

SEASON PREVIEW

GEORGIA STATE



MAKING A STATEMENT

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

PANTHER WOMEN'S BASKETBALL QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of School Georgia State University
 Location Atlanta, Ga.
 Founded 1913
 Enrollment 26,000
 Nickname Panthers
 Colors Blue & White
 Arena/Capacity GSU Sports Arena/3,400
 Affiliation NCAA Division I
 Conference Colonial Athletic Association
 President Dr. Carl V. Patton
 Athletics Director Mary McElroy
 Senior Woman Administrator Carol Cohen
 Athletic Department Phone (404) 413-4000
 Ticket Office Phone (404) 413-4021
 Website GeorgiaStateSports.com

HISTORY

First Year of Basketball 1975-76
 Overall All-Time Record 459-423 (.520)
 Years in NCAA Tournament/Last 3/2003
 Years in WNIT/Last 1/2000
 Last Postseason Opponent Duke
 Result: Lost, 66-48, 2003 NCAA 1st Round

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MEDIA INFORMATION

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 (100,000 watts)
 Broadcast Coordinator Dave Cohen
 Office Phone (404) 413-1434
 Play-by-Play Announcer Sam Radin

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach Lea Henry (Tennessee '83)
 Record at GSU/Years 210-167 (.557)/13
 Career Record/Years 268-225 (.544)/17+
 Office Phone (404) 413-4058
 Asst. Coaches
 Bridgette Gordon (Tennessee '89, 1st season)
 Kyle Snipes (Wake Forest '95, 1st season)
 Gail Striegler (Central Arkansas '89, 1st season)
 Dir. of WBK Operations Kristie Cowan
 Administrative Asst. Dee Dee Merriweather
 Graduate Manager Evita Rogers
 Managers Blake Jackson, Tavia Clark
 Athletic Trainer Bob Murphy

TEAM INFORMATION

2006-07 Overall Record 15-15
 Home: 8-5, Away: 5-9, Neutral: 2-1
 2006-07 CAA Record/Finish 7-11/8th
 2007 CAA Tourn. Record 0-1/First Round
 Starters Returning/Lost 2/3
 Letterwinners Returning*/Lost 8/5
 Newcomers 5
 * - includes 2005-06 player



COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Delaware, Drexel, George Mason, Georgia State, Hofstra,
 James Madison, Northeastern, North Carolina-
 Wilmington, Old Dominion, Towson, Virginia
 Commonwealth, William and Mary



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2007-08 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER



Numerical

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Hometown/High School/Previous School
1	Eboni Fields	G	So.	5-5	Augusta, Ga./Laney Comprehensive
4	Chandrica Smith	F/G	Jr.	6-1	Decatur, Ga./Oak Hill [Va.] Academy/Notre Dame
5	Brittany Hollins	G	Jr.	5-9	Columbia, S.C./Columbia
10	Vatai Smith	F/C	Sr.	6-4	Greensboro, N.C./Dudley
12	Chandra Harris	F	Fr.	6-2	Macon, Ga./Northeast
20	Brittany Hudson	F	Jr.	6-0	Tallahassee, Fla./Florida A&M HS
21	Courtney Chasten	G	So.	5-8	Valrico, Fla./Durant
22	Traci Haltiwanger	G	Fr.	5-9	Summerville, S.C./Summerville
25	Shay Rawls	F/C	So.	6-2	Augusta, Ga./Cross Creek
31	Monica Mann	G	So.	5-5	Smyrna, Ga./Campbell
32	Stacie Young	F	Jr.	6-0	Miami, Fla./Killian/Miami-Dade College
42	Danyiehl McKeller	F	So.	5-11	Fayetteville, N.C./Westover
44	Danielle Anderson	F	Fr.	6-0	Smiths Station, Ala./Smiths Station

Alphabetical

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Hometown/High School/Previous School
44	Danielle Anderson	F	Fr.	6-0	Smiths Station, Ala./Smiths Station
21	Courtney Chasten	G	So.	5-8	Valrico, Fla./Durant
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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE:

