

**Eastern Connecticut State University Warriors (25-3 overall)**

**Location:** Willimantic, Conn.  
**Founded:** 1889  
**Enrollment:** 3,300  
**Athletics Nickname:** Warriors  
**Colors:** Navy and Burgundy  
**Conference:** Little East Conference  
**President:** Dr. Elsa M. Nunez  
**Director of Athletics:** Dr. Joyce S. Wong  
**Sports Information Director:** Bob Molta  
**Head Coach:** Denise Bierly (Defiance College, '90)  
**Record At Eastern Connecticut:** 298-118, 15th Season  
**Career Record:** Same  
**Assistant Coaches:** Stan Harris, Tiffany Kelper, Ali Bergeron, Bridget Durette  
**All-Time NCAA Tournament Record:** 16-13  
**Last NCAA Tournament Appearance:** 2008  
**Last NCAA Tournament Result:** Loss to University of Rochester, 66-71; First Round  
**Home Court:** Geissler Gymnasium  
**Arena Capacity:** 3,000




**Randolph-Macon College Yellowjackets (23-5 overall)**

**Location:** Ashland, Va  
**Founded:** 1830  
**Enrollment:** 1,175  
**Athletics Nickname:** Yellowjackets  
**Colors:** Dark Lemon and Black  
**Conference:** Old Dominion Athletic Conference  
**President:** Robert Lindgren  
**Director of Athletics:** Denis Kanach  
**Sports Information Director:** Chris Kilcoyne  
**Head Coach:** Carroll LaHaye (University of Maine-Machias, '77)  
**Record At Randolph-Macon:** 453-267, 27th Season  
**Career Record:** Same  
**Assistant Coaches:** Kirsten Richter, Jay Starke  
**All-Time NCAA Tournament Record:** 12-7  
**Last NCAA Tournament Appearance:** 2007  
**Last NCAA Tournament Result:** Loss to Kean University, 60-68; Sectional Semi-Final  
**Home Court:** Crenshaw Gymnasium  
**Arena Capacity:** 1,800



**Messiah College Falcons (22-4 overall)**

**Location:** Grantham, Pa.  
**Founded:** 1909  
**Enrollment:** 2,837  
**Athletics Nickname:** Falcons  
**Colors:** Dark Blue and White  
**Conference:** Commonwealth Conference (Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation)  
**President:** Dr. Kim S. Phipps  
**Director of Athletics:** Jerry Chaplin  
**Assistant Athletics Director of Public Relations/Marketing:** Cory Furman  
**Head Coach:** Mike Miller (Messiah, '83)  
**Record At Messiah:** 427-178, 24th Season  
**Career Record:** Same  
**Assistant Coaches:** Jodi Noble, Larry Sassaman, Colleen McCallus, Kristin Sassaman  
**All-Time NCAA Tournament Record:** 18-10  
**Last NCAA Tournament Appearance:** 2008  
**Last NCAA Tournament Result:** Loss to Howard Payne University, 54-68; National Championship  
**Home Court:** Brubaker Auditorium  
**Arena Capacity:** 1,800



**Thomas More College Saints (26-2 overall)**

**Location:** Crestview Hills, Ky.  
**Founded:** 1921  
**Enrollment:** 1,984  
**Athletics Nickname:** Saints  
**Colors:** Royal Blue and White  
**Conference:** Presidents' Athletic Conference  
**President:** Sister Margaret Stallmeyer  
**Athletics Director:** Terry Connor  
**Sports Information Director:** Cory Blackson  
**Head Coach:** Brian Neal (Northern Kentucky University, '91)  
**Record At Thomas More:** 113-25, Fifth Season  
**Career Record:** Same  
**Assistant Coaches:** Tim Shields, Nicole Koenig, Don Ulmer and Shari Stauffer  
**All-Time NCAA Tournament Record:** 7-6  
**Last NCAA Tournament Appearance:** 2008  
**Last NCAA Tournament Result:** Loss to Oglethorpe University, 55-65; Second Round  
**Home Court:** Connor Convocation Center  
**Arena Capacity:** 1,200



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## About Eastern Connecticut State ...

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**How The Warriors Got Here:** A program-record 16-game winning streak was snapped in the title game of the Little East Conference Tournament, as ECSU utilized an at-large bid to qualify for the NCAA Tournament for the 12th time in program history. . .the Warriors won the regular-season league title outright for the first time since 1991 by winning 13 of 14 conference games. . .the club's 23 regular-season wins were a school record, while its 25 wins overall equals the third-most wins in the program's 38-year history. . .ECSU has won at least 20 games in seven of the last nine seasons, setting a program record for wins (28) when the squad advanced to the 2003 national championship game, losing to Trinity University (Texas) by a point. . .the Warriors have appeared in three Final Fours.

