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TEAM INFORMATION
2000-2001 Overall Record: 14-13
2000-2001 NEC Record/Final: 10-8/tie
Lettermen Returning: 8
Letterman Lost: 6
Starters Returning: 3
Starters Lost: 2
Starters Returning (2):
Michele Cappadona (F, 5-11, Sr., 2.1 ppg, 1.2 apg)
Jamie Janda (G, 5-7, Sr., 1.5 ppg)
Starters Lost (2):
Katie Kostohryz (F, 5-11, Jr., 5.8 ppg)
Amanda Rosato (G, 5-7, Jr., 17.8 ppg)

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7:00 p.m.
11/24 vs. Northwestern
5:00 p.m.
11/29 SETON HALL
7:00 p.m.
12/1 at Fairleigh Dickinson
3:00 p.m.
12/5 at Quinipiac
7:00 p.m.
12/9 DENVER
2:00 p.m.
12/12 ST. PETER’S
7:00 p.m.
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3:00 p.m.
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7:00 p.m.
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7:00 p.m.
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2:00 p.m.
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7:00 p.m.
01/19 QUINNIPAC
3:00 p.m.
01/21 at Central Conn. St.
7:00 p.m.
01/24 at Mount St. Mary’s
7:00 p.m.
01/30 at Wagner
7:00 p.m.
02/02 at Sacred Heart
5:00 p.m.
02/06 at St. Francis (N.Y.)
7:00 p.m.
02/09 at Central Conn. St.
3:00 p.m.
02/11 at UMBC
7:00 p.m.
02/16 at Long Island
3:00 p.m.
02/18 at Fairleigh Dickinson
7:00 p.m.
02/21 at Robert Morris
7:30 p.m.
02/23 at St. Francis (P.)
3:00 p.m.
03/02 - Academic Games Tournament (TBD)
03/03 - Academic Games Tournament (TBD)
03/09 NEC Championship (at Highest Seed)

- at FIU Shootout (Miami, Fla.)
+ at Mt. St. Mary’s (Emmitsburg, Md.)

2000-2001 RESULTS (14-13, 10-8)
Date
Opponent
Result
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L 54-76
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We appreciate your coverage of Monmouth women’s basketball and look forward to working with you this fall.

INTERVIEWS WITH COACH DeVANE
Media wishing to interview Coach DeVane must notify the Monmouth University Athletics Communications office.

WEEKLY PLAYER INTERVIEWS
All player interviews must be requested through the Monmouth University Athletics Communications office, and must be arranged at least 24 hours in advance. Phone interviews are available by contacting the Athletics Communications office. NO HOME NUMBERS WILL BE GIVEN OUT TO THE MEDIA. Please coordinate all requests with the Monmouth University Athletics Communications office.

PRACTICE COVERAGE
Monmouth practices are open to the media, but please call in advance if you plan on attending. Practices during the week are usually from 2:30 to 5:00 (spring semester). Players and coaches will usually be available after practice. Practice times may change without notice. Please contact the Monmouth University Athletics Communications office for the schedule.

POST-GAME INTERVIEWS
Post-game interviews for home games will be conducted in the media room adjacent to Boylan Gym. Coach DeVane and requested players will be available after a brief cooling off period. Interviews following road games will be subject to the policies set forth by the home teams.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS
Arrangements for media credentials for Monmouth University’s women’s basketball games in 2001-02 must be made through the Monmouth Athletics Communications office. Requests by accredited media members should be made in writing and submitted on company letterhead to Chris Tobin.

Priority of issuance of credentials will be given to daily newspapers and television stations which cover Monmouth basketball on a regular basis. Credentials must be requested at least 48 hours prior to requested game.

MEDIA WILL CALL
A will call window will be operated on game days at Boylan Gymnasium for the distribution of credentials which have not been mailed. Proper ID will be required.

PRESS ROW SERVICES
A media packet will be distributed to your seat prior to tipoff. It will include a game program and game notes for each team and the Northeast Conference. If you are missing any material, please contact a member of the Monmouth Athletics Communications office.