4	Chandrica Smith	SHAN-dree-kah
10	Vatai Smith	VAH-tay
12	Chandra Harris	CHAN-dra
21	Courtney Chasten	CHASS-ten
	Lea Henry	LEE
	Gail Striegler	STREEG-ler





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Starters Returning (R) and Lost (L):

	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>PPG</u>	<u>RPG</u>	<u>Other</u>
(R) Brittany Hollins	G	Jr.	5-9	30/29	10.1	3.6	CAA all-Defensive, 3.27 spg
(R) Danyzell McKeller	F	So.	5-11	28/27	8.1	6.3	.488 FG%, 1.21 spg
(L) Kelcey Roegiers-Jensen	G	—	5-8	30/30	18.0	5.2	All-CAA, 6.60 apg
(L) Marcquitta Head	C	Jr.	6-3	30/23	11.3	8.4	CAA all-Defensive, 2.23 bpg
(L) Tabitha David	G	So.	5-10	28/27	9.9	4.0	CAA all-Rookie, 2.18 3pt FGM

Letterwinners Ret. (R) and Lost (L):

	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>PPG</u>	<u>RPG</u>	<u>Other</u>
(R) Vatai Smith	F/C	Sr.	6-4	25/0	3.0	1.6	.519 FG%, 0.76 bpg
(R) Shay Rawls	F/C	So.	6-2	30/10	4.6	6.1	.459 FG%, 6.1 rpg
(R) Eboni Fields	G	So.	5-5	16/0	2.1	0.8	5.8 mpg, 2.1 ppg
(R) Brittany Hudson	F	Jr.	6-0	18/0	2.1	1.7	7.2 mpg, 1.7 rpg
(R) Monica Mann	G	So.	5-5	6/0	1.2	0.3	3 assists, 2 steals
(R) Courtney Chasten *	G	So.	5-8	19/0	1.4	0.4	6 assists
(L) Keisha Monroe	G	Sr.	5-4	30/4	1.8	1.1	2.0 apg
(L) Metika Roche'	G	Jr.	5-8	2/0	1.0	2.5	1 assist

* - Stats from 2005-06 season

Newcomers (2 Transfers, 3 Freshmen):

	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School/Previous School</u>
Danielle Anderson	F	Fr.	6-0	Smiths Station, Ala./Smiths Station
Traci Haltiwanger	G	Fr.	5-9	Summerville, S.C./Summerville
Chandra Harris	F	Fr.	6-2	Macon, Ga./Northeast
Chandrica Smith	F/G	Jr.	6-1	Decatur, Ga./Oak Hill [Va.] Academy/Notre Dame
Stacie Young	F	Jr.	6-0	Miami, Fla./Killian/Miami-Dade College

Head Coach:

Lea Henry (Tennessee '83, 14th season at Georgia State/18th-plus overall)

Assistant Coaches:

Bridgette Gordon (Tennessee '89, 1st season)

Kyle Snipes (Wake Forest '95, 1st season)

Gail Striegler (Central Arkansas '90, 1st season)

Director of Operations:

Kristie Cowan (Duke, '91, 11th season)

Graduate Manager:

Evita Rogers (Georgia State, '03, 3rd season)

Managers:

Blake Jackson and Tavia Clark

Athletic Trainer:

Robert Murphy (Marietta, '98)

ROSTER BY CLASS:

Senior:	1 (Vatai Smith)
Juniors:	4 (Brittany Hollins, Brittany Hudson, Chandrica Smith, Stacie Young)
Sophomores:	5 (Courtney Chasten, Eboni Fields, Monica Mann, Danyzell McKeller, Shay Rawls)
Freshmen:	3 (Danielle Anderson, Chandra Harris, Traci Haltiwanger)

ROSTER BY STATE:

Georgia	5 (Eboni Fields, Chandra Harris, Monica Mann, Shay Rawls, Chandrica Smith)
Florida	3 (Courtney Chasten, Brittany Hudson, Stacie Young)
North Carolina	2 (Danyzell McKeller, Vatai Smith)
South Carolina	2 (Traci Haltiwanger, Brittany Hollins)
Alabama	1 (Danielle Anderson)



In her 14th season, Coach Lea Henry is excited by the potential for success of this year's squad.

