jan. 17	at St. John Fisher *	W 62-42
Jan. 18	at Nazareth *	W 63-54
Jan. 24	STEVENS *	W 82-65
Jan. 25	HARTWICK *	W 70-59
Jan. 28	at Elmira *	W 62-48
Feb. 4	at Houghton	W 68-59
Feb. 7	NAZARETH *	W 75-50
Feb. 8	ST. JOHN FISHER *	W 77-43
Feb. 14	ELMIRA *	W 63-57
Feb. 15	UTICA *	W 64-53
Feb. 22	at Alfred *	W 80-35
Feb. 28	ST. JOHN FISHER #	6 p.m.

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#2 HARTWICK COLLEGE (21-4, 13-1 Empire 8)

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.	High School/Hometown
5	Lee Arduini	G	Sr.	5-7	Academy of the Holy Names/Albany, N.Y.
10	Kate Purcell	G	Sr.	5-7	Mt. Mercy Academy/Buffalo, N.Y.
11	Kait Veit	G	Sr.	5-9	Holyoke Catholic/Easthampton, Mass.
12	Sarah Shaw	G	Fr.	6-1	Franklin/Franklin, Mass.
14	Jessica Bellai	G	So.	5-4	Schalmont/Schenectady, N.Y.
15	Brittney Dumas	G/F	So.	6-0	Joel Barlow/Easton, Conn.
20	Courtney Cirillo	G	Fr.	5-9	Johnstown/Johnstown, N.Y.
21	Emily Stone	G	Fr.	5-5	Granby/Granby, Conn.
22	Maria Foglia	G	Sr.	5-8	Catholic Central/Rensselaer, N.Y.
24	Rachel Hunt	F	Jr.	5-9	Webster Schroeder/Penfield, N.Y.
25	Jacqui Foreman	G/F	Fr.	5-11	Tolland/Tolland, Conn.
32	Alicia Razanousky	G/F	So.	5-7	Ichabod Crane/Stuyvesant, N.Y.
34	Christina Graziadei	F/C	Fr.	6-0	Oriskany Central/Oriskany, N.Y.
40	Anna Hickey	G	Fr.	5-8	Falmouth/Falmouth, Maine
44	Taylor Vonasek	F	So.	6-0	E.O. Smith/Willington, Conn.
52	Tracey Koch	F/C	Sr.	5-11	Bethlehem Central/Glenmont, N.Y.

Head Coach: Missy West
Assistant Coaches: Aliza Bogdanich, Bob Zeh

2013-14 Schedule/Results

Nov. 16	vs. Mount Saint Mary (N.Y.)	W 94-50
Nov. 17	at Eastern Conn. State	W 65-46
Nov. 22	vs. Salem	W 51-46
Nov. 23	vs. Emory & Henry	W 63-45
Nov. 26	at Union	W 71-55
Dec. 3	ONEONTA	L 46-52
Dec. 5	THE SAGE COLLEGES	W 84-33
Dec. 30	#7 TUFTS	L 51-66
Jan. 3	#16 ITHACA *	W 63-60
Jan. 4	UTICA *	W 71-59
Jan. 7	at Vassar	L 65-67
Jan. 10	at St. John Fisher *	W 71-68
Jan. 11	at Nazareth *	W 72-54
Jan. 14	at Stevens *	W 65-64
Jan. 17	ALFRED *	W 72-36
Jan. 18	HOUGHTON	W 61-40
Jan. 24	at Utica *	W 72-58
Jan. 25	at Ithaca *	L 59-70
Jan. 31	NAZARETH *	W 68-35
Feb. 1	ST. JOHN FISHER *	W 73-51
Feb. 7	at Elmira *	W 67-48
Feb. 8	at Alfred *	W 72-62
Feb. 18	STEVENS *	W 71-50
Feb. 21	at Houghton	W 72-49
Feb. 22	ELMIRA *	W 64-55
Feb. 28	vs. Stevens #	8 p.m.

