

# Men, women players on the hot seat

## Team Schedules

Home games in bold.

### Maureen Magarity, Senior Captain



Magarity recalls Red Foxes trip to NCAAs as her favorite moment at Marist.

**Paul:** Your thoughts on your

**final year: What are your expectations, and what are your goals?**

**Maureen:** I think after being pre-season ranked seven, we obviously have to put our goals a lot higher than that. I think we deserve and we should be in the upper echelon of the MAAC. Of course our goal is to win the MAAC and go to the NCAAs; that's our ultimate goal as a team. I think we can do that and I think with the experience we have with five seniors, that's a possibility.

**P:** One player you would like to play with and against, the person can be from any level.

**M:** That's a good question. I would like to play against Sheryl Swoopes. I think she is one of the all-time greats in the women's league. Just growing up and watching her and when the WNBA started. She is a great player overall. I would love to play with my dad back in the day and see how good he really was.

**P:** How big of an influence has your father been?

**M:** He's always been a big influence. Basketball is a huge part of my life, always has been and always will be. He has taught me a lot of things not just the X's and O's of basketball, but a lot of

things off the court; how to deal with different situations. He's really been a great mentor for me really, and I owe him a lot. He has been very patient with me growing up and he hasn't put too much pressure on me.

**P:** What are your plans after college?

**M:** Right now I'm in grad school. I'd like to finish that up next year hopefully. I'm also very interested in going into coaching to see if I like it. I don't know. I'd give it a shot to see if I'd like it. I don't know if I'm up for it because it's a tough job. Or I'd like to go into something with sports public

relation.

**P:** What was your favorite moment at Marist?

**M:** My favorite moment, probably would be when I was really really little. My dad got to the NCAAs with Rik Smits. I still remember. I was only four or five, but I still remember everyone rushing on the court and holding my dad up. I think back in the day students were so into it; He still has it on tape. The students rushed the court it was like madness and it would be great if Marist basketball could get back to that, and that always stuck in the back of my head.

### Pierre Monagan, Junior



Monagan is back at 100% and looks to start the season calm and cool despite the hype.

**Travis:** Can you describe the steps that you took over the past year to get where you are right now, and are you 100 percent?

**Pierre:** I worked hard in the off-

season and did my usual summer routine. I worked on every part of my game — shooting, ball handling, everything. Right now I'm 100%, but my game status is not like what it used to be. My instincts and all of that are still off. I still have more work to do. My turnovers were high in the scrimmage so I have to get back into game action and get a few more games under my belt.

**T:** You are going to step on the floor in your first Division I basketball game on Nov. 18th in the Preseason NIT in front of a sold-out McCann Center. Is this going to be the culmination of the long journey over the past year?

**P:** I'm trying to take it one day at a time. I can't tell you right now but so far I want my mindset to be

calm and cool, and not be overzealous and try to go out there and do stuff I can't do.

**T:** The fans at Marist haven't seen you play, but they are already comparing you to Marist greats like Sean Kennedy. Do you like the hype and feel that you can live up to the fans' expectations?

**P:** I can't say that I like the hype. I don't disagree with it, and I feel that I can live up. I haven't played yet, but who knows. It's not bothering me too much. I try not to listen to what everyone says. I just try to stay in my own world when it comes to stuff like that, and keep a good mindset.

**T:** With everything that happened last year, you could have

very easily went back to Chicago. What made you stay at Marist College?

**P:** My parents. They just convinced me that it was the place to be for me and that I should just stay and stick my neck out and finish it out. My mom and my stepdad really influenced me to come back. I think it was the day I was supposed to come back that I decided to come back.

**T:** You have yet to compete in a MAAC conference game, but you've had a whole season to experience the rivalry with Siena and see talented players like Luis Flores. Who do you look forward to playing against the most?

**P:** I really want to play against Manhattan because Luis Flores

gets a lot of hype. I watched him this year and he's a good player, but I think he was getting a little more than he deserved. He's pretty good, but I want to play against him to see how good he really is. I'm also looking forward to playing against Siena. No one here likes Siena, so I don't like them either.

**T:** What is one thing we don't know about Pierre Monagan?

**P:** I have 8 sisters ranging in age from 27 to 1, but no brothers.

**T:** Who is the best dresser on the team?

**P:** I would have to go with myself on that one. If it weren't me, it would be Chris or Brandon.

### Alisa Kresge, Fresh



Kresge chose Marist for its warm atmosphere.

**Mike:** How did you choose to come to Marist College?

**Alisa:** Well, I looked at every school that was interested in me and I took an interview. I took a visit at the three main schools and

I actually found that Marist was the most friendly; I guess you could say the warmest school I went to. I felt that was a big part. If I'm going to be there for four years I have to be around people I can get along with. I felt Marist was kind of like the same feeling as my high school and I wanted to be around that again.

**M:** How has the transition from high school life to college life been so far?

**A:** It's obviously a big difference; I don't have my parents to run to every time there's something wrong. I have to do a lot on my own, which I'm not used to, but it's going good.