**What To Watch For:** ECSU is led by senior and two-time Little East Conference Player of the Year Ashley McFetridge, who led the team in a total of eight statistical categories. . .she posted game-high scoring honors on 11 occasions this year while leading the team on the glass in 16 games. . .classmate Nicky Morey was a two-time First Team All-Little East performer, while sophomore Jessica Moriarty earned this year's Little East Defensive Player of the Year honor. . .ECSU hangs its hat on its defensive prowess, as the Warriors allow just 49.93 points per game, the seventh-best mark in the nation entering this weekend. . .the program is led by experience, as 15-year head coach Denise Bierly needs just two victories to hit the 300-win plateau. . .ECSU is ranked 20th/17th in the national polls.

### Team Leaders:

<i>Points Per Game:</i>	Ashley McFetridge, 14.0 ppg	<i>Defensive Rebounds:</i>	Ashley McFetridge, 155
<i>Rebounds Per Game:</i>	Ashley McFetridge, 8.1 rpg	<i>Offensive Rebounds:</i>	Ashley McFetridge, 72
<i>Assists Per Game:</i>	Christina Amato, 4.3 apg	<i>Blocked Shots:</i>	Ashley McFetridge, 52
<i>Field Goal %:</i>	Ashley McFetridge, 51.0 %	<i>Steals:</i>	Christina Amato, 65
<i>3-Point %:</i>	Amand Pierlioni, 42.3 %	<i>Assist-TO Ratio:</i>	Kaitie Clarkin, +1.8
<i>Free Throw %:</i>	Nicky Morey, 80.2 %	<i>Minutes Played (Avg.):</i>	Ashley McFetridge, 30.7 mpg

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## About Messiah ...

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**How The Falcons Got Here:** It was a slightly different road to the NCAA Tournament this year, as Messiah needed an at-large bid to secure the program's 10th straight appearance in the 'Big Dance' and 11th overall. . .after winning the MAC Commonwealth Tournament title in each of the last four years, Messiah suffered a 57-60 loss to Widener University in this year's league semi-finals. . .the Pride went on to capture the conference's automatic berth, while Messiah earned an at-large bid for the fourth time in program history. . .the Falcons, ranked 18th in the latest *USA Today/ESPN* Top 25 Coaches Poll and #15 in the *D3Hoops.com* Top 25 rating, host an opening round of NCAA play for the 10th straight time this weekend.

**What To Watch For:** Messiah has earned its success by committee this season, as the team's top three scorers post averages within six-tenths of a point of one another. . .six different players have charted game-high scoring honors this year, while four different athletes have led the team in rebounding. . .senior and First Team All-MAC Commonwealth selection Silalei Shani has been impressive as of late, registering double-doubles in the Falcons' last three games en route to nine overall on the season. . .while no individual posts numbers that rank in the top 10 nationally, the Falcons' collective efforts have been well-noted: Messiah ranks third in all of NCAA Division III in overall field goal percentage (46.7 percent) and sixth in scoring defense, allowing opponents just 49.92 points per game.

### Team Leaders:

<i>Points Per Game:</i>	Katie Kalb, 13.0 ppg	<i>Defensive Rebounds:</i>	Silalei Shani, 152
<i>Rebounds Per Game:</i>	Silalei Shani, 9.3 rpg	<i>Offensive Rebounds:</i>	Silalei Shani, 91
<i>Assists Per Game:</i>	Julie Henninger, 3.6 apg	<i>Blocked Shots:</i>	Silalei Shani, 54
<i>Field Goal %:</i>	Julie Henninger, 53.5 %	<i>Steals:</i>	Katie Kalb, 69
<i>3-Point %:</i>	Ashley Brooks, 45.7 %	<i>Assist-TO Ratio:</i>	Kristen Groff, +1.7
<i>Free Throw %:</i>	Christa Wenrich, 89.7 %	<i>Minutes Played (Avg.):</i>	Katie Kalb, 28.5 mpg

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## About Randolph-Macon ...

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**How The Yellowjackets Got Here:** Randolph-Macon earned an automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament for the third time in the last four years, winning the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Tournament Championship with a 69-65 win over Bridgewater College. . .it was the sixth ODAC title for the Yellowjackets, who have now won the league championship five times in the last seven years. . .the only unranked team in this weekend's First and Second Rounds in Grantham (Randolph-Macon is receiving votes in the latest *D3hoops.com* Top 25 ballot), the Yellowjackets are led by the most experienced cocach in the group, as Carroll LaHaye's 453 career wins rank among the top 20 in the history of NCAA Division III women's basketball.