Halftime statistics and play-by-play will be distributed during the game. Final statistics and booklets will be distributed as soon as possible following the game.

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Located less than a mile from the ocean on the scenic Jersey Shore, Monmouth University is a private, comprehensive institution of higher learning committed to service in the public interest and to the enhancement of the quality of life. The University aims to provide a learning process and environment which enables men and women to pursue their educational goals, realize their full potential, contribute actively to their community and determine the direction of their lives.

Approximately 5,600 students, including 1,400 graduate students, are currently enrolled. They represent 19 states and 30 nations. Nearly 1,600 students live on campus in 11 residence halls and two garden apartment complexes.

Founded in 1933 as Monmouth Junior College, the University acquired its core campus, the former Shadow Lawn estate, in 1956, and in the following year initiated its baccalaureate curricula. The University’s 149-acre campus, considered to be one of the most beautiful in New Jersey, includes 49 buildings which blend old and contemporary architectural styles. Among these buildings are Woodrow Wilson Hall (the centerpiece building) and the Murry and Leonie Guggenheim Memorial Library, which were added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1978, connecting Monmouth University with New Jersey’s historic past.

Monmouth University offers 43 undergraduate and graduate degree programs and concentrations in six distinct schools - the School of Business Administration, the Wayne D. McMurray School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Edward G. Schlaefer School, the School of Education, the School of Nursing and the School of Graduate Studies.

To ensure undergraduate success for students of all skill levels, Monmouth offers integrated advising services through the Life and Career Advising Center (LCAC). The center provides a single, convenient location for comprehensive counseling in academic, career and personal matters. Monmouth places a high value on student retention and in 1990 its programs received nationwide recognition at the National Conference on Student Retention.

Because the need for support is greatest during the freshman year, Monmouth provides a number of services to meet the special needs of new college students. Monmouth’s “Freshman Seminar,” for example, is a one-credit course designed to smooth the transition from Monmouth’s “Freshman Seminar,” for example, is a one-credit course designed to smooth the transition from Monmouth’s “Freshman Seminar,” for example, is a one-credit course designed to smooth the transition from Monmouth’s “Freshman Seminar,” for example, is a one-credit course designed to smooth the transition from Monmouth’s “Freshman Seminar,” for example, is a one-credit course designed to smooth the transition from Monmouth’s “Freshman Seminar,” for example, is a one-credit course designed to smooth the transition from Monmouth’s “Freshman Seminar,” for example, is a one-credit course designed to smooth the transition from Monmouth’s “Freshman Seminar,” for example, is a one-credit course designed to smooth the transition from Monmouth’s “Freshman Seminar,” for example, is a one-credit course designed to smooth the transition from Monmouth’s “Freshman Seminar,” for example, is a one-credit course designed to smooth the transition from Monmouth’s “Freshman Seminar,” for example, is a one-credit course designed to smooth the transition from

- decision-making, academic and social opportunities and critical skills such as test-taking strategies, time management and study skills.

The Monmouth Early Warning System is a college-wide tracking system which monitors the progress of every new student at Monmouth. Selected faculty members act as first-year advisors to groups of no more than 20 freshmen, providing a critical link between the student and the University’s academic, personal and career matters.

**FACULTY AND STAFF**

Monmouth boasts 196 regular, full-time faculty members. The school also employs 262 part-time faculty members. The faculty-to-student ratio is 18 to 1. The average class size is 21.6.

**LIBRARY**

The Guggenheim Library houses 248,000 volumes and 1,300 current periodical subscriptions. The architectural treasure, formerly the summer home of philanthropists Murry and Leonie Guggenheim, contains the University’s extensive library holdings and houses many pieces of its impressive art collection.

