

Robert Morris University *Colonials*

The Official Game Notes of Colonial Women's Basketball



2004-05 Record: 20-9, 13-5 NEC
 Letterman Returning/Lost: 6 / 6
 Starters Returning / Lost: 5 / 0

NEC Tournament Championship - Game 30 - March 12 - 2:00 p.m. EST
 No. 1 St. Francis University Red Flash (20-9 Overall, 16-2 NEC)

vs.

No. 3 Robert Morris University Colonials (20-9 Overall, 13-5 NEC)
 Loretto, Pa. / Stokes Center (3,500)

TV: Fox Sports Pittsburgh and Madison Square Garden Network
 (Paul Dittino Play-by-Play - Pam Rucker - Color - Amy Lundy - Sidelines)

On the Internet (live and archived) at: www.sports.yahoo.com
 (Adam Gusky - Play-by-Play - Matt Bush - Color)



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 Starters Returning / Lost: 2 / 3

2004-05 Schedule / Results

	November (2-1)	
21 (Sun.)	AKRON	W, 75-58
27 (Sat.)	vs. Brown %	L, 66-56
28 (Sun.)	vs. Marshall %	W, 59-53
	December (4-3)	
1 (Wed.)	@ Pittsburgh	L, 78-59
4 (Sat.)	QUINNIPIAC *	W, 57-53
7 (Tue.)	LONGWOOD	W, 66-54
10 (Fri.)	@ Towson	L, 59-51
17 (Fri.)	DUQUESNE	W, 60-56
20 (Mon.)	BOWLING GREEN	L, 66-51
28 (Tue.)	ARMY	W, 55-44
	January (7-2)	
3 (Mon.)	MOUNT ST. MARY'S *	W, 71-57
8 (Sat.)	@ Long Island *	W, 66-62
13 (Thurs.)	@ Wagner *	W, 63-62
15 (Sat.)	@ Central Conn. State *\$	L, 73-63
18 (Tues.)	@ St. Francis (Pa.) *	W, 67-63
20 (Thurs.)	WAGNER *	W, 62-44
22 (Sat.)	SACRED HEART *	L, 69-60
27 (Thurs.)	ST. FRANCIS (N.Y.) *	W, 70-46
29 (Sat.)	CENTRAL CONN. STATE *	W, 70-51
	February (5-3)	
5 (Sat.)	@ Monmouth *	L, 72-64
7 (Mon.)	@ St. Francis (N.Y.) *	W, 57-47
12 (Sat.)	MONMOUTH *	W, 66-50
14 (Mon.)	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON *	W, 77-52
16 (Wed.)	@ Mount St. Mary's *	W, 67-63
20 (Sun.)	ST. FRANCIS (Pa.) *	L, 57-50
24 (Thurs.)	@ Quinnipiac *	W, 76-70 OT
26 (Sat.)	@ Sacred Heart *	L, 63-54
	March (2-0)	
5 (Sat.)	NEC Tournament Quarterfinals	W, 72-39
	No. 6 CENTRAL CONN. STATE	
8 (Tues.)	@ NEC Tournament Semifinals	W, 68-62 OT
	No. 2 Sacred Heart	
12 (Sat.)	@ NEC Tournament Finals ^	2:00 p.m.
	No. 1 St. Francis (Pa.)	

HOME GAMES IN **BOLD** AND ALL CAPS

% Binghamton Tournament

* Northeast Conference Game

\$ Game televised on Fox Sports Net

^ Game televised on Fox Sports Net Pittsburgh and MSG Network

All home games played at the Charles L. Sewall Center

Athletic Ticket Information: (412) 262-8449

OPENING REMARKS: The Robert Morris University women's basketball team, under the guidance of second-year head coach **Sal Buscaglia**, are in search of their third Northeast Conference Championship and first since 1991 when the No. 3 seeded Colonials travel to St. Francis University on Saturday to take on the No. 1 seeded Red Flash in the championship game of the 2005 Northeast Conference Tournament. The winner of the championship game will earn the right to go dancing in the 2005 NCAA Tournament.

THE ROAD TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP: Robert Morris topped No. 6 Central Connecticut State, 72-39, setting a mark for fewest points allowed in a NEC Tournament game during the quarterfinal round before traveling to No. 2 Sacred Heart in a semifinal match up. The Colonials topped the Pioneers 68-62 in overtime to earn their first trip to the championship game since 1991.

QUICK STAT OF THE NIGHT: For the first time in NEC basketball history, men or women, the two Pennsylvania schools, St. Francis (Pa.) and Robert Morris will meet for a NEC Basketball Championship. This is the fourth trip for RMU to the final round of the NEC Tournament, with two championships under their belt (1988 and 1991). This is the Red Flashes 10th trip to the championship game. St. Francis has won the NEC Tournament the last eight out of nine years. The Red Flash were shut out of the tournament in 2001 as they finished 10th in the league standings.

THE SERIES VERSUS ST. FRANCIS: St. Francis owns a slim 29-25 advantage over the Colonials. Prior to RMU's 67-63 win at St. Francis Jan. 18, the Red Flash had won 16 straight games. St. Francis entered the Sewall Center Feb. 20 and avenged an earlier loss to RMU posting a 57-50 win. These two teams first met during the 1976-77 season with St. Francis posting a 70-54 win.