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#3 STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (17-8, 9-5 Empire 8)

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.	High School/Hometown
2	Carly LaGrotta	G	So.	5-5	Livingston/Livingston, N.J.
3	Yona Brito	F	Fr.	5-7	Elizabeth/Elizabeth, N.J.
4	Lisa Tessitore	G	Sr.	5-7	Dobbs Ferry/Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.
5	Marielle Jankowski	G	Fr.	5-7	Governor Livingston/Berkeley Heights, N.J.
10	Molly Spadaro	G	Sr.	5-7	St. Joseph's/Sewell, N.J.
11	Ruth Waters	G	Fr.	5-9	Ripon/Ripon, Calif.
12	Jen Thompson	G	Sr.	5-7	Mainland Regional/Linwood, N.J.
14	Justine Webster	G/F	So.	5-7	Woodbridge/Colonia, N.J.
15	Hannah Brophy	F	Fr.	6-1	Bridgewater-Raritan/Bridgewater, N.J.
20	Daphne Ginn	G	Fr.	5-6	Lawrenceville/Lawrenceville, N.J.
21	Brittany Washington	F	Fr.	5-10	John F. Kennedy Memorial/Iselin, N.J.
22	Dylan Krause	F	So.	6-1	St. Pius X Catholic/Atlanta, Ga.
23	Allison McDougall	G	Fr.	5-5	Valley Regional/Essex, Conn.
24	Erica Guketlov	G	Fr.	5-5	Bishop George Ahr/Spotswood, N.J.
25	Cassie Nicholas	G/F	So.	6-0	Paul VI/Sicklerville, N.J.
30	Earyn Calvis	G	Fr.	5-4	Immaculate Heart Academy/Clifton, N.J.
31	Megan Petuskey	F	So.	6-0	Sacred Heart/Mays Landing, N.J.
33	Kaitlyn Astel	G	So.	5-11	Staten Island Tech/Staten Island, N.Y.
44	Avis Benjamin	F	Sr.	5-10	Mary Louis Academy/Queens, N.Y.
45	Brittany Jewett	G	Fr.	5-8	Panther Creek/Cary, N.C.
55	Miranda Ripken	G	So.	5-9	John Carroll School/Fallston, Md.

Head Coach: Megan Haughey
Assistant Coaches: Melissa Brooks, Jean Farid, Ed Furman

2013-14 Schedule/Results

Nov. 15	vs. Eastern	W 71-67
Nov. 16	at DeSales	L 64-84
Nov. 20	at PSU Wilkes-Barre	W 48-32
Nov. 23	NEW PALTZ	W 69-59
Nov. 26	at Centenary	W 72-50
Nov. 30	WILLIAM PATERSON	W 77-72
Dec. 2	at Kean	L 67-77
Jan. 3	UTICA *	W 62-52
Jan. 4	ITHACA *	L 69-78
Jan. 8	at Cairn	W 64-32
Jan. 10	at Nazareth *	W 71-53
Jan. 11	at St. John Fisher *	L 58-74
Jan. 14	HARTWICK *	L 64-65
Jan. 17	HOUGHTON	W 69-48
Jan. 18	ALFRED *	W 90-65
Jan. 24	at Ithaca *	L 65-82
Jan. 25	at Utica *	W 71-60
Jan. 27	at TCNJ	L 57-72
Jan. 31	ST. JOHN FISHER *	W 73-61
Feb. 1	NAZARETH *	W 58-46
Feb. 7	at Alfred *	W 62-47
Feb. 8	at Elmira *	W 62-46
Feb. 15	at Houghton	W 60-51
Feb. 18	at Hartwick *	L 50-71
Feb. 21	ELMIRA *	W 60-59
Feb. 28	vs. Hartwick #	8 p.m.

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#4 ST. JOHN FISHER COLLEGE (16-9, 8-6 Empire 8)