**THE CAMPUS**

Steeped in the grandeur and tradition of the age of opulence, Monmouth’s campus is one of the most magnificent in the country. It is set upon the 149-acre site of the former Shadow Lawn estate. The stately campus is located in a quiet, residential, suburban community and includes among its 49 buildings a harmonious blend of both period and contemporary architectural styles. Monmouth’s dedication to success as a comprehensive teaching university is illustrated by its commitment to improving existing facilities and creating new ones. In the last ten years alone, the university has constructed two new garden-style apartment residence halls, a new School of Business Administration building, and a new fitness center. The University has made extensive renovations to the Residence Dining Hall and the Information Sciences and Technology building (which has recently undergone a $3.75 million renovation); Kessler Field (the football stadium) was built eight years ago; and two new residence halls. In addition, the University completed a $2.5 million renovation of Edison Science Hall, and opened a new academic building last spring.

A National Historic Landmark, Woodrow Wilson Hall serves as the main building on campus. It was designed in a neo-classical French tradition. The mansion, entered in the National Register of Historic Places, now serves as the University’s administrative center. An impressive structure, the 130-room mansion has been described in newspapers throughout the world, is featured in many books on architecture and art and has been used as the backdrop for innumerable print ads and television commercials. In 1981, Wilson Hall served as the setting for the film version of “Annie.”

The Lauren K. Woods Theater, a former carriage house which retains many of its original picturesque features, is among the other gracious older buildings which lend distinctive balance to the modern additions to the campus.

**CAMPUS LIFE**

There are over 70 organizations at Monmouth, including special-interest clubs, honor societies, community-service groups, fraternities and sororities, student government, campus radio and television stations, yearbook, and an award-winning student newspaper.

The Student Activities Board schedules frequent screenings of classic and recent feature films, live rock concerts, campus speakers and special Comedy Nights with both established headliners and up-and-coming comedians. In addition, the University offers a full performing arts schedule featuring national and international music, theater and dance groups.
LIFE SKILLS

To better prepare student-athletes for the challenges of life beyond the playing field, the NCAA has developed the GHAMPS/Life Skills Program. The Life Skills Program at Monmouth was designed not only to bridge the gap from college life to life after graduation, but will also assist student-athletes with meeting daily challenges in their college years and beyond. Because athletics involvement often prohibits student-athletes from accessing campus services, Life Skills supplements current programming by way of required classes for freshmen and upperclassmen.

Life Skills is a systematic program emphasizing five critical areas of personal growth and development. These five areas encompass academic excellence, athletics excellence, personal development, community service and career development. A committee representative of faculty, staff, coaches and student-athletes worked diligently to tailor-fit the Life Skills Program to the specific needs of Monmouth University’s student-athletes.

Two classes for credit are offered each semester through Academic Support Services, involving NCAA Life Skills curriculum. “Freshman Seminar” and “Career Search” are the two, one-credit courses that freshman and upper class student-athletes are encouraged to take. Classes are predominately taught by athletics department staff members, and taught exclusively to student-athletes. The topics discussed in the Freshman Seminar include study strategies, time management, manners and etiquette, values, media relations, sexual responsibility, diversity and leadership training. In the Career Search course, student-athletes will be trained in job strategies, resume and cover letter writing, interviewing techniques, financial planning and life after sports.

CLASS ATTENDANCE POLICY

All student-athletes are required to attend all classes. Classes may not be missed because of practice. The only permissible time to miss class is due to team competition or travel.

OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES

The Office of Academic Support Services also provides the following services to all student-athletes during their careers at Monmouth:

- Monitoring of Academic Progress
- General Counseling
- Study Tables
- Academic Meetings
- Tutorial Support
- Class Scheduling and Registration

A RISING TIDE

Monmouth University has evolved into an institution of distinction in recent years, combining state-of-the-art facilities and vibrant environment of a large institution with the individual attention of a small, liberal arts college.

This is due in part to Dr. Rebecca Stafford who began her eighth year as president of Monmouth this fall. Under her leadership, Monmouth has grown from a college into a university, experiencing positive changes in both its size and the quality of the educational experience that it provides for its undergraduate and graduate students.