SFPA AND RMU IN THE NEC TOURNAMENT: The Colonials have earned their first trip to the conference tournament since 2000 and boosts an overall record of 10-6 in NEC Tournament games. St. Francis owns a 29-4 record in NEC Tournament games. Saturday's game will mark the eighth meeting between these two schools in the postseason tournament, with the Red Flash having the upper hand by a count of 4-3. The Colonials and Red Flash last met in a quarterfinal game in 2000. No. 1 St. Francis posted a 89-71 win over No. 8 RMU.

DEDICATING THE SEASON: Robert Morris suffered the loss of our athletic director, **Dr. Susan Hofacre**, Saturday Jan. 8, 2005 to cancer. In memory of Dr. Hofacre, the Colonials have dedicated their 2004-05 season in her memory. To honor Dr. Hofacre, every player on the team has wrote Dr. Hofacre's initials (SH) on their right shoe, along with tying an orange ribbon to their shoe. The orange ribbon represents the San Francisco Giants because Dr. Hofacre was an avid Giants fan. Also all athletic teams at RMU have sewn a patch with Dr. Hofacre's initials on their uniforms to help honor her. Each team will wear the patch on their uniforms for a year.

Sacred Heart Probable Starters

No.	Name	Pos.	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG
10	Bolten	G	9.7	4.1	4.3	1.7
12	Hein	G	7.4	3.2	3.1	1.6
32	Black	F	12.2	5.5	3.4	1.4
40	Schlichter	F	6.9	5.3	1.8	1.8
52	Swink	C	23.0	6.8	2.2	1.9

Robert Morris Probable Starters

No.	Name	Pos.	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG
10	Harris	G/F	4.4	2.3	2.0	1.1
11	Perry	G	12.3	3.8	2.8	2.2
14	Dawson	G	8.1	2.9	1.8	1.1
15	Monsac	C	20.1	11.6	2.9	3.1
44	Cooley	F	10.3	6.3	1.2	1.1

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Head Coach Sal Buscaglia Second Season



Sal Buscaglia enters his second season at the helm of the **Robert Morris University** women's basketball team and his 27th season as a head coach. With nine national tournament appearances and only two losing seasons, the Colonials, although finishing with a 3-24 overall record last season, had wins over the Northeast Conference regular season runner-up Sacred Heart as well as Central Connecticut State. It was the first

time since the 1999-2000 season that RMU beat both of those teams.

Prior to Robert Morris, Buscaglia spent five seasons at Manhattan College (1998-2003). In just his second season at Manhattan, Buscaglia led the Lady Jaspers to a 17-win season, marking the fifth most victories in school history, and was recognized as the 24th most improved team in NCAA Division I. In five seasons at Manhattan, Buscaglia compiled a record of 79-65, including a 20-10 record and won the first league title in school history and made a NCAA tournament appearance in 2002-03.

Over his career, Buscaglia has won five conference titles at the Division I level and has averaged 18 victories per year. In his 13 years as a Division I head coach, Buscaglia has guided his teams to winning seasons in 11 of them. He also owns 13 Coach of the Year honors. A native of Buffalo, New York, Buscaglia is a 1976 graduate of Canisius with a Bachelor of Science Degree in business and accounting and in 1989 earned a Master's Degree in physical education, also from Canisius. In 1980, Buscaglia received a Master's Degree in business education from the State University of New York College at Buffalo.

The Buscaglia File

Who: Sal Buscaglia

What: Fifth head coach in the 28-year history of RMU women's basketball.

When Appointed: May 2, 2003

Born: Feb. 14, 1954

Year at Robert Morris: Second

Alma Mater / Year: Canisius / 1976

Degrees:

Bachelor of Science in Business, Accounting - Canisius / 1976

Master in Business Education - State Univ. of New York College at Buffalo / 1980

Master's of Physical Education - Canisius / 1989

Collegiate Coaching Experience:

Manhattan College - Head Coach, 1998-2003

University at Buffalo - Head Coach, 1990-98

Hilbert Junior College - Head Coach, 1977-90

Other Coaching Experience:

