



**2008-09
SEASON PROSPECTUS**

Arcadia University Quick Facts

Location.....Glenside, PA
 Founded.....1853
 President.....Jerry Greiner
 UG/G Enrollment.....3,700
 Affiliation.....NCAA Division III
 Conference.....Commonwealth
 Mascot.....Knight
 Colors.....Scarlet & Grey
 Varsity Sports.....14
 Director of Athletics.....Shirley Liddle
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 Home Court.....Kuch Alumni Gymnasium
 Capacity.....1,500
 Head Coach.....Crystal Gibson (Lebanon Valley '05)
 Assistants.....Erin Nemshcik (Widener '05)
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2007-08 Season Information

2007-08 Record.....8-17
 Home Record.....7-4
 Away Record.....1-13
 Conference Record.....4-8
 Starters Returning/Lost.....3/2
 Returning Players.....5

Commonwealth Conference Preseason Poll

1. Messiah College
2. Lebanon Valley College
3. Albright College
4. Elizabethtown College
- 5t. Lycoming College
- 5t. Widener University
7. Arcadia University

Date	Opponent	H/A	Time/ Results
11-15	Wilkes University	H	2:00 PM
11-18	@ Immaculata University	A	6:00 PM
11-22	@ Penn-State Berks	A	1:00 PM
12-02	@ Goucher	A	5:30 PM
12-06	@ Cedar Crest College	A	1:00 PM
12-09	@ College of New Jersey	A	6:00 PM
12-13	Rowan University	H	3:00 PM
12-18	Hendrix College (CO)	H	6:00 PM
1-03	@ Marymount Tournament	A	TBA
1-04	@ Marymount Tournament	A	TBA
1-06	Lebanon Valley College*	H	6:00 PM
1-08	Penn State -Harrisburg	H	6:00 PM
1-14	@ Messiah College*	A	6:00 PM
1-17	Lycoming College*	H	1:00 PM
1-20	@ Widener University*	A	6:00 PM
1-24	Elizabethtown College*	H	1:00 PM
1-26	Notre Dame (MD)	H	6:00 PM
1-28	@ Albright College*	A	6:00 PM
1-31	Messiah College*	H	1:00 PM
2-03	Widener University*	H	6:00 PM
2-07	@ Lycoming College*	A	1:00 PM
2-09	@ Trinity (DC)	A	7:00 PM
2-11	@ Lebanon Valley College*	A	6:00 PM
2-17	Albright College*	H	6:00 PM
2-21	@ Elizabethtown College*	A	2:00 PM
2-25	Commonwealth Semi Finals	TBD	TBD
2-28	Commonwealth Championship Final	TBD	TBD

Roster

No	Name	Yr	Pos	Ht	Hometown / High School
12	Stephanie Buohl	SO	G	5'5	Parkesburg, PA/Octorara
14	Brittany Bontemps	SO	F	5'5	Yardley, PA/Villa Joseph Marie
22	Shannon Bustin	SR	G	5'5	Glenolden, PA/Interboro
23	Samantha Oglesby	FY	G	5'6	Torrance, CA/North High
24	Brittany Selleck	FY	F	5'8	Selinsgrove, PA/Shikellamy
31	Chanel H. Murphy	SR	G/F	5'10	Merion Station, PA/Lower Merion
33	Liz Plum	JR	F	5'10	Deptford, NJ/Gloucester Catholic
34	Kim Milligan	JR	G	5'9	Crofton, MD/South River
35	Caitlin Sparks	GR	F/C	5'11	Harleysville, PA/Souderton Area
42	Kim Lomas	SO	F	5'11	Somerdale, NJ/Sterling
44	Corrine Geiger	SO	F/C	5'11	Perkasie, PA/Pennridge



At a Glance....Arcadia Women's Basketball, an NCAA Division III program, competes for championships in the Commonwealth Conference of the Middle Atlantic Conferences (MAC) beginning with the 2008-09 slate. Last season the Knights competed in the Freedom Conference division of the MAC while the previous 15 seasons were spent in the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC).

Awaiting the Knights in Commonwealth play will be 2008 national-runner-up Messiah College, but look for the Knights to contend for a post-season berth against conference opponents Albright, Lebanon-Valley, Widener, Elizabethtown and Lycoming.

During the 2007-08 season the Knights competed under the Freedom Conference arm of the MAC, narrowly missing out on the fourth playoff spot but not before a thrilling home court victory over pre-season favorite King's College late in the season. Other exciting wins for the program included victories over Drew University, Manhattanville College and Delaware Valley. Among their academic accolades, the Knights came together as a team off the court as well. Last fall, the team hosted a fundraiser to benefit the Literacy Program of Philadelphia with guest speaker Phil Martelli, head men's basketball coach at St. Joseph's University. The team organized a raffle and silent auction around the event while serving as the honorary wait staff of those in attendance.