In an era of declining enrollment among higher education institutions, Monmouth University’s has increased. In fact, it has closed its freshman class on May 1 every year since 1993. The University’s increased enrollment has led to numerous construction projects, which include three new residence halls and the addition of approximately 50 new faculty members. Monmouth has also established new academic programs in nursing, software engineering, experiential education and social work and its business school has achieved accreditation and its social work program has received reaccreditation.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Set enrollment record for sixth consecutive year with number of incoming freshmen (Only institution in New Jersey to close the freshman class on May 1).
- Achieved record growth in graduate enrollment.
- Hired faculty new to Monmouth to maintain a learning environment for personal attention in the classroom.
- Provide instructional and academic support resources to 837 freshmen and 325 transfers.
- Began to implement recommendations of Task Force on Monmouth University Vision for Information Age (e.g., freshman laptop pilot program, additional online courses).
- Introduced more than 125 web-enhanced and 14 online courses and substantially enhanced technology support for faculty, students and staff.
- Secured AACSB accreditation for Business School and BSW re-accreditation.
- Secured faculty passage of an undergraduate degree in Software Engineering, Information Technology certificate and minor.
- Upgraded numerous classrooms to laptop environment.
- Constructed new academic building opened in spring 2000 which houses Social Work and Criminal Justice departments and Education and Nursing schools.
- Soccer, baseball, softball and football fields all finished in the top four in the nation in their respective categories for overall playing fields of 1998 in an annual competition held by the Sports Turf Managers Association.
- Monmouth athletics added its 19th Division I sport last fall (women’s golf).
- The men’s athletics teams have won the Northeast Conference Commissioner’s Cup, recognizing the top overall athletic program in the conference, three of the last five years.
- Monmouth Football has won the Northeast Conference title twice since 1994.
- Monmouth alumna Christie Pearce won a gold medal as a member of the Women’s World Cup championship team in 1999 and competed on the 2000 Summer Olympics squad which won a silver medal.
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MONMOUTH ATHLETICS MISSION STATEMENT

It is the role of the Monmouth University Athletics Department to provide student-athletes with the opportunity to develop their full potential while safeguarding their physical welfare in an environment that promotes both high academic standards and development of leadership capabilities. These objectives are best achieved through a broad-based program, which provides equal opportunity for all its student-athletes regardless of race, color, age, sex, disability, religion, ethnic or national origin, or sexual orientation and which is administered in accordance with the highest principles of intercollegiate athletics competition.


How could Dutch explorer Hendrick Hudson know that his “discovery” could result in one of the wealthiest, most beautiful and diverse counties in what would become New Jersey? On September 2, 1609 after gazing upon the land that is today called Monmouth County, Hudson wrote in his log “...this is a very good land to fall in love with and a pleasant land to see.” From beautiful beaches to farmland to outstanding shopping to dining for the discriminating palate, Monmouth County has it all. Located in the eastern portion of central New Jersey, Monmouth's 665-square miles offers so much variety to the discerning resident, visitor and business. Monmouth's residential neighborhoods and business climate continue to rank high in Money Magazine's annual poll. Also notable is the County’s strategic placement near New York City and Philadelphia. Boasting an economic engine which is part of New Jersey's “Wealth Belt,” it is no wonder why people move to beautiful Monmouth County.

LANDSCAPE

The sixth largest county in New Jersey, Monmouth includes white sandy beaches, rich farmlands, rolling wooded hills, wetlands rich in wildlife, and lakes and streams of every size. This extraordinary patchwork of natural environments has been successfully integrated with economic growth and development under the direction of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. The County government provides planning and guidance for both current and future needs.

LIFESTYLE

Life in Monmouth County is limited only by one’s failure to live it to the fullest. Whether one’s choice of “home” is an apartment in the City of Long Branch, a condo high above the ocean in Atlantic Highlands, a townhouse outside of rural Freehold, or a multi-acre estate in Colts Neck, there is something in Monmouth County for every taste and lifestyle. There is so much to do. It has been said that it would take an entire summer to experience the activity centers and attractions which the County alone provides. Add to that the private sector offerings in recreation and entertainment, and one can be kept busy for a long time to come.