USA Basketball, Olympic Festival - Assistant Coach, 1992

USA Basketball, Olympic Festival - Trial Coach, 1989

Empire State Games, Women's Basketball - Head Coach, Western Division

Career Coaching Record

1978-79	Hilbert College	7-10	
1979-80	Hilbert College	10-8	NJCAA Regional Qualifier
1980-81	Hilbert College	11-7	NJCAA Regional Qualifier
1981-82	Hilbert College	18-4	NJCAA Regional Runner-up
1982-83	Hilbert College	25-2	NJCAA Regional Tourn.
1983-84	Hilbert College	23-3	NJCAA Regional Tourn.
1984-85	Hilbert College	17-3	NJCAA Regional Tourn.
1985-86	Hilbert College	29-1	NJCAA Regional Tourn.
1986-87	Hilbert College	28-3	NJCAA Regional Tourn.
1987-88	Hilbert College	28-7	NJCAA Regional Tourn.
1988-89	Hilbert College	29-4	NJCAA National Sweet 16
1989-90	Hilbert College	28-3	NJCAA National Elite 8
1990-91	Buffalo	16-11	ECC Conference Tourn. Finalist
1991-92	Buffalo	23-6	ECC Regular Season Champions ECC Tourn. Champions
1992-93	Buffalo	13-13	ECC Regular Season Champions
1993-94	Buffalo	20-9	ECC Regular Season Champions ECC Tourn. Champions
1994-95	Buffalo	20-8	Mid-Con Regular Season Co-Champions
1995-96	Buffalo	23-8	Mid-Con Tourn. Finals
1996-97	Buffalo	22-6	Mid-Con Tourn. Semifinals
1997-98	Buffalo	18-10	Mid-Con Tourn. Semifinals
1998-99	Manhattan	10-18	MAAC Tourn. Quarterfinals
1999-00	Manhattan	17-12	MAAC Tourn. Quarterfinals
2000-01	Manhattan	14-14	MAAC Tourn. Quarterfinals
2001-02	Manhattan	18-11	MAAC Tourn. Semifinals
2002-03	Manhattan	20-10	MAAC Regular Season Champions MAAC Tourn. Champions NCAA Tourn.
2003-04	Robert Morris	3-24	
2004-05	Robert Morris	20-9	

Record at Hilbert College 253-55 (12 seasons)

Record at Bufalo 155-71 (8 seasons)

Record at Manhattan 79-65 (5 seasons)

Record at Robert Morris 23-33 (2 seasons)

Division I Record 241-158 (14 seasons)

Division II Record 16-11 (1 season)

Overall Coaching Record 510-224 (27th season)



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2004-05 Coaching Staff

Derrick Harrison
Second Season, Potsdam '94



Derrick Harrison is in his second season as an assistant women's basketball coach for the Colonials. Harrison, a native of Queens, N.Y. comes to the Colonials from Manhattan College, where he was an assistant coach for one season. Harrison's responsibilities with the Jaspers included recruiting, tape exchange, travel, organizing summer basketball camps and working with the post players. He mainly deals with travel arrangements, budget and scheduling.

Before joining Manhattan, which won the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championship and reached the NCAA tournament in 2002-03, Harrison was the head women's basketball coach and sports information director at City College of New York from 1999 until 2002.

Harrison graduated with a bachelors degree in sociology from Potsdam State in 1994.

Toyelle Wilson
Second Season, Manhattan '03



Toyelle Wilson is in her second season as an assistant coach at Robert Morris University. She primarily works with the development of the guards, assisting with recruiting, and coordinating the preseason and postseason conditioning regimen. Her responsibilities also include video scouting, film exchange coordinator and video highlights.

Wilson comes to the Colonials after closing out a four-year playing career at Manhattan College under current RMU head coach Sal Buscaglia. In 2002-03, Manhattan finished the season with a 20-10 overall record, including a 15-3 record in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference. The Jaspers won the MAAC tournament and earned a berth into the NCAA Division I Tournament.

Wilson graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Manhattan College in 2003.

Charlie Buscaglia
Second Season, Manhattan '03



Charlie Buscaglia enters his second season as an assistant women's basketball coach at Robert Morris, but his sixth year working under head coach Sal Buscaglia. Buscaglia works primarily on recruiting for Robert Morris.

Buscaglia comes to Robert Morris from Manhattan College, the 2003 Metro Atlantic Athletics Conference Champions and NCAA tournament participant, where he was an assistant from 1998 until 2003. While at Manhattan, Buscaglia focused mainly on recruiting.

Aside from recruiting, Buscaglia has helped run summer basketball camps and clinics at the University at Buffalo from 1994 until 1998 and was a camp coordinator at Manhattan during his tenure there.

Buscaglia graduated from Manhattan in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science degree in general studies.

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Colonials at a Glance

Starters Returning / Lost: 5 / 0

Letterwinners Returning / Lost: 6 / 6

Returning Starters (Ht., Yr.) (ppg / rpg):

G - Jenna Burkett (5-9, So.) (10.1 / 3.0)

G/F - Amie Harris (5-10, Jr.) (9.3 / 2.3)

F/C - Sarah Bradley (6-1, C) (7.4 / 3.9)

F - Arlene Mull (6-1, So.) (5.5 / 3.4)

C - Sarah McDonald (6-2, Sr.) (4.4 / 4.2)

Other Top Returners (Ht., Yr.) (ppg / rpg):

F - Meghan Jent (6-0, Sr.) (1.8 / 2.5)

Top Newcomers (Ht., Yr.):

F/C - Sugiery Monsac (6-1, Jr.)

F - Tess Cooley (6-1, Jr.)

G - DeSheyna Perry (5-7, Jr.)

2003-04 Overall Record: 3-24

2003-04 Home Record: 3-11

2003-04 Road Record: 0-13

2003-04 Neutral Record: 0-0

2003-04 NEC Record / Finish: 2-16 / T-10th

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RMU Quick Facts

Location: Moon Township, Pa.