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State's third season in CAA starts with heightened expectations because of more talent on the 13-member team roster



In August as the student-athletes were set to return to Georgia State, Coach Lea Henry spoke about the upcoming season and what has happened since last March as the season ended.

Coach Henry's career has been all about winning and accomplishments. As a player, she was a Kodak High School All-American, an All-SEC student-athlete and a starter on an Olympic gold medal-winning team. As a head coach, her history has already included 210 wins at Georgia State in 13 years, four postseason tournament bids and eight straight winning seasons. In the last 10 years, she has won 179 games at State, averaging almost 18 wins a season.

So, it was not a surprise when her first comments for the season preview were the obvious beliefs of a winner: *"Our goal is to win the Colonial Athletic Association championship this year."*

Here are her remarks from this pre-season conversation:

Q – What have you expected of your team since last March and what has been the message you have given them?

A – Everyone, from the returning players to the incoming recruits, understands that the goal is to become CAA champions. So, each one was challenged to commit to working harder in the summer months. They needed to have the attitude that they would do

Experience Counts

The eight returning players have a combined 279 games played and 111 starts at Georgia State.

In addition, two transfers bring another combined 83 games of college experience to the mix. One of those was a JUCO All-American and the other played in the Big East with Notre Dame.

And this is with just one senior on this year's squad.



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whatever it might take to make that championship approach become a reality.

A benefit was that the returning student-athletes were able to stay on campus during the summer for classes and workout with our strength and conditioning staff. We expected each of the players to come back physically stronger and with a tougher mental approach. We challenged our returners to make at least 500 shots a day and to focus on improving their offensive skills. This effort should pay dividends as we start workouts and then full practices.

Q – What are some strengths you see in this year’s team and what gives you the optimism to think championship?

A – After two successful years of recruiting in the CAA, we feel we have the type of roster that a team needs to have to be at the top tier in our league. In order to be at this level, we need to have physical size, athleticism and talent as well as players who can score consistently. With the five recruits added to our improving returning players, I think we have all the necessary ingredients.

During our first two seasons, we were able to adapt defensively to the competition in the CAA, but now we need to put the offensive firepower with that effort. I believe that our athleticism will allow us to be a good rebounding team and that this team can apply the type of defensive pressure needed to guarantee an uptempo game. I feel that we also have the discipline and offensive skills in order to execute in the half-court.

Q – How would you describe this year’s team and what do you know before practices even start?

A – Our first two years in the CAA have been a building process for us and I think this third year should be the turning point. The first year was all about adjusting to the competition in a league which sent four teams to the postseason in each of the past two years. The

Junior Brittany Hollins set the school record for steals and was 5th in the nation.



Sophomore Shay Rawls started 10 games as a freshman and was second on the team in total rebounds.

Been There, Done That

The eight returning players have scored a combined 1,407 points and pulled down 969 rebounds.

The transfers add 688 more points and 541 rebounds to that career total.

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second year was about understanding our goals and focusing on improving as we moved up to the middle of the pack and were competing hard against the top-tier teams. Now, we understand what it takes to be successful and are ready to fight for a conference championship.

With five talented new players and our eight letterwinners returning, we will hit the ground running to find out exactly what our strengths are. Our philosophy has been to give everyone the opportunity to compete for a starting position and playing time and then at some point to establish roles within the team. Winning a championship means having many players contribute, all with a common goal.

Q - What roles do you see what players filling as the team starts the season?

A - Brittany Hollins has earned her spot at the point and shows great leadership and work ethic every day in practice. Monica

Mann, Eboni Fields and Traci Haltiwanger are

all working extremely hard and, as they develop, will have the opportunity to compete for playing time. With this growth, Hollins can also

contribute at the wing position. We also have plenty options on the wing with Brittany Hudson, Stacie Young, Chandrica Smith, Courtney Chasten, Eboni Fields and Danielle Anderson. At the post, we have depth with Vatai Smith, Shay Rawls, Danyiel McKeller and Chandra Smith.