Civic-minded individuals have ample opportunity to spend their time in rewarding activities. Volunteer fire departments and rescue squads offer unique and valuable learning experiences. Local drama groups look for thespians of all ages to put their various talents to work. Outdoor art exhibits and craft shows draw artists and artisans to present and sell their creations. Ethnic folk festivals at the Garden State Arts Center help to preserve the music and dance of many nationalities. The musically inclined can join local and regional bands and orchestras to perform at civic centers and outdoor concerts. The equestrians among us can even relive the exhilaration of “The Hunt” in Middletown.

Shopping, too, can be an experience in Monmouth County. Stopping at a roadside farmer's stand can provide you with fresh-picked vegetables and delicious fruits or fragrant flowers. Farmers' markets sell local garden delicacies. For the thrifty budget conscious, there are numerous factory outlets and entire shopping centers devoted to discount stores. The Englishtown Auction is one of the nation's largest outdoor flea markets. Should you prefer to shop in air-conditioned comfort, you can visit one of our many spacious malls. If you will only settle for the best, downtown Red Bank, too, offers the ultimate in quality retail stores.

It has been said that the finest seafood restaurants in New Jersey can be found in Monmouth County. Here, too, the range varies from modest to opulent and everything in between. Not to overlook the landlubber's fare, the County also offers fine beef, pork, chicken and vegetarian dining, from quaint country inns to elegant hotels at the shore. Dining guides have consistently awarded many of Monmouth County's restaurants four and five chef's hats for outstanding cuisine.

CULTURAL LIFE

Monmouth County may be in the midst of its greatest period of growth and expansion, but it has not lost sight of the finer things in life, namely, its cultural heritage. The performing arts as well as the visual arts are alive and flourishing throughout the County. The most diverse activity takes place at the PNC Arts Center, formerly the Garden State Arts Center, in Holmdel. This contemporary, open-sided structure was designed by Edward Durrell Stone, and seats more than 5,000 inside with room for 4,000 more on the surrounding lawns. The center’s spring-to-fall schedule includes ethnic festivals, popular and rock music performances, classical music, stage plays, TV stars and comedians.

Established primarily to coordinate area cultural activities, the Monmouth County Arts Council sponsors an exciting schedule of performing arts events. The series includes ballet, modern dance, jazz, plays and symphony concerts all featuring world-renowned artists. Most events take place at the 1,500-seat Count Basie Theater in Red Bank.

The New Jersey State Council of the Arts, sponsor of the Battle Ground Arts Center in Manalapan, also provides a variety of cultural programs.

The Great Auditorium in Ocean Grove is the hub for

The 27 miles of white, sandy beaches provide residents with terrific swimming, surfing and fishing opportunities.
You never know who you will see when you come to Monmouth County.
The home of Monmouth basketball since 1965, Boylan Gym is one of the coziest basketball environments in the Metropolitan New York area. In 1995-96, with the help of a grant from the W. Paul Stillman Trust, the entire seating area was replaced with modern bleachers. The new seating is nearly 25 feet closer to the court, allowing fans to be “on top” of the action. The hardwood floor has also been reconditioned and painted to display the Monmouth Hawks and the University name.

With state-of-the-art facilities, Monmouth boasts one of the best strength and conditioning programs in the Northeast. In the last three years, strength and conditioning coach Tom Battaglia has been recognized as the Atlantic 10 Conference Strength and Conditioning Professional of the Year (1998) and Northeast Conference Strength and Conditioning Professional of the Year (2000).
Dr. Rebecca Stafford became the sixth President of Monmouth University on July 1, 1993. She is the first woman to head the 68-year-old private, comprehensive institution.

Dr. Stafford, a native of Kansas, has a diverse background of over 35 years' experience — including two previous presidencies — in both the public and private sectors of higher education. From 1983 to 1991, she was president of Chatham College, a private institution in Pittsburgh. Before joining Chatham, Dr. Stafford headed Bemidji State University in Minnesota. In the public sector again, she was also executive vice president of Colorado State University.

