

Messiah College Falcons (23-4 overall)

Location: Grantham, Pa.
Founded: 1909
Enrollment: 2,837
Athletics Nickname: Falcons
Colors: Dark Blue and White
Conference: Commonwealth Conference (Middle Atlantic Conferences)
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: 451-183, 24th Season
Career Record: Same
Assistant Coaches: Jodi Noble, Larry Sassaman, Colleen McCallus
All-Time NCAA Tournament Record: 19-11
Last NCAA Tournament Appearance: 2009
Last NCAA Tournament Result: Loss to Thomas More, 50-57; Second Round
Home Court: Brubaker Auditorium
Arena Capacity: 1,800



Mount Union College Purple Raiders (24-4 overall)

Location: Alliance, Ohio
Founded: 1846
Enrollment: 2,200
Athletics Nickname: Purple Raiders
Colors: Purple and White
Conference: Ohio Athletic Conference
President: Dr. Richard F. Giese
Director of Athletics: Larry Kehres
Sports Information Director: Leonard Reich
Head Coach: Suzy Venet (Mount Union, 98)
Record At Mount Union: 76-56, Fifth Season
Career Record: 87-72, Sixth Season
Assistant Coaches: Caitlin Carroll, Tony Sokol, Janel Iden
All-Time NCAA Tournament Record: 11-3
Last NCAA Tournament Appearance: 1998
Last NCAA Tournament Result: Win against Rowan University, 68-64, Third-Place Game
Home Court: McPherson Academic and Athletic Complex
Arena Capacity: 2,000



Neumann University Knights (20-6 overall)

Location: Aston, Pa.
Founded: 1965
Enrollment: 3,200
Athletics Nickname: Knights
Colors: Navy Blue, Gold and White
Conference: Colonial States Athletic Conference
President: Dr. Rosalie Mirenda
Director of Athletics: Chuck Sack
Sports Information Director: Jill Wentzel
Head Coach: Frank Farnese, (Neumann, 95)
Record At Neumann: 83-52, Fifth Season
Career Record: Same
Assistant Coaches: Kim Spinks, Chris Gorson, Nicole Duggan
All-Time NCAA Tournament Record: 0-0
Last NCAA Tournament Appearance: N/A
Last NCAA Tournament Result: Neumann is making its first NCAA Tournament appearance
Home Court: The Mirenda Center for Sport, Spirituality and Character Development
Arena Capacity: 1,300



Washington and Jefferson College Presidents (23-4 overall)

Location: Washington, Pa.
Founded: 1781
Enrollment: 1,400
Athletics Nickname: Presidents
Colors: Red and Black
Conference: Presidents Athletic Conference
President: Dr. Tori Haring-Smith
Athletics Director: Bill Dukett
Sports Information Director: Scott McGuinness
Head Coach: Jina DeRubbo (Concord, 92)
Record At Washington and Jefferson: 133-37, Sixth Season
Career Record: 264-95, 13th Season
Assistant Coaches: Katie Tetzlaw, Vicki Staton, Michelle Filander
All-Time NCAA Tournament Record: 0-6
Last NCAA Tournament Appearance: 2009
Last NCAA Tournament Result: Loss to Hope College, 64-87; First Round
Home Court: Henry Memorial Center
Arena Capacity: 2,000



About Messiah ...

How The Falcons Got Here: Messiah makes its 11th straight NCAA Tournament appearance and 12th overall this weekend, earning the Commonwealth Conference s automatic bid by virtue of a 60-55 win over Lebanon Valley College last Saturday ... it was the Falcons' fifth league championship in the last six years and eighth in the last 11 campaigns ... though the NCAA Tournament format has changed over the years, Messiah s propensity to host opening-round weekends has not, as Brubaker Auditorium serves as an intital host for the 11th consecutive year ... the Falcons have advanced to the Second Round at minimum in each of their previous 11 NCAA appearances ... the program s best finishes were national runner-up results in both the 2000-2001 and 2007-2008 seasons.