The Knights compete in the 1,500 seat Alumni Gymnasium located in the Kuch Athletics & Recreation Center on the University's campus in Glenside, Pa.



Career Leaders (*since 1992*)

POINTS

Becky Soda '05	1,296
Caitlin Sparks '08	1,019
Tracey Jones '96	802
Candice Copeland '03	797
Amanda Holroyd '06	787
Katie Lynch '07	784
Stephanie Bates '09	754
Lauren Bateman '07	562

REBOUNDS

Katie Lynch '07	749
Becky Soda '05	729
Candice Copeland '03	597
Caitlin Sparks '08	550
Jen Szeker '02	502
Amanda Holroyd '06	460
Stephanie Bates '08	328

ASSISTS

Tracey Jones '96	308
Stephanie Bates '08	307
Amanda Holroyd '06	184
Lauren Bateman '07	132

2008-2009 Season Preview

First year head coach **Crystal Gibson** arrived on campus just weeks before the first practice, but she is more than ready to lead the Knights into their first of many seasons of Commonwealth Conference competition. A former player and assistant at Commonwealth school Lebanon Valley College, she most recently served as the assistant coach at Frostburg State University (MD) during the past two seasons. She is excited and focused for her first season at Arcadia and will look to the five returning players to provide leadership, and to some key newcomers to bring an added spark to the team.

Coach Gibson and the 2008-09 Knights look to improve on last year's season where they finished 8-17 overall, 4-8 in the Freedom Conference. Returning players from last season include graduate student **Caitlin Sparks (Harleysville, PA/Souderton)** back for her fourth season of eligibility, senior **Shannon Bustin (Glenolden, PA/Interboro)**, junior **Kim Milligan (Crofton, MD/South River)**, and sophomores **Kim Lomas (Somerdale, NJ/Sterling)** and **Corrine Geiger (Perkasie, PA/Pennridge)**. While the team loses their physical and emotional leader from last year, point guard Stephanie Bates '08, Coach Gibson is expecting Sparks to bring key leadership inside the paint. At the end of last season, Sparks netted her 1,000th career point, led the squad with 13.2 ppg and 8 rpg, and was named to the Freedom Conference first team and to the D3Hoops All-Mid-Atlantic second team.

In the back court, Gibson expects Milligan and Bustin to use their experience to fill the void at point guard this year. Milligan returns to her role as a starter and brings consistent scoring; in 2007-08 she averaged 9.2 ppg, nailed 40 triples, dished out 32 assists and grabbed 20 steals. While Bustin saw limited minutes last season, coach Gibson is relying on her quickness and scrappy defensive play to generate turnovers that the Knights hope to convert into points. The team will also look to Lomas and Geiger along with Sparks for strong post play and rebounding. Lomas started 23 of 25 contests as a first year averaging 7.7 ppg while leading the squad in blocks with 17. With one season under her belt, Geiger will be called upon for consistent rebounding on both ends and providing points in the paint.

Three transfer students will be joining the Arcadia Women's Basketball team this year, including sophomores **Brittany Bontemps (Yardley, PA/Villa Joseph Marie)**, **Liz Plum (Deptford, NJ/Gloucestercatholic)**, **Chanel Murphy (Merion Station, PA/Lower Merion)**. Bontemps, who helped the University of Scranton to an NCAA berth last season, and Plum should see immediate action at the point, off guard, and small forward positions. First years **Brittany Selleck (Selinsgrove, PA/Shikellamy)**, **Samantha Olgesby (Torrance, CA/North High)**, and sophomore **Stephanie Buohl (Parkesburg, PA/Octorara)** will provide much needed energy, hustle, and explosiveness. Murphy as the lone incoming forward will provide great leaping ability, rebounding, and hustle down in the post position.

Although the team has more newcomers than returners, experience will be the Knights strength, with all but three players having at least one year of collegiate basketball experience and a coaching staff well seasoned among the ranks of the Commonwealth Conference. Joining Coach Gibson on the sidelines this year will be **Erin Nemshick**. Nemshick is a 2005 graduate of Widener University, where she helped the Pride to a Commonwealth Conference championship in 2004. She also sports experience on the sidelines, having served in a pair of two-year assistant coaching stints at Cheney University and Manhattanville College. Coach Gibson boasts of the team's court awareness and basketball IQ as well as their shooting potential and describes this season's expectations as "limitless."

The Knights will open their season at home against Wilkes University on Saturday, November 15 at 2:00 PM. And it seems only fitting that Coach Gibson and her team open their 2008-2009 Commonwealth slate hosting her Alma Matter, Lebanon Valley College on January 6.