A 1958 magna cum laude graduate of Radcliffe College, Dr. Stafford earned both Master of Art and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Harvard University. She spent the year prior to joining Monmouth as visiting scholar in Harvard's department of sociology.

Dr. Stafford began her career at Harvard, lecturing and doing research in sociology and directing special projects in the School of Education and for the university's Health Services. She left in 1970 to accept a faculty appointment at the University of Nevada in Reno. At Nevada, Dr. Stafford rose to the rank of professor of sociology and department chair and finally, to dean of the College of Arts and Sciences before resigning in 1980 to accept appointment as president of Bemidji State University.

At Bemidji State, and at three other institutions at which she held senior administrative office, Dr. Stafford initiated strategic planning and developed models, which continue in use. Because of this pioneering work, she was chosen by Carnegie Mellon University to teach fiscal planning and management in its College Management Program. She was co-director also of the Academic Leadership Institute at Carnegie Mellon and at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. In 1992, Dr. Stafford served also as consultant to the United States International University on Academic Planning. She is a frequent speaker on education as well as on management-related topics, particularly as they pertain to women. She has also written extensively for scholarly journals.

Dr. Stafford serves as a member of the Five State Regional Board of First Union National Bank and as a trustee of Monmouth Medical Center.


Dr. Stafford is married to Willard Van Hazel, a retired attorney.

Dr. Marilyn McNeil was named the Director of Athletics at Monmouth University on April 15, 1994. The sixth person to hold this position at Monmouth, McNeil is one of just 24 female athletic directors on the NCAA Division I level.

Dr. McNeil, who was honored as the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators (NACWAA) District II Administrator of the Year in 1996, is a member of the NCAA Division I Management Council.

Dr. McNeil is active on the national level of intercollegiate athletics. During the 1994-95 session, she served as president of NACWAA. In 2001, she became the Chair of the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics, and the Management Council Liaison to the National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. In the past, she has served on the Committee on Student-Athlete Welfare, Access and Equity, and on the NCAA Council Committee on Financial Aid and Amateurism.

A native of Canada, Dr. McNeil arrived at Monmouth from California Polytechnic State University. While in San Luis Obispo, she served as associate athletics director and senior woman administrator at Cal Poly from 1987 to 1994. At Cal Poly, she assisted in the administration of 17 sports and in the institution's transition to Division I athletics and Division I-AA football. Dr. McNeil also coached the Mustangs' women's basketball squad from 1979 to 1986.

Dr. McNeil was awarded her Bachelor's Degree in physical education from the University of Calgary in 1968. She continued her education at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, where she earned a Master's Degree in physical education in 1974. She completed her formal education in 1993 after receiving a doctoral degree in higher education administration for Washington State University.

As an undergraduate student at Calgary, Dr. McNeil was a member of both the women's basketball and volleyball teams. She served as head coach of women's basketball at Calgary from 1975 to 1979 and was honored as the Canadian Coach of the Year in 1979. Before her stint at Calgary, Dr. McNeil served as the volleyball coach at McGill from 1968 to 1971 and as basketball, volleyball, track and curling coach at Vanier College in St. Laurent, Quebec, from 1971 to 1975.

Dr. McNeil resides in West Long Branch with her husband, Henry Byzinski, and their children, Tasha (20) and Derek (16).

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The Monmouth University women’s basketball program looks to use last season as a valuable learning tool in order to make a title run in the Northeast Conference. The Hawks were unable to qualify for the NEC Tournament, losing out in the tie-breaker system, but for first-year Head Coach, Jackie DeVane, the experience was tremendous.

“We all had great expectations entering last season. This team needed time to get familiar with me, as much as I had to get acquainted with them. But the lessons we learned are going to carry us to the next level,” Coach DeVane commented.

In 2001-2002, DeVane welcomes her first full recruiting class to West Long Branch. In addition to the wealth of returning letterwinners, the new corps of players are going to bring excitement to the campus. In addition, the newcomers will provide a combination of strength, hard-nosed attitudes and versatility to Boylan Gym.