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.	High School/Hometown
1	Gabby LaForce	G	Fr.	5-5	Weedsport/Weedsport, N.Y.
3	Portia Velasco	G	Jr.	5-4	Carondelet/Vallejo, Calif.
4	Mary Kate Cusack	G	So.	5-5	Shenendehowa/Clifton Park, N.Y.
5	Brooke Seavitt	G	Jr.	5-7	Ironwood Ridge/Oro Valley, Ariz.
10	Claire Walsh	G	So.	5-9	Chenango Valley/Binghamton, N.Y.
11	Meghan Ermi	G/F	Jr.	5-6	Rush-Henrietta/Rush, N.Y.
12	Aliyah Parris	F	So.	5-10	Timothy Christian/Hillsborough, N.J.
14	Sydney Bloomstein	G	Jr.	5-8	Millbury Memorial/Millbury, Mass.
15	Cassie Sklenka	F	Fr.	5-6	Worcester/Worcester, N.Y.
20	Elyssa Hapanowicz	G	Fr.	5-7	Clinton/Clinton, N.Y.
21	Sarah O'Keefe	G	So.	5-5	Ironwood Ridge/Oro Valley, Ariz.
22	McKenzie Bezon	G	Fr.	5-5	Elba/Elba, N.Y.
24	Camaryn Buckner	F	Sr.	6-0	Honeoye Falls-Lima/Honeoye Falls, N.Y.
25	Alyssa Mountain	F	Fr.	5-11	Cuba-Rushford/Cuba, N.Y.
30	Maya Ajee-Thomas	F	Fr.	6-4	Adams Street Academy/Brooklyn, N.Y.
31	Lauren Allen	F	Fr.	5-10	Newark/Newark, N.Y.

Head Coach: Marianne O'Connor Ermi
Assistant Coaches: Megan Shoniker, Al Mack

2013-14 Schedule/Results

Nov. 15	vs. St. Joseph's	L 42-54
Nov. 16	vs. Southern Vermont	W 70-17
Nov. 23	at D'Youville	W 72-56
Nov. 26	MEDAILLE	W 44-34
Nov. 30	JOHN JAY	W 84-50
Dec. 1	UNION	L 63-67
Dec. 3	vs. William Smith	W 73-51
Dec. 5	vs. Roberts Wesleyan	L 60-64
Dec. 7	vs. Rochester	W 72-60
Jan. 3	at Houghton	W 69-54
Jan. 4	at Elmira *	L 59-61
Jan. 10	HARTWICK *	L 68-71
Jan. 11	STEVENS *	W 74-58
Jan. 17	ITHACA *	L 42-62
Jan. 18	UTICA *	W 77-63
Jan. 24	ELMIRA *	W 67-40
Jan. 25	ALFRED *	W 88-65
Jan. 28	at Nazareth *	W 86-68
Jan. 31	at Stevens *	L 61-73
Feb. 1	at Hartwick *	L 51-73
Feb. 4	at Utica *	W 80-57
Feb. 7	HOUGHTON	W 84-51
Feb. 8	at Ithaca *	L 43-77
Feb. 14	NAZARETH *	W 66-57
Feb. 15	at Alfred *	W 71-59
Feb. 28	at Ithaca #	6 p.m.

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ABOUT THE BOMBERS

The Ithaca Bombers host the Empire 8 Championship Tournament after claiming their sixth straight regular-season title. On a 13-game winning streak, Ithaca is paced by Empire 8 First-Team selection senior Mary Kate Tierney and classmates Kathryn Campbell and Jenn Escobido who were named to the Second Team. The Bombers rank third nationally with an assist-to-turnover ratio of 1.29. Tierney leads the team with 13.2 points per game, while Campbell adds 11.4 and Escobido 10.9. With nine double-doubles this season, Tierney has a Bomber-best 8.4 boards per contest. Escobido and junior Francesca Cotrupe follow with 5.4 each. Junior Samantha Klie and Tierney have dished out 89 assists. Tierney has made 41 steals and Escobido 38. Tierney adds a team-high 24 blocks. Ithaca is converting 44.1 percent of its field goals and 67.7 percent of its free throws, while outrebounding opponents by 8.6 rebounds per game.

ABOUT THE HAWKS

In the hunt for their first conference championship, the Hartwick Hawks enter the tournament for the fifth time and the third straight season behind Empire 8 Coach of the Year Missy West. Senior Maria Foglia and sophomore Brittney Dumas earned Empire 8 First-Team recognition. Dumas leads the squad with a double-double of 15.4 points and 10.4 rebounds per game and chips in a team-high 21 blocks. Foglia adds 15.0 points per contest and 76 assists. The Hawks are shooting 40.9 percent from the floor and 72.0 percent at the charity stripe. Hartwick has won 13 of its last 14 contests. The Hawks set a school record for conference wins in a season and hit 21 wins for the eighth time in program history.