**What To Watch For:** The Yellowjackets boast the most high-powered offense of the four teams here, averaging 76.9 points per game. . .that's the 11th-best scoring clip in the nation, led by sophomore sensation Molly Ariail. . .the 6-2 forward was named the ODAC Player of the Year for the second consecutive season, scoring 20 points or more on 14 occasions this year. . .Ariail was joined by seniors Amanda Hiltunen (13.9 ppg) and Lindsay Riesbeck (10.8 ppg) with first team all-conference honors, marking the first time in ODAC history that three players from the same team achieved such status. . .Hiltunen is the nation's fourth-best free throw shooter in all of NCAA Division III (90.4 percent), while the team's overall three-point shooting percentage (38.7 percent) is seventh-best in the nation.

### Team Leaders:

<i>Points Per Game:</i>	Molly Ariail, 17.8 ppg	<i>Defensive Rebounds:</i>	Molly Ariail, 148
<i>Rebounds Per Game:</i>	Molly Ariail, 8.9 rpg	<i>Offensive Rebounds:</i>	Molly Ariail, 101
<i>Assists Per Game:</i>	Amanda Hiltunen, 5.0 apg	<i>Blocked Shots:</i>	Lindsay Riesbeck, 42
<i>Field Goal %:</i>	Ariail, Hiltunen, 51.0 %	<i>Steals:</i>	Amanda Hiltunen, 74
<i>3-Point %:</i>	Amanda Hiltunen, 41.2 %	<i>Assist-TO Ratio:</i>	Amanda Hiltunen, +1.7
<i>Free Throw %:</i>	Amanda Hiltunen, 90.3 %	<i>Minutes Played (Avg.):</i>	Amanda Hiltunen, 31.7 mpg

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## About Thomas More ...

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**How The Saints Got Here:** Thomas More enters its seventh NCAA Tournament courtesy of winning both the Presidents' Athletic Conference regular-season and league tournament titles, the latter earning the Saints an automatic berth. . .with just two losses on the year — coming at Oglethorpe University 62-72 Dec. 29 and at Washington & Jefferson College 62-68 Jan. 10 — Thomas More cruised through the PAC Tournament, winning by an average margin of 21.3 points per game. . .not surprisingly, the Saints are the highest-ranked team playing at Brubaker Auditorium this weekend, arriving ranked sixth in the *USA Today/ESPN* Top 25 and seventh in the *D3hoops.com* Top 25. . . fifth-year head coach Brian Neal guides Thomas More to its third 'Big Dance' under his tutelage.

**What To Watch For:** Another team led by strength in numbers, Thomas More led the PAC in both overall scoring and rebounding while having no individual within the league's top three in either category. . .seniors Nicole Dickman (14.6 ppg, 7.3 rpg), Jayme Thiem (14.0 ppg, 5.9 rpg) and Kristen Humphrey (10.1 ppg, 4.6 rpg) combined to do serious damage, however, as the Saints boast the top team field goal percentage in the country (48.3 percent). . .Dickman — ranked third in the nation with a 62.9 percent shooting clip — pushes that statistic, while Thomas More has averaged wins by 22.6 points per game this year, the fourth-best margin in all of NCAA Division III. . .five Saints earned All-PAC honors this year, as seniors Alex Gee and Gabby Johnson joined Dickman, Humphrey and Thiem.

### Team Leaders:

<i>Points Per Game:</i>	Nicole Dickman, 14.6 ppg	<i>Defensive Rebounds:</i>	Nicole Dickman, 138
<i>Rebounds Per Game:</i>	Nicole Dickman, 7.3 rpg	<i>Offensive Rebounds:</i>	Nicole Dickman, 66
<i>Assists Per Game:</i>	Gabby Johnson, 4.5 apg	<i>Blocked Shots:</i>	Nicole Dickman, 42
<i>Field Goal %:</i>	Nicole Dickman, 62.9 %	<i>Steals:</i>	Jayme Thiem, 60
<i>3-Point %:</i>	Alex Gee, 41.3 %	<i>Assist-TO Ratio:</i>	Gabby Johnson, +2.2
<i>Free Throw %:</i>	Jayne Thiem, 88.7 %	<i>Minutes Played (Avg.):</i>	Gabby Johnson, 24.4 mpg

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