“I am anxious to get this season started,” said DeVane. “Watching the new players blend in with the veterans is going to be exciting. I am very happy with the team that has been assembled here, from the seniors to the newcomers, to the freshmen.”

“We have good depth at every position,” DeVane said. “It is going to be a question of how quickly everyone understands the system and plays together. The up-tempo, pressign style is going to fit these players very well. We have good athletes, who know how to win. I have no doubts that this group is going to make some noise in the conference.”

Monmouth welcomes back eight letter winners from last season, including three starters Michelle Cappadona (5-11, Sr., F), LaToya Thompson (5-9, Sr., F) and Jamie Janda (5-7, Sr., G). The Hawks must replace Amanda Rosato (the school’s third all-time leading scorer) and Katie Kostorhyz (Monmouth’s fifth all-time leading rebounder) from the starting lineup, as well as Kristin Gartner, Jamie Houck and Leslie LaMacchia. Other key returnees include LaSheena Martin (5-7, So., G), Sara Hatcher (5-7, Sr., G), Katie Turpin (5-10, Sr., G), Meredith Thornton (5-10, Jr., F) and Tara Stefanucci (6-1, So., C).

Monmouth has good depth at the center position where Jewonda Bright, Bridgette Bynum, and Tara Stefanucci all add power and athleticism to the post position.

Bright is a transfer from Delaware State, who sat out last season due to NCAA regulations. Although only a sophomore, Bright has experience in the post, as she played one year at Delaware State and practiced everyday with the team last season.

Bynum is an eager learner, with good post moves. Her strength and gritty attitude will bring positive minutes to the Hawks’ front court.

Stefanucci, a walk-on returning for her second year will provide valuable depth for Monmouth, the sophomore appeared in nine games for the Hawks last season and has improved mightily in her time in the Blue and White.

“The center position is the least experienced in our program but we have three strong performers,” DeVane said. “It is going to be interesting to see this play out, as all of our centers are young and improving. Each of them will get their minutes and help the others get better. Bynum will be in a battle for playing time with the returning Stefanucci and Bright.”

Monmouth, once again, has great depth at the forward position where it returns the two-time Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Year and All-NEC performer Michelle Cappadona and starter LaToya Thompson. Cappadona has proven herself as one of the league’s top players, averaging 16.3 points, 7.2 rebounds.
LaToya Thompson returns as part of the squad's powerful forward corps. The senior averaged 6.7 points last season.

2001-2002 OUTLOOK

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and 4.22 assists per game. Cappadona earned honors as the league's best defensive player for the second straight year by leading the conference in steals with 3.22 per game and ranking seventh in the NEC in defensive rebounds. The versatile Cappadona ranked fourth in the conference in scoring (16.3 ppg), seventh in rebounding (7.2 rpg), third in assists (4.22 apg), 14th in free-throw percentage (.736), ninth in assists-to-turnover ratio (0.84) and 15th in offensive rebounds (2.30 rpg).

Cappadona also led the team with seven double-doubles and completed the school's first-ever triple-double against Fairleigh Dickinson.

LaTOYA THOMPSON, a tremendous leaper with great strength, returns to the Hawks' lineup after starting 24 games last season. The senior posted 6.7 points and 4.6 rebounds per contest last year.

RASHAWNNA FRENCH, another transfer from Delaware State who sat out last season, will challenge last year's starters for valuable minutes. Adurable player, French adds a great deal of strength and versatility to the lineup. MEREDITH THORNTON and ZANE HERNANDEZ add depth at the forward position. Thornton appeared in 18 games last season and Hernandez is a scrappy, hard-nosed transfer from Palm Beach Community College.

“We are real deep at the forward position,” DeVane said. “All of these players are interchangeable between the power and small forward spots. I am real excited to see them perform together because they all can post-up, drive to the basket, and hit the jumper.”

GUARDS

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20 Erin Winston (5-8, Fr.)

LaSheena Martin, a sophomore, is a leading candidate to start at guard for the Hawks in 2001-02, with Jaime Janda.

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