Founded: 1921

Enrollment: 4,800

Conference: Northeast

School Colors: Blue and Red with White

Nickname: Colonials

Arena: Charles L. Sewall Center

Capacity: 3,056

First Year of WBB: 1977

President: Dr. Edward A. Nicholson

Athletic Director: Dr. Susan Hofacre

Assistant Athletic Director: Meghan Sweeney

Assistant Athletic Director: Sean Simmons

Senior Woman Admin.: Addie Muti

Faculty Representative: Dr. Scott Bravold

Athletic Department Phone: (412) 262-8295

WBB Athletic Trainer: Angela Formaz, ATC

COLONIALS LAST GAME: All-Northeast Conference selection **DeSheyna**

Perry of the Robert Morris University women's basketball team scored seven of the Colonials 10 points en route to RMU outscoring Sacred Heart 10-4 in overtime to post a 68-62 overtime win in a NEC Tournament Semifinal game.

Perry, a junior guard, scored the first five points of overtime for RMU to put the Colonials up 63-58 with 4:20 remaining in overtime. Throughout the overtime period, the Colonials forced the Pioneers to turn the ball over on five occasions, with four resulting in steals for RMU. Perry recorded three steals alone.

Seven early turnovers by RMU saw Sacred Heart pulling out in front 19-9 with 11:39 remaining in the first half. Five-straight points from Perry pulled the Colonials within seven, 21-14 with just over eight minutes to go until halftime, but the Pioneers went on a 5-0 run to increase their lead back to double digits, 26-14 with 6:49 to play before the intermission. RMU closed out the half on a 15-5 run to enter the lockerroom down by just two points, 31-29.

Three baskets from behind the arc, one courtesy of Amie Harris and two from Perry gave the Colonials their first lead of the game, 42-41 with 13:06 left to play in regulation.

Back-to-back three-pointers from **Le'Sheala Dawson** increased the RMU lead to six-points, 52-46 with 8:51 to play in the game. A jumper from Sacred Heart's Nicolle Rubino capped a 9-3 run for the Pioneers to knot the score at 55-55 with 4:08 to play. The Pioneers' Colleen White sank a three-pointer with 2:12 to play to put Sacred Heart up by three, 58-55 at the 2:12 mark. Dawson answered with her third from long range with 1:40 to play to tie the score at 58-58 to force overtime.

Perry led the way for the Colonials with a career-high 30 points on 11-of-24 shooting from the field, including five from behind the arc to go along with seven steals.

Sugiery Monsac recorded her 20th double-double on the year with 11 points and 10 rebounds. **Tess Cooley** grabbed a team-high 13 boards and finished with seven points.

The Colonials currently stand at 20-9 overall, which ties for second for the most wins in a season in the programs 28-year history. It is only the third time that RMU has reached the 20-win plateau and is the first time since finishing with 23 wins during the 1983-84 season.

2004-05 Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
41	Sarah Bradley	C	6-2	So.	Hastings, Pa.
23	Jenna Burkett	G	5-9	So.	Altoona, Pa.
44	Tess Cooley	F	6-1	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn.
14	Le'Sheala Dawson	G	5-10	Jr.	San Diego, Calif.
22	Marlis Graves	G	5-3	Fr.	McKeesport, Pa.
10	Amie Harris	G/F	5-10	Jr.	Springfield, Ohio
25	Sarah McDonald	C	6-2	Sr.	Clifton, Va.
15	Sugiery Monsac	F/C	6-1	Jr.	Villa Maria, Dom. Rep.
24	Arlene Mull	F	6-1	So.	Irwin, Pa.
11	DeSheyna Perry	G	5-7	Jr.	Beloit, Wisc.
32	Tiffany Smith	F	5-10	Fr.	Detroit, Mich.
12	Avonte' Williams	G	5-8	Fr.	Stone Mountain, Ga.

2004-05 Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
10	Amie Harris	G/F	5-10	Jr.	Springfield, Ohio
11	DeSheyna Perry	G	5-7	Jr.	Beloit, Wisc.
12	Avonte' Williams	G	5-8	Fr.	Stone Mountain, Ga.
14	Le'Sheala Dawson	G	5-10	Jr.	San Diego, Calif.
15	Sugiery Monsac	F/C	6-1	Jr.	Villa Maria, Dom. Rep.
22	Marlis Graves	G	5-3	Fr.	McKeesport, Pa.
23	Jenna Burkett	G	5-9	So.	Altoona, Pa.
24	Arlene Mull	F	6-1	So.	Irwin, Pa.
25	Sarah McDonald	C	6-2	Sr.	Clifton, Va.
32	Tiffany Smith	F	5-10	Fr.	Detroit, Mich.
41	Sarah Bradley	C	6-2	So.	Hastings, Pa.
44	Tess Cooley	F	6-1	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn.

