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The Georgia State University 2007-08 Women's Basketball Media Guide was produced to aid the media in its coverage of Panther basketball. Additional information and photographs are available to accredited members of the media through the Georgia State Sports Communications office. The office telephone numbers are (404) 413-4031, (404) 413-4032 and (404) 413-4033 while the FAX number is (404) 413-4035. The address for the office is: Georgia State Sports Arena; 125 Decatur Street, Suite 130; Atlanta, GA 30303.

Media Credentials

If media (or professional scouts) are interested in covering a home game or practice, please contact Charlie Taylor (ctaylor@gsu.edu) or FAX (on affiliate letterhead) at least 48 hours in advance. All credentials for home games will be made available for pickup one hour in advance on game day at Will Call, located at the first floor ticket window in the front of the building, across from the elevator. Prior to one hour before tipoff, credentials may be picked up in the sports communications office. Media parking is available on a limited basis and requests must be made in advance.

Media Services

Up-to-date game notes and statistics, along with roster cards and media guides, will be made available prior to each home game. A complete NCAA Basketball Boxscore and the play-by-play account of the game can be picked up after the contest in the Sports Communications Office on the first floor of the Sports Arena. Halftime box scores will be distributed to each media representative during the intermission and flash statistics will be made available to each radio and/or television crew during timeouts. Statistics will be kept live online on GeorgiaStateSports.com.

Interviews

All interview requests for Georgia State head coach Lea Henry, as well as any of the staff or players, should be made through Assistant A.D. Charlie Taylor.

Press Row

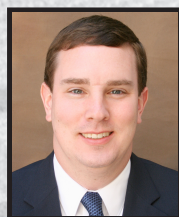
Media seating at all home games is at courtside on the opposite side of the scorer's table and team benches. Halftime and final statistics will be delivered as quickly as possible to press row. The telephone number at press row is (404) 413-4099. Phone lines will be available for both home and visiting radio broadcasters, as well as other media needs.



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Follow The Panthers

On the Radio

All Panther games, both at home and on the road, are broadcast live on 100,000-watt WRAS Radio, 88.5 FM (some contests may be heard on a tape-delay basis if there is a time conflict with a State men's basketball game). Panther Sports Talk will air 30 minutes prior to game time and will lead into the pregame show, featuring Coach Henry, which will begin 15 minutes prior to tipoff. Henry will again be interviewed after the conclusion of the contest during the post-game show.



Sam Radin is back for a fifth season as Georgia State's play-by-play announcer. Radin has been employed with Atlanta sports talk radio station 790 AM The Zone since 2001, where he is a sports anchor and host of the Atlanta Braves pregame show. He is also host of a halftime show on the Atlanta Falcons radio network. He is a native of Ann Arbor, Michigan and a graduate of Emory University.



Assisting the radio crew in the studio throughout the season will be Gary Lowe, Alex Merlo,

Orin Brown, Jason Hanes, Matthew Simmons, Chris Culwell, Edgar Treiguts, Marvin Evangelista, Andy Hawley, Erica Parson, Caleb Obumba, Bobby Holloway, Mark Gilmore, Bryce McNeil, James Lenzer and Patrick Glory. Dave Cohen serves as broadcast coordinator for men's and women's basketball.

GeorgiaStateSports.com

The official Georgia State athletic department Web site, GeorgiaStateSports.com, was launched in September 2002 and redesigned in September 2006 in a new contract with XOS. It includes up-to-date results, statistics, game notes, photographs, schedules, rosters, biographies and other general information on each and every team at Georgia State, as well as basic department and university information. Also, all State women's basketball broadcasts will be made available on the Web site.

For Colonial Athletic Association standings, statistics and other information, log on to its Web site at www.caasports.com. Contact Nike DeSantis at ndesantis@caasports.com for tournament credentials and conference information.

NCAA statistics and other information can be found at www.ncaasports.com.

Georgia State Basketball From *A* to *Z*



A is for

Atlanta, home of Georgia State, and the 9th largest city in the United States. With the world's busiest airport, Atlanta is one of the fastest growing cities and one of the youngest cities by population age in America.



B is for

Brittany Hollins, a junior guard, who ranked No. 5 in the nation in steals. She has been named to the All-Defensive team of the CAA in her first two years as a Panther. Hollins is one of eight letterwinners returning for State.