**M:** Considering there are two

seniors on the team already playing your position, how did your first preseason go?

**A:** I'm learning a lot from them. I mean, they're always a step quicker. They're teaching me a lot. It's not the same as high school, you can't just do what you want to do. I have to work a lot harder and I'm learning from the seniors that are here.

**M:** Are you anxious for the start of the season?

**A:** I'm extremely nervous! I can't wait though; I can't wait to see how it is. I've experienced high school, but high school is high school, and I don't know if it will be the same. I'm just extremely nervous.

**M:** After scoring six points in the Red/White scrimmage game, are you starting to look for your shot more?

**A:** Yeah ... if I'm open, you saw I wasn't shooting too much and I got yelled at for that, which was understandable, so I'm going to work on it. But I kind of feel like right now there are better shooters on the court than me, and if they have a better shot, why not get them the ball?

**M:** So what is your top goal to accomplish this season?

**A:** I want to just become a better player, and hopefully I'll learn that through the seniors.

**M:** Who would you say your hero is?

**A:** My father. He's just been through everything with me. From day one he's been at every game my whole life. He's taught me how to be the person that I am; he has taught me everything.

**M:** So, if you don't make the WNBA, what would you say your career goals are?

**A:** Actually my one goal in life is just to be a mother. I don't want to work, just be a mother. I want to have kids and watch them grow.

**M:** Tell us one thing that people may not know about you?

**A:** This is hard (pauses). I've never lost a home game.

### Kerry Parks, Fresh



*Parks finds the game is much quicker at the collegiate level*

**Anthony:** How would you describe your game as a whole?

**Kerry:** My game? Well, Coach Magarity recruited me because I'm pretty versatile. I've got an outside game and an inside game, things like that. I'll just do what I can to help out the other guys.

**A:** How do you think you will fit

in with the rest of the guys and the offense that Coach Magarity already has in place?

**K:** We've got an offense that gets everyone open on the court. So, I guess I'll fit in because everyone will get their time with the ball.

**A:** How has the transition been from high school basketball to Division I college basketball?

**K:** Everything is quicker; everybody is the same size as you versus

the size in high school. You just have to pick it up, pick your game up, physically and mentally.

**A:** Do you feel you have done a good job of picking up your game to that level so far?

**K:** I feel I've done a decent job adjusting to the level of practice and to the level of experience of the older players in college ball.

**A:** I know you've only been here

a short time, but with Coach Magarity in his eighteenth year as head coach at Marist, do you think his experience has affected your game during pre-season practice?

**K:** I think Coach Magarity has stepped up my game, made me work hard in practices. What you do in practices translates to the game. He just told me to play my game.

## Men

- 11/18 Hofstra Pre-Season NIT
- 11/22 Pepsi Marist Classic Marist vs. Coastal Carolina
- 11/23 Sun Pepsi-Marist Classic Final/Consolation
- 11/30 Central Mich
- 12/04 Siena (MAAC)
- 12/09 Fairfield (MAAC)
- 12/14 Northeastern
- 12/21 Vermont
- 12/23 Georgia Tech
- 12/28 Northern Arizona

## 2004

- 1/03 Holy Cross
- 1/07 Iona (MAAC)
- 1/09 Loyola (MAAC)
- 1/13 Fairfield (MAAC)
- 1/16 Canisius (MAAC)
- 1/19 Saint Peter's (MAAC)
- 1/24 Saint Peter's (MAAC)
- 1/29 Loyola (MAAC)
- 1/31 Rider (MAAC)
- 2/05 Niagara (MAAC)
- 2/07 Canisius (MAAC)
- 2/13 Rider (MAAC)
- 2/15 Iona (MAAC)
- 2/18 Manhattan (MAAC)
- 2/21 Siena (MAAC)
- 2/26 Niagara (MAAC)
- 2/28 Manhattan (MAAC)
- 3/05- 3/8 MAAC Tournament

## Women

- 11/22 Hartford
- 11/24 Lehigh
- 12/1 Pennsylvania
- 12/5 Canisius (MAAC)
- 12/7 Niagara (MAAC)
- 12/9 St Bonaventure
- 12/21 Auburn
- 12/27 Tulane (Tulane Tournament)
- 12/28 San Jose St./Yale (Tulane Tournament)
- 12/31 Delaware St.

## 2004

- 1/3 Boston University
- 1/9 Manhattan (MAAC)
- 1/11 Rider (MAAC)
- 1/17 Iona (MAAC)
- 1/19 Siena (MAAC)
- 1/22 Fairfield (MAAC)
- 1/25 Saint Peter's (MAAC)
- 1/29 Loyola Md. (MAAC)
- 1/31 Rider (MAAC)
- 2/6 Niagara (MAAC)
- 2/8 Canisius (MAAC)
- 2/12 Manhattan (MAAC)
- 2/14 Saint Peter's (MAAC)
- 2/17 Loyola Md. (MAAC)
- 2/20 Fairfield (MAAC)
- 2/25 Siena (MAAC)
- 2/29 Iona (MAAC)
- 3/04- 3/7 MAAC Tournament

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