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Career Highs

# 10	Harris
Points ...	20 (11/21/03 vs. Navy)
Rebounds ...	7 (01/29/04 at LIU)
Assists ...	8 (03/03/03 at FDU)
# 11	Perry
Points ...	30 (03/08/05 @ Sacred Heart)
Rebounds ...	9 (11/28/04 vs. Marshall)
Assists ...	7 (01/22/05 vs. Sacred Heart)
# 12	Williams
Points ...	3 (01/27/05 vs. SFNY)
Rebounds ...	3 (01/27/05 vs. SFNY)
Assists ...	
# 14	Dawson
Points ...	21 (11/21/04 vs. Akron)
Rebounds ...	8 (12/28/04 vs. Army)
Assists ...	3 (four occasions)
# 15	Monsac
Points ...	32 (01/27/05 vs SFNY)
Rebounds ...	23 (12/04/04 vs. Quinnipiac)
Assists ...	7 (11/21/04 vs. Akron)
# 22	Graves
Points ...	2 (three occasions)
Rebounds ...	4 (11/21/04 vs. Akron)
Assists ...	1 (two occasions)
# 23	Burkett
Points ...	33 (12/18/03 at Army)
Rebounds ...	6 (three occasions)
Assists ...	3 (Four occasions)
# 24	Mull
Points ...	11 (two occasions)
Rebounds ...	7 (three occasions)
Assists ...	6 (01/26/04 at SFPA)
# 25	McDonald
Points ...	16 (2/23/02 vs. FDU)
Rebounds ...	14 (12/19/03 vs. PITT)
Assists ...	2 (on eight occasions)
# 32	Smith
Points ...	2 (01/27/05 vs. SFNY)
Rebounds ...	1 (11/21/04 vs. Akron)
Assists ...	
# 41	Bradley
Points ...	19 (01/31/04 at SFNY)
Rebounds ...	10 (02/02/04 at Akron)
Assists ...	3 (two occasions)
# 44	Cooley
Points ...	22 (11/21/04 vs. Akron)
Rebounds ...	14 (01/22/05 vs. Sacred Heart)
Assists ...	3 (two occasions)

The Last Time ...

RMU won a season opener:
11/21/2004 - vs. Akron (75-58)

RMU won a season opener on the road:
11/26/85 - @ Akron (67-56)

RMU won a NEC season opener:
12/4/04 - Quinnipiac (57-53)

RMU won a NEC Tournament Game:
03/05/05 - CCSU (72-39)
NEC Quarterfinals

RMU scored more than 100 points:
2/23/02 - vs. FDU (106-99 OT)

An opponent scored more than 100 points:
12/7/02 - West Virginia (114-45)

RMU lost scoring less than 40 points:
3/1/03 - @ Monmouth (50-34)

An opponent scored less than 40 points:
03/05/05 - CCSU (72-39)
NEC Quarterfinals

RMU won by more than 20:
03/05/05 - vs. CCSU (72-39)
NEC Quarterfinals

RMU won by more than 30:
03/05/05 - vs. CCSU (72-39)
NEC Quarterfinals

Largest margin of victory:
61 points - 2/28/80 vs. Chatham (85-24)



Colonials Live in 2004-05

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Colonials Picked to Finish 8th

Robert Morris was picked to finish 8th in the Northeast Conference according to league coaches.

Northeast Conference Preseason Coaches Poll

1. St. Francis (Pa.)
2. Sacred Heart
3. Monmouth
4. Long Island
5. Quinnipiac
6. Wagner
7. Mount St. Mary's
- 8. Robert Morris**
9. Fairleigh Dickinson
10. St. Francis (N.Y.)
11. Central Conn. State

Tid Bits...

PNC Bank Colonial Hotline: (412) 299-2403

Head Coach: Sal Buscaglia

Assistant Coaches: Derrick Harrison, Toyelle Wilson, Charlie Buscaglia

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Best Time to Reach: 10-2 weekdays

2003-04 overall record: 3-24

2003-04 NEC record: 2-16

Letterman Returning / Lost: 6 / 6

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Seniors: 1
Sophomores: 3

Juniors: 5
Freshmen: 3

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By The Numbers



VS.



63.2.....	Points Per Game.....	69.4
58.2.....	Points Allowed Per Game.....	65.6
.391.....	Field Goal Percentage.....	.423
.396.....	Field Goal Percentage Defense.....	.419
.326.....	3-Point Field Goal Percentage.....	.354
.302.....	3-Point Field Goal Percentage Defense.....	.343
.634.....	Free Throw Percentage.....	.766
36.8.....	Rebounds Per Game.....	35.8
38.8.....	Rebounds Against Average.....	36.1
12.3.....	Assists Per Game.....	17.7
2.6.....	Blocks Per Game.....	2.1
9.9.....	Steals Per Game.....	10.4
16.4.....	Turnovers Per Game.....	18.4
21.3.....	Turnovers Forced Per Game.....	19.8

Scouting the Red Flash - St. Francis enters Saturday's match up with an overall record of 20-9 and is the No. 1 seed in the 2005 Northeast Conference Tournament. The Red Flash has held home court advantage throughout the whole tournament. St. Francis defeated No. 8 St. Francis (N.Y.), 77-57, in the quarterfinals and topped No. 5 Quinnipiac, 65-48 in the semifinals. Senior All-NEC selection **Beth Swink** is leading the Red Flashes charge for its ninth tournament title in ten years. In just two games, Swink has already recorded 63 points (career-high 40 points vs. St. Francis (N.Y.) and 23 vs. Quinnipiac). For the season, Swink leads the team and the NEC, along with ranking third in the nation in scoring with a 23.0 clip. She also leads the team in rebounding with 6.8 boards per game, in steals with 54 and in blocks with 20. **Christin Black** ranks second on the team in scoring with 12.2 points per game and in rebounding with 5.5 rebounds per game. **Sarah Bolten** has dished out a team-high 126 assists.