What To Watch For: The Falcons lost 76 percent of its scoring and 71 percent of its rebounding from last season's 23-5 team, but that hasn't stopped an extremely young squad from making its mark this year ... nine first-year players have been led by lone senior Julie Henninger's team-leading 13.2 points per game, as the First Team All-Commonwealth Conference selection has ripped a team-leading 86 steals on the defensive end as well ... second-team all-league freshman Dori Gyori has provided an immediate impact inside, netting nine double-doubles on the year and leading the team in rebounding with 8.6 caroms per ... as has become the program s staple, the Falcons rely heavily on their defense, as the team allows opponents just 51.1 points per game - the 10th best mark in all of NCAA Division III.

Team Leaders:

<i>Points Per Game:</i>	Julie Henninger, 13.2	<i>Defensive Rebounds:</i>	Dori Gyori, 156
<i>Rebounds Per Game:</i>	Dori Gyori, 8.6	<i>Offensive Rebounds:</i>	Dori Gyori, 68
<i>Assists Per Game:</i>	Julie Henninger, 3.3	<i>Blocked Shots:</i>	Dori Gyori, 32
<i>Field Goal %:</i>	Michele Schleich, 59.8 %	<i>Steals:</i>	Julie Henninger, 86
<i>3-Point %:</i>	Anna Walker, 42.2 %	<i>Assist-TO Ratio:</i>	Anna Walker, 1.14 : 1
<i>Free Throw %:</i>	Julie Henninger, 82.6 &	<i>Minutes Played (Avg.):</i>	Michele Schleich, 31.4

About Neumann ...

How The Knights Got Here: Neumann earned its first NCAA Tournament Appearance after winning its first conference title since the 1988-89 season, when it won the Philadelphia Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women ... this year, the top-seeded Knights defeated second-seeded Gwynedd-Mercy for the third time in the year, winning the Colonial States Athletic Conference Championship by a 75-58 score ... the Knights also recorded the first 20-win season since its 1987-88 campaign, where Neumann posted a 20-11 record ... senior Brittany Whetts set the school s career record for points (men and women) this season, as Whetts enters the weekend with 1,828 career points ... she surpassed Tim McKee s record of 1,691 points, set in 1992-1993.

What To Watch For: The Knights offense is heavily dependant on the hybrid, point-forward Whetts, who was named the Colonial States Athletic Conference Player of the Year for the second consecutive season ... Whetts has been the team s leading scorer 21 times this season, scoring over 25 points nine times and posting a season-high 39 points in a 79-75 win over Immaculata University Feb. 18 ... Whetts also has posted 10 double-double on the season ... providing ample assistance are senior guard Nicole Feby, named CSAC Honorable Mention, and junior forward Katie Young ... the experienced upperclass trio has led the Knights on both sides of the ball, as the three make up 54 percent of the team's points, 48 percent of its rebounds and 45 percent of the squad's steals.

Team Leaders:

<i>Points Per Game:</i>	Brittany Whetts, 20.9	<i>Defensive Rebounds:</i>	Katie Young, 168
<i>Rebounds Per Game:</i>	Brittany Whetts, 9.7	<i>Offensive Rebounds:</i>	Brittany Whetts, 133
<i>Assists Per Game:</i>	Katie Young, 2.8	<i>Blocked Shots:</i>	Brittany Whetts, 29
<i>Field Goal %:</i>	Brittany Whetts, 48.2 %	<i>Steals:</i>	Brittany Whetts, 60
<i>3-Point %:</i>	Jordan Elgart, 37.5 %	<i>Assist-TO Ratio:</i>	Katie Young, .95 : 1
<i>Free Throw %:</i>	Brittany Whetts, 71.2 %	<i>Minutes Played (Avg.):</i>	Brittany Whetts, 31.8

About Mount Union ...

How The Raiders Got Here: Mount Union posted its fifth 20-win season in school history this season, finishing second in the Ohio Athletic Conference ... in the OAC Tournament, Mount Union rallied from double-digit deficits in a quarter-final win over Otterbein College and in a semi-final win over Baldwin-Wallace College ... the Raiders did not need such heroics against regular-season champion Capital University in the title game, as Mount Union jumped out to a 21-3 lead and never trailed in winning just the second OAC Tournament title in school history and first since 1998 ... head Coach Suzy Venet was a two-time All-American at point guard for Mount Union, playing on each of the Raiders three NCAA Tournament teams ... she scored 1,528 career points and is the OAC s all-time assists leader with 843 ... Venet had 10 career triple-doubles and two career quadruple-doubles.