C is for

The **Colonial Athletic Association** in which Georgia State begins its third year as a member. The CAA is among the 10 toughest of the 32 NCAA Division I conferences and sent three teams to the NCAA Tournament last year.



D is for

The **Defense** that is emphasized every day in practice. State ranked No. 17 in the nation last year in blocked shots with 163, second most in school history. The record was set two years ago by the 2005-06 team with its 182 blocked shots.



E is for

The **ESPN Three-Point and Slam Dunk Championships** that have been held on the Panthers' home court two times in the past seven years. The nationally televised event is replayed often.

F is for

The **Final Four**, one of America's premier events that crowns the NCAA basketball champions each year. Atlanta has been host to two Women's Final Fours in the past 15 years (1993 and 2003) and two Men's Final Fours in the past 10 years (2002 and 2007).



G is for

Georgia State women's basketball and its 33-year history. The Panthers have played 897 games with 474 victories.



H is for

Home Court advantage in the Georgia State Sports Arena. The Panthers are 114-58 (.663) in the 13 years under Head Coach Lea Henry.

I is for

Georgia State Invitational Tournament. State will again host a home tournament with three teams trying to take the title away from the Panthers. This year's event will be held during the holiday break on Dec. 28-29



Georgia State Basketball From **A** to **Z**

J is for

Joyce Harrell and all the former players who helped establish Georgia State basketball. Joyce Harrell is the school's all-time leading rebounder and one of just two players to have 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds.

K is for

Kelcey Roegiers-Jensen who was the lone senior on last year's team. Kelcey set the school record for most career three-point baskets, was third all-time in career assists, and was ninth all-time in points scored.

L is for



Lea Henry, the head coach who has guided State to three NCAA Tournaments and five regular season conference championships. The former All-SEC player is a member of the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame.

M is for

March Madness, one of America's greatest months for sports when college basketball tournaments electrify fans from coast-to-coast. CAA March Madness begins on March 13 in Newark, Deland ends with the Final Four in Tampa Bay.



N is for

NCAA. The Panthers have played in Division I, the highest level, since 1975-76 when the school's first-ever game was a win over Georgia Tech. The Panthers have earned three bids to the NCAA Tournament (2001, 2002 and 2003).

O is for

Olympic Gold. Two members of Georgia State's coaching staff were star college players selected to U.S.A. Olympic teams. Lea Henry won a gold medal as a starter with the 1984 Olympic team and Bridgette Gordon was a starter on the 1988 gold medal-winning team.

P is for

President Carl Patton, who has led Georgia State since 1992, fostered the tremendous athletics growth, and has built the university into the second largest in the state of Georgia.

Q is for

never Quit. Georgia State played in a record five overtime games last year. The gritty Panthers won three of those five, including one in double overtime.

S is for

Chandrica Smith, who has transferred to Georgia State after playing two years for Notre Dame of the Big East Conference. Smith finished her prep career at well-known Oak Hill, where she averaged 17.5 points per game. She was a key player at Stephenson High in Atlanta when it won the 2004 state championship and went 69-3 over two seasons.

R is for



Rookies of the Week. State has a pair of returning players who were named CAA Rookie-of-the-Week last year. Danyell McKeller was chosen the second week of January and **Shay Rawls** (left) followed in the third week of January. The sophomores will be key players on this year's team. The Panthers have three freshmen this year who will try and add to that Rookie feat.

Georgia State Basketball From **A** to **Z**



T is for

Three-point baskets.

Georgia State made 139 three-point baskets last year at a .343 rate. The shooting percentage was No. 2 in the CAA and No. 53 in the NCAA.

U is for

University Commons. This is the new home for the women's basketball student-athletes as the 2,000-bed apartment-style dormitory on campus just opened in August 2007.



V is for

Georgia State's lone **senior student-athlete Vatai Smith.** Smith has 97 career blocked shots to rank fourth in school history as she heads into her final season.



W is for

WRAS Radio. All Georgia State women's basketball games are broadcast live on WRAS-FM radio (88.5). The 100,000-watt on-campus station carries pre-game and post-game shows wrapped around the play-by-play calls of Sam Radin.