By the CAA season in January, we could be able to go 8-to-10 players deep. We have a roster with size, athleticism and skill to give us multiple options and good match-ups against our opponents.

Q – Address your entirely new coaching staff for 2007-08.

A – We were so fortunate that our top three choices accepted offers to become a part of our staff. With the addition of Bridgette Gordon, Kyle Snipes and Gail Striegler, I feel we will have one of the best overall coaching staffs in the conference. In Bridgette, we have one of the best players to ever play women's basketball. She brings instant credibility and a winning attitude after being an All-American at Tennessee, a gold medal winning Olympian, a WNBA



The lone senior on this year's team, Vatai Smith, has 97 career blocked shots.



Sophomore Danyiel McKeller got 27 starts as a freshman and scored 226 points.



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player and an overseas professional player. A fierce competitor, she will be an excellent role model to our players who will have an on-court example of how hard work and determination lead to success. In Kyle, we gained someone with a background at two ACC schools and two years in the CAA who has a realistic knowledge of what it takes to win at this level. He will help with scouting and recruiting, and in all areas of student-athlete development. In Gail, we added someone with quality experience who really understands what it takes to be successful. She is an outstanding recruiter and will also be a tremendous asset both on and off the court in all areas of student-athlete development. I have confidence in all three of these coaches and have empowered them with a great deal of responsibility. Every area of our program will take bigger steps forward as a result of their work with our student-athletes.

We are also very excited that a former player, Evita Rogers, has returned to our staff as a Graduate Manager. Evita was one of the best players to ever wear a Georgia State uniform and has her jersey retired in the Sports Arena. She was a tremendous student and will be positive role model for our players.

Q – What do you know about this year's schedule?

A – We understand how tough the CAA is night-in and night-out. Last year, this league was ranked No. 8 in the RPI during the regular season and earned three NCAA bids and one WNIT bid. As a team, we have to understand that every game requires our best efforts to be successful.

In our non-league games, we have two ACC teams that earned NCAA bids. We play at North Carolina, defending ACC champions and a perennial top-10 team, and we will host Georgia Tech, a 21-game winner and No. 7 NCAA seed last year. We will also play at a tournament hosted by UNC Asheville where we will face either the Big South champion hosts, who earned an NCAA bid after a 21-win season, or a WNIT postseason team in Davidson, which won 23 games. We will also host our traditional holiday tournament before heading into CAA play.

Classes have already started for the Panthers and the hard work has begun as they prepare for the season-opening game on Friday, Nov. 9 at home versus Florida A&M. The season will lead to the Colonial Athletic Association Championships in Newark, Del., from March 13-16 with the automatic bid for the NCAA Tournament at stake and at-large berths still available.



Brittany Hudson is back healthier and has 47 games worth of experience to rely on for her junior season.