What To Watch For: Mount Union was the OAC s highest scoring team this season, averaging 70.3 points per game .. despite that production, the Raiders were also the league s third-best defensive team, allowing just 61.7 points per game ... the magic number for Mount Union is 65, as the Raiders have scored 65 points or more in 22 of their 24 wins and less than 65 in each of their four losses ... the Radiers pressing defense generated an OAC-best 10.7 steals per game and forced 20.3 turnovers per game ... nine different players average nearly 13 minutes per game and three players average double digits ... OAC Freshman of the Year Rosa LaMattina averages a team-best 11.6 points per game.

Team Leaders:

<i>Points Per Game:</i>	Rosa LaMattina, 11.6	<i>Defensive Rebounds:</i>	Amanda Rose, 116
<i>Rebounds Per Game:</i>	Amanda Rose, 6.0	<i>Offensive Rebounds:</i>	Lauren Forquer, 57
<i>Assists Per Game:</i>	Rosa LaMattina, 2.6	<i>Blocked Shots:</i>	Taylor Hartung, 7
<i>Field Goal %:</i>	Rosa LaMattina, 47.9 %	<i>Steals:</i>	Rosa LaMattina, 62
<i>3-Point %:</i>	Rosa LaMattina, 48.0 %	<i>Assist-TO Ratio:</i>	Rosa LaMattina, 1.25 : 1
<i>Free Throw %:</i>	Amanda Rose, 76.1 %	<i>Minutes Played (Avg.):</i>	Kori Wiedt, 25.5

About Washington & Jefferson ...

How The Presidents Got Here: Washington & Jefferson is making its seventh appearance in the NCAA Division III Tournament, but the Presidents are still searching for their first post-season victory ... the Presidents have won 20 games in eight consecutive seasons and have participated in the NCAA Tournament four times during that stretch ... Wash & Jeff earned an at-large bid to this year s tournament after falling to Westminster College 64-61 in the Presidents Athletic Conference Tournament Semi-Finals ... the Presidents entered the PAC Tournament as the number two seed behind conference champion Thomas More College ... W&J is ranked 24th in both the *ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll* and the *D3hoops.com Top 25*.

What To Watch For: The Presidents have relied on its senior trio of Maggie Gibson, Kennan Killeen and Stephanie Smith, who enter the tournament with a school-record 90 career victories ... Killeen is the PAC Player of the Year and directs the W&J offense with 12.0 points, 3.5 rebounds and 3.4 assists per game .. she is an 86 percent career foul shooter which puts her on pace to place ninth in NCAA Division III history ... Gibson, a First Team All-PAC choice, averages 11.0 points and 9.7 rebounds and owns 37 career double-doubles (tied for 15th in Division III history) ... she is the first player in school history to amass 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds .. Smith has knocked down a Washington & Jefferson record 202 three-pointers during her career.

Team Leaders:

<i>Points Per Game:</i>	Kennan Killen, 12.0	<i>Defensive Rebounds:</i>	Maggie Gibson, 191
<i>Rebounds Per Game:</i>	Maggie Gibson, 9.7	<i>Offensive Rebounds:</i>	Maggie Gibson, 72
<i>Assists Per Game:</i>	Kennan Killen, 3.5	<i>Blocked Shots:</i>	Maggie Gibson, 28
<i>Field Goal %:</i>	Maggie Gibson, 47.2 %	<i>Steals:</i>	Vanessa Rivera, 44
<i>3-Point %:</i>	Stephanie Smith, 41.5 %	<i>Assist-TO Ratio:</i>	Kennan Killen, 1.71 : 1
<i>Free Throw %:</i>	Alyssa Oursler, 89.7 %	<i>Minutes Played (Avg.):</i>	Kennan Killen, 32.2