Red Flash Head Coach - Head Coach **Jill Poe** is in her second year at St. Francis and is also in her second season as a head coach. In just her first season at the helm of St. Francis, Poe led the Red Flash to a 25-6 record, which included the first undefeated season in NEC history, a school record 20 straight victories, a program record 25 wins and St. Francis tied nationally in conference championships since 1996.

Last Time Around - RMU suffered a 57-50 setback to visiting St. Francis (Pa.) at the Charles L. Sewall Center Feb. 20.

St. Francis (Pa.) jumped out to an early 6-1 lead at the 15:41 mark in the first half before a jumper in the lane by **DeSheyna Perry** put a stop to the Red Flashes early hot shooting. The Colonials and Red Flash would battle back and forth over the next six minutes and a lay up in the paint from **Sarah McDonald** knotted the score at 15-15 with 6:34 to go in the half. St. Francis went on to outscore the Colonials 13-2 to enter half-time with a 28-17 lead.

RMU started out the second half on a 16-5 run over the first 6:49 to pull within one point, 34-33 following a free throw from **Le'Sheala Dawson**. A three pointer from **Tess Cooley** gave RMU its first lead of the game, 39-38, with 9:55 left in the game. The Red Flashes' Beth Swink responded with two free throws to put St. Francis back on top, 40-39. Perry would sink her only three of the game at the 8:17 mark to give RMU its second lead, 42-40 with 8:17 remaining to play in the game, but the Red Flash went on to outscore the Colonials 17-8 over the last 7:47 of the game to post a 57-50 victory.

Sugjery Monsac led all scorers with 20 points to go along with 13 rebounds. Cooley and Perry each recorded 11 points apiece. McDonald, playing in her last regular season home game, came off the bench and tallied seven points and three boards. Harris dished out a team-high six assists. Swink led the Red Flash with 17 points, while Christin Black grabbed 11 rebounds.

2004-05 NEC Women's Basketball Standings

Place	Team	NEC	Overall
1.	St. Francis (Pa.) *	16-2	20-9
2.	Sacred Heart *	14-4	18-11
3.	Robert Morris *	13-5	20-9
	Monmouth *	13-5	17-11
5.	Quinnipiac *	12-6	16-13
6.	Central Conn. State *	8-10	9-19
	Mount St. Mary's *	8-10	9-19
8.	St. Francis (N.Y.) *	7-11	10-18
9.	Long Island	5-13	9-18
10.	Wagner	2-16	2-25
11.	Fairleigh Dickinson	1-17	2-25

* clinched NEC Tournament berth

Recent Results

NEC Tournament Quarterfinals - Saturday, March 5

#8 ST. FRANCIS (N.Y.) @ #1 ST. FRANCIS (Pa.)	SFPA, 77-57
#7 MOUNT ST. MARY'S @ #2 SACRED HEART	SHU, 76-56
#6 CENTRAL CONN. ST. @ ROBERT MORRIS	RMU, 72-39
#5 QUINNIPIAC @ #4 MONMOUTH	QU, 75-68

Upcoming Games

NEC Tournament Semifinals - Tuesday, March 8

#5 Quinnipiac @ #1 St. Francis (Pa.)	SFPA, 65-48
#3 Robert Morris @ #2 Sacred Heart	RMU, 68-62 OT

NEC Tournament Championship - Saturday, March 12

#3 Robert Morris @ #1 St. Francis (Pa.)	2:00 p.m.
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JUST FIVE MORE MINUTES: A win is a win for Robert Morris, even if it takes five extra minutes. The Colonials have posted a 2-0 record in overtime games this season. RMU topped Quinnipiac 76-70 Feb. 24 at Quinnipiac to sweep the season series and the Colonials also topped the No. 2 seed Sacred Heart 68-62 at Sacred Heart to earn a berth into the NEC Championship game.

SHALL WE DANCE: The Colonials are playing in their first NEC Championship game since 1991 and their fourth overall. RMU has never earned a berth into the NCAA Tournament in the program's 28-year history. The battle for a trip to the big dance will need to include contributions from everyone on the team considering RMU will enter Saturday's match up posting just a 2-6 record in games played during the day.

"DP" IN THE HOUSE: Junior floor general **DeSheyna Perry** led the Colonials with a career-high 30 points in a 68-62 overtime victory over No. 2 Sacred Heart in a semifinal game in the NEC Tournament. Perry also recorded a career-high seven steals and tied her career-high with five made three-pointers. She pocketed three steals in the overtime period alone, along with scoring seven of the Colonials 10 points in the extra stanza.

PROVING PEOPLE WRONG: The Northeast Conference preseason coaches poll released at the beginning of the season was a vote by league head coaches as to the predicted order of finish for the season. The final regular season games were played on March 1, which helped to prove some people wrong. St. Francis (Pa.) and Sacred Heart stood one two just like the poll, but from that point on things turned out differently. RMU and CCSU both jumped up five spots. RMU from eight to three and CCSU from 11 to sixth. Also clinching a berth in the NEC Tournament was St. Francis (N.Y.) as the Terriers finished in the No. 8 spot in the league standings and were voted on to finish 10th. The biggest surprises was Long Island and Wagner both dropping five spots from the preseason coaches poll in the final league standings. LIU was voted to finish fourth and finished at ninth, while Wagner got the No. 6 spot nod at the start of the season and finished 10th.