Ready to Make a STATEment

2007-08 GEORGIA STATE SEASON SCHEDULE



<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Nov. 9	Fri.	FLORIDA A&M	Atlanta, Ga.	6 p.m.
<i>UNC Asheville Tournament</i>				
Nov. 16	Fri.	vs. Gardner-Webb	Asheville, N.C.	6 p.m.
Nov. 17	Sat.	Consolation/Championship vs. Davidson or UNC Asheville	Asheville, N.C.	2/4 p.m.
Nov. 19	Mon.	at North Carolina	Chapel Hill, N.C.	7 p.m.
Nov. 24	Sat.	JACKSONVILLE STATE	Atlanta, Ga.	1 p.m.
Nov. 27	Tues.	JACKSON STATE	Atlanta, Ga.	6 p.m.
Dec. 7	Fri.	at Alabama State	Montgomery, Ala.	7 p.m.
Dec. 17	Mon.	at Winthrop	Rock Hill, S.C.	7 p.m.
Dec. 22	Sat.	GEORGIA TECH	Atlanta, Ga.	1 p.m.
<i>Georgia State University Invitational</i>				
Dec. 28	Fri.	MVSU vs. GEORGIA STATE Alcorn State vs. Campbell	Atlanta, Ga.	2 p.m. 4 p.m.
Dec. 29	Sat.	Consolation/Championship	Atlanta, Ga.	2/4 p.m.
Jan. 6	Sun.	OLD DOMINION * (TV)	Atlanta, Ga.	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	Thurs.	at James Madison *	Harrisonburg, Va.	7 p.m.
Jan. 13	Sun.	at Virginia Commonwealth *	Richmond, Va.	2 p.m.
Jan. 17	Thurs.	WILLIAM AND MARY *	Atlanta, Ga.	6 p.m.
Jan. 20	Sun.	at Hofstra *	Hempstead, N.Y.	2 p.m.
Jan. 24	Thurs.	DELAWARE *	Atlanta, Ga.	6 p.m.
Jan. 27	Sun.	NORTHEASTERN *	Atlanta, Ga.	2 p.m.
Jan. 31	Thurs.	at Old Dominion *	Norfolk, Va.	7 p.m.
Feb. 3	Sun.	TOWSON *	Atlanta, Ga.	2 p.m.
Feb. 7	Thurs.	at Drexel *	Philadelphia, Pa.	4 p.m.
Feb. 10	Sun.	at UNC Wilmington *	Wilmington, N.C.	2 p.m.
Feb. 14	Thurs.	GEORGE MASON *	Atlanta, Ga.	6 p.m.
Feb. 17	Sun.	VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH *	Atlanta, Ga.	2 p.m.
Feb. 21	Thurs.	UNC WILMINGTON *	Atlanta, Ga.	6 p.m.
Feb. 24	Sun.	at Northeastern *	Boston, Mass.	2 p.m.
Feb. 28	Thurs.	at Delaware *	Newark, Del.	7 p.m.
Mar. 2	Sun.	at Towson *	Baltimore, Md.	2 p.m.
Mar. 6	Thurs.	DREXEL *	Atlanta, Ga.	6 p.m.
Mar. 13-16	CAA Championship (at Delaware)		Newark, Del.	TBA

* Colonial Athletic Association games

All home games in **bold** are played at the Georgia State Sports Arena (downtown Atlanta).

All DATES and TIMES (Eastern) are subject to change.

All games are broadcast on WRAS-FM (88.5) and on www.GeorgiaStateSports.com.



2008 NCAA Tournament Dates and Locations

Selection Sunday, March 16, 2008

First and Second Rounds, March 22 and March 24 *or* March 23 and 25, 2008

The Pit/Bob King Court, Albuquerque, N.M.
 Pete Maravich Assembly Center, Baton Rouge, La.
 Bridgeport Arena at Harbor Yard, Bridgeport, Conn.
 Comcast Center, College Park, Md.
 Wells Fargo Arena at the Iowa Events Center, Des Moines, Ia.
 Ted Constant Convocation Center, Norfolk, Va.
 Maples Pavilion, Stanford, Ct.
 Mackey Arena, West Lafayette, La.

Regionals, March 29 and 31 *or* March 30 and April 1, 2008

Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro, N.C.
 New Orleans Arena, New Orleans, La.
 Ford Center, Oklahoma City, Okla.
 Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena, Spokane, Wash.

64 teams will receive NCAA
 Tournament bids.
 In addition, 48 teams will receive
 WNIT Tournament bids.

Women's Final Four, April 6 and 8, 2008

St. Pete Times Forum
 Tampa, Fla.

Last year's NCAA champion was
 the University of Tennessee while
 the WNIT champion was the Uni-
 versity of Wyoming.

Future 2009 Tournament Sites - First and Second Rounds

Arena at Gwinnett, Duluth, Ga., Albuquerque, N.M., Baton Rouge, La., College Park, Md.,
 Columbus, Ohio, Lubbock, Tex., Los Angeles, Calif., Piscataway, N.J.

Future 2009 Regionals

Berkeley, Calif., Oklahoma City, Okla., Raleigh, N.C., Trenton, N.J.

Future Final Fours

2009 - Scottrade Center, St. Louis, Mo.
 2010 - Alamodome, San Antonio, Texas
 2011- Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind.