ABOUT THE DUCKS

The Stevens Institute of Technology Ducks have earned a seed in the Empire 8 Championship Tournament all seven seasons it has been a full member of the league. The Ducks won the conference crown in 2009 and 2011 and have been in the championship game on three occasions. Avis Benjamin represents the Ducks on the Empire 8 First Team, while Erica Guketlov was named Rookie of the Year. The senior posts team-high numbers of 12.4 points and 5.9 rebounds, while tallying 23 blocks. Sophomore Kaitlyn Astel adds 11.5 points per game and classmate Miranda Ripken 9.0. Senior Molly Spadaro has squad-best numbers of 62 assists and 42 steals. Stevens has a field goal percentage of 40.2 and free throw percentage of 70.0. The Ducks lead the conference in blocked shots and field-goal percentage defense.

ABOUT THE CARDINALS

The St. John Fisher Cardinals have qualified for 10 of the 11 Empire 8 Championship Tournaments, claiming top honors in 2006. The Cardinals are led by Empire 8 Second-Team selections senior Camaryn Buckner and sophomore Mary Kate Cusack as well as honorable mention junior Portia Velasco. The trio combines to score over 40 points per game and has started every game. Cusack, who posts 14.2 points per contest, adds a team-best 82 steals and sits 25th in the national standings with 3.28 steals per game. Buckner is averaging 13.8 points and a team-high 7.9 rebounds to go with a Cardinal-best 46 blocks. Velasco has dished out 76 assists to lead the team and is scoring 13.0 points a game. Fisher connects on 39.1 percent of its field goals and 71.9 percent of its free throws.

EMPIRE 8 TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2003-04
Semifinals
Ithaca def. Elmira, 95-75
St. John Fisher def. Hartwick, 79-70
Final
Ithaca def. St. John Fisher, 76-65

2004-05
Semifinals
Ithaca def. Hartwick, 79-60
St. John Fisher def. Utica, 73-62
Final
Ithaca def. St. John Fisher, 71-63

2005-06
Semifinals
St. John Fisher def. Ithaca, 78-53
Elmira def. Utica, 72-53
Final
St. John Fisher def. Elmira, 87-59

2006-07
Semifinals
Elmira def. RIT, 81-61
Ithaca def. Utica, 79-68
Final
Ithaca def. Elmira, 97-92 (OT)

2007-08
Semifinals
Stevens def. St. John Fisher, 84-65
Utica def. Ithaca, 75-64 (OT)
Final
Utica def. Stevens, 55-46

2008-09
Semifinals
Ithaca def. St. John Fisher, 73-59
Stevens def. Utica, 57-53
Final
Stevens def. Ithaca, 59-57

2009-10
Semifinals
Ithaca def. St. John Fisher, 72-66
Utica def. Stevens, 64-59
Final
Utica def. Ithaca, 38-37

2010-11
Semifinals
Ithaca def. Utica, 76-49
Stevens def. St. John Fisher, 66-61 (OT)
Final
Stevens def. Ithaca, 57-48

2011-12
Semifinals
Ithaca def. St. John Fisher, 72-43
Hartwick def. Stevens, 72-49
Final
Ithaca def. Hartwick, 43-38

2012-13
Semifinals
Ithaca def. St. John Fisher, 64-54
Hartwick def. Stevens, 60-46
Final
Ithaca def. Hartwick, 47-29

EMPIRE 8 STANDINGS

	E8	Overall
Ithaca	13-1	21-4
Hartwick	13-1	21-4
Stevens	9-5	17-8
St. John Fisher	8-6	16-9
Elmira	7-7	16-9
Nazareth	3-11	9-16
Utica	2-12	7-18
Alfred	1-13	6-19
Houghton	0-0	8-17

**Houghton is an NCAA provisional member and is not eligible for postseason. Games against the Highlanders will not impact conference records/standings.*

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Competing with Honor & Integrity

The Empire 8 asks fans to follow these rules:

We encourage all spectators to display good sportsmanship; this would include cheering in a positive manner and showing respect for athletes, coaches and officials. Profanity and objectionable cheers or gestures are offensive and may lead to removal from the competition site. Please refrain from encroaching on the playing area, taunting in any manner and making disparaging comments which include the identification of players by name or number.

We thank you for your cooperation.