POSTSEASON HONORS: Junior forward / center **Sugiero Monsac** has been selected as the 2004-05 NEC Women's Basketball Player of the Year, while second-year head coach **Sal Buscaglia** was tabbed the Brenda Reilly Coach of the Year and **DeSheyna Perry** garnered second-team accolades. This is the first time in the programs history that a Colonial has been selected as the player or coach of the year.

SECOND CHANCE OPPORTUNITIES: Robert Morris takes every opportunity it is faced with to score. Currently, the Colonials lead their opponents on the offensive glass, 396-366. Leading the way on RMU's side of the court is **Sugiero Monsac** who has grabbed 120 offensive boards.

LOGGING SOME COURT TIME: Three Colonials are averaging over 30 minutes of playing time per game this season. Junior **Sugiero Monsac** leads the way with 36.8 minutes per game, followed by classmates **DeSheyna Perry** with 33.9 minutes per game and **Le'Sheala Dawson** with 32.3 minutes per outing. Just behind Dawson is the rest of the junior class on the team, which includes **Tess Cooley** with 29.9 minutes of action and **Amie Harris** with 28.6 minutes per contest. Monsac has played all 40 minutes on six occasions and Dawson and Harris have each played a complete game once.

THE JUNIORS' GLASS SHOW IN THE NEC: RMU's junior class knows how to take care of the glass. Colonial junior's **Sugiero Monsac**, **Tess Cooley**, **DeSheyna Perry**, **Le'Sheala Dawson** and **Amie Harris** accounted for 500 of RMU's 661 rebounds versus conference opponents during the 2004-05 regular season. Monsac led the way averaging 12.1 boards followed by Cooley (6.8), Perry (3.7), Harris (2.7) and Dawson (2.7).

A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN A YEAR: Second year head coach **Sal Buscaglia** and his staff are on the verge of doing the impossible, making Robert Morris women's basketball team into a contender in the Northeast Conference and in the NCAA. The Colonials are currently 20-9 overall, which is a 16.5 game turnaround from a season ago. The NCAA record for the best turn around in a year is set at 17 games which was done by Valparaiso in 2002.

THROUGHOUT THE NATION: Junior forward/center **Sugiero Monsac** currently ranks among the nations leaders in scoring, rebounding and steals. As of March 7, 2005, Monsac is fifth in the nation in rebounding with 11.6 boards per game and is ninth in scoring with 20.4 points per game along with ranking 17th in steals with 3.1 steals per game. She is also one of six players to record over 21 rebounds in a game this season. Monsac has accomplished this feat on two separate occasions thus far (21 vs. Pittsburgh, 12/01/04 and 22 vs. Quinnipiac, 12/04/04).

RMU IN THE RPI RANKINGS: The Robert Morris Colonials are currently 20-9 and ranked 127th in the CollegeRPI.com ratings for 2004-05. The Rating Percentage Index (RPI) is a measure of strength of schedule and how a team does against that schedule. It only considers whether a team won or not, not by the margin of victory or defeat. It is used by the NCAA as one of their factors in which teams to invite to the NCAA Tournament and where to seed them.

COLD DAY IN SEWALL: The Colonials look to the Sewall Center as a friendly place for them when it comes to home games, which is obvious because entering Feb. 20 game with St. Francis (Pa.) RMU boosted a 11-2 record at the Sewall Center. The air became colder on that Sunday (Feb. 20). The Colonials shot a season-low 31.7 percent from the field and a season-low 17.4 percent from behind the arc. RMU shot just 19-for-60, with the first half making the largest impression since RMU shot just 7-of-29.

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FROM LONG RANGE: In the Colonials 76-70 overtime victory over Quinnipiac Feb. 24, RMU made a season-high 10 three-pointers. Robert Morris made six in the first half alone behind four from **Jenna Burkett**. **DeSheyna Perry** also finished the game with four from behind the arc too.

CHASING THE RECORD BOOK: Guard **Jenna Burkett** needs just seven more three-pointers to break into the Top-Five list for career made three-pointers. Burkett is just a sophomore, but has shown time and time again that she is one of the top three-point shooters in the conference. Burkett currently has tallied 94 made three's in her short career.

DOUBLE THE TROUBLE: Junior forward / center **Sugieri Monsac** has made an immediate impact in just her first season as a Colonial. Monsac has recorded a double-double in 20 of RMU's 28 games. Monsac is now tied with former Colonial **Elise James**, who finished the 1999-2000 season with 20 double-doubles. Monsac is also the only Colonial since James to record a 20 point and 20 rebound game. Monsac has accomplished that feat on two occasions.