X is for

XOS, the web site host of Georgia State's athletics exclusive home. GeorgiaStateSports.com also carries video and audio of games, as well as live stats. All the student-athlete profiles and the press guide are available on the state-of-the-art site.

Y is for

Youth. This team has just one senior. Eleven of the 13 players are 20 years old or younger. The 13-player roster includes five sophomores and three freshmen. The youngest player on the team, Traci Haltiwanger, began school at age 17 and turned 18 on Nov. 9.

Z is for

Zero excuses. Coach Lea Henry believes her team works as hard or harder than any other team in the NCAA. The team stayed on campus all summer for the first time and hit the classrooms and the weight and conditioning programs extra hard. The returning players were challenged to make at least 500 shots a day to improve their scoring abilities. The goal is to win the CAA championship and hard work and dedication are vital on this road to success.

www.GeorgiaStateSports.com



A DECADE OF SUCCESS

THE LAST 10 YEARS HAVE BEEN THE BEST IN SCHOOL HISTORY

COACH LEA HENRY
3-TIME CONFERENCE
COACH OF THE YEAR

• **179 WINS (17.9 PER YEAR)**
• **15 WINS OR MORE IN 9 OF 10 SEASONS**

• **PLAYED IN 6 CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS**
• **POSTED 18 CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT WINS**
• **WON 5 CONFERENCE REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS**

20 ALL-CONFERENCE PLAYERS
4 CONFERENCE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

3 NCAA BIDS
1 WNIT BID



GEORGIA STATE BASKETBALL 2007-08

1 - Vatai Smth (left) is the only senior member of this year's women's basketball team. The 6-foot-4 center from Greensboro, N.C., has played in 74 games and has 97 career blocked shots to rank No. 4 in school history.

2 - Last year's game with CAA rival Hofstra drew 1,228 in the Sports Arena, marking the third largest crowd in team history.

3 - Number of NCAA tournament bids State earned in back-to-back-to-back years from 2001-03.

7 - Georgia State has seven players standing 6-feet or taller this season which ties for the most on the roster in school history. Danyiell McKeller (below) is one of those seven.



2 - The number of Olympic Gold Medal winners on Georgia State's coaching staff. Lea Henry won hers at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles and Bridgette Gordon earned hers at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, Korea.

5 - Brittany Hollins (left) finished No. 5 in the nation in steals in 2006-07 and set a school single season record with her 98 thefts.

8 - The Panthers ranked No. 8 in the nation last season in assists with 17.5 per game.

9 of 10 - The Panthers have had only one losing season in the past 10 years. Coach Lea Henry (right) has led the team to 179 wins in these 10 years (17.9 per season).



28 - Junior point guard Brittany Hollins (above) was No. 28 in the nation in assists per game (5.23) as a sophomore in 2006-07.

33 - This will be Georgia State's 33rd year of basketball. They have played 897 games with a 474-423 all-time record.

210 - Coach Lea Henry has 210 wins in 13 years at Georgia State and 268 victories in 17-plus years as a college head coach.



COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

*The CAA has been ranked among the 10 best of the 32 conferences
in each of the past two seasons in women's basketball.*

The 12 teams combined to finish 9th in 2006-07 after being 8th in 2005-06.

*Four teams were ranked in the top 50
in RPI: ODU at No. 23, James
Madison at No. 24, Delaware at No. 30
and Hofstra at No. 48*



**MADE FOR TV:
A RECORD 17 GAMES
WERE TELEVISED WITH
EACH TEAM APPEARING
AT LEAST ONE TIME**

THREE CAA TEAMS EARNED

NCAA TOURNAMENT BIDS

**LAST SEASON (OLD DOMINION,
JAMES MADISON AND DELAWARE)**

AND ANOTHER EARNED

A WNIT BID (HOFSTRA).



DELAWARE

DREXEL

GEORGE MASON

GEORGIA STATE

HOFSTRA

JAMES MADISON

NORTHEASTERN

UNC WILMINGTON

OLD DOMINION

TOWSON

VCU

WILLIAM AND MARY

**STRETCHING FROM
ATLANTA TO BOSTON,
THE CAA INCLUDES
FIVE OF THE NATION'S
NINE LARGEST
METRO AREAS**



**BRITTANY
HOLLINS**

*Two-time honoree
CAA All-Defensive Team*