Opponent	Points	Rebounds
Akron	20	12
Brown	23	15
Marshall	16	14
Pittsburgh	26	21
Quinnipiac	21	22
Bowling Green	15	10
Mount St. Mary's	15	11
Long Island	22	12
Wagner	16	14
CCSU	24	15
St. Francis (Pa.)	16	10
Sacred Heart	28	10
St. Francis (N.Y.)	32	12
Monmouth	14	12
St. Francis (N.Y.)	25	11
Monmouth	15	18
St. Francis (Pa.)	20	13
Quinnipiac	20	16
Sacred Heart	14	13
Sacred Heart	11	10

THE "D" STRIKES AGAIN: Robert Morris has been hounding a opponents all season long and its 77-52 is a strong indicator of just how strong the Colonial "D" is. RMU forced the Knights into 29 turnovers in the game, with 19 Colonial steals being awarded off of those turnovers. RMU posted 28 points off of those turnovers in the win.

CONFERENCE PLAY: At the conclusion of the 2004-05 NEC schedule for RMU, the Colonials have three players that averaged double figures in league games alone. **Sugeiry Monsac**, **DeSheyna Perry** and **Tess Cooley** have accounted for 779 of the Colonials 1,160 points scored against conference foes. Individually broke down, Monsac averages 20.2, Cooley averages 11.9 and Perry averages 11.8.

2005-06 COLONIAL ADDITIONS: Robert Morris head coach **Sal Buscaglia** announced the signing of two student-athletes to National Letters of Intent during the early signing period. Guards **Kendra Williams (Bronx, N.Y. / Mount Saint Ursula)** and **Crystal Ahmed (Bronx, N.Y. / Lehman)** have each signed letters with RMU. Williams was a two-time First-Team All-Bronx selection and was selected to the Best Of Catholic High School Athletic Association team and the Wheelchair Classic All-Star team. Ahmed will join RMU as the No. 1 rated guard by New York City's *School Sports Magazine* and is rated in the top 250 in the country for all positions by the *adidas All-Star Girls Report*.

A NEED FOR THREE: The Colonials have tallied five or more three-pointers in 18 of the Colonials 29 games this season. RMU has made 164 from behind the arc for a .326 shooting percentage compared to 108 from their opponents who are shooting just .302 from long range.

Game	No.	Outcome
Akron	8	W, 75-58
Brown	5	L, 66-56
Pittsburgh	7	L, 78-59
Quinnipiac	6	W, 57-53
Longwood	6	W, 66-54
Bowling Green	8	L, 66-51
Army	6	W, 55-44
Long Island	5	W, 66-62
Wagner	7	W, 62-44
CCSU	5	W, 70-51
Monmouth	5	L, 72-64
St. Francis (N.Y.)	6	W, 57-47
Monmouth	8	W, 66-50
FDU	9	W, 77-52
Quinnipiac	10	W, 76-70 OT
Sacred Heart	5	L, 63-54
CCSU	8	W, 72-39
Sacred Heart	9	W, 68-62 OT

TOPPING A MILESTONE: Head Coach **Sal Buscaglia** is in his 27th season as a head coach and he recorded his 500th career head coaching victory when the Colonials topped host St. Francis (Pa.) Jan. 18, 67-63. He currently boasts a 510-224 career coaching record in 27 years of coaching.

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At A Final Glance (2004-05)

Robert Morris' Record When...

Scoring below 60 points:	4-7
Scoring 60-69 points:	9-2
Scoring 70-79 points:	7-0
Scoring 80+ points:	0-0
Playing in November:	2-1
Playing in December:	4-3
Playing in January:	7-2
Playing in February:	5-3
Playing in March:	2-0
Trailing at half:	4-5
Tied at half:	0-1
Leading at half:	16-3
An RMU player scoring 20+:	14-7
An RMU player scoring 30+:	3-0
A player has 10+ assists:	0-0
A player has 10+ rebounds:	15-8
The team has 30+ rebounds:	13-8
The team has 40+ rebounds:	6-2
The team has 50+ rebounds:	0-0
Outrebounding opponents:	10-2
RMU was outrebounded:	9-7
The team shoots below 40%:	6-8
The team shoots above 40%:	14-1
The team shoots over 50%:	0-0
Outshooting opponent:	10-9
RMU was outshot:	8-0
RMU makes 5+ 3pt FG:	13-5
RMU makes at least 1 3pt FG:	120-9
The team makes no 3pt FG:	0-0
Playing at the Sewall Center:	12-3
Playing on the Road:	7-5
Playing at a neutral site:	1-1
Playing at night:	18-2
Playing during the day:	2-6
Playing team w/ winning record:	5-7
Playing team w/ losing record:	14-1
Playing team w/ .500 record:	1-1
Playing the day after a game:	1-0
Game was decided by <5 pts:	5-0
Game was decided by 5-10 pts:	4-7
Game was decided by 11-19 pts:	7-2
Game was decided by 20+ pts:	3-0

TRIPLE THREAT: Junior forward / center **Sugier Monsac** was three steals shy of recording a triple-double against St. Francis (N.Y.) Jan. 27. Monsac tallied a career-high 32 points to go along with 12 rebounds and seven steals. This is the second time this season that Monsac has flirted with a triple-double. Earlier this season she was three assists shy of accomplishing this feat.

RUN AND GUN: RMU is an up-tempo team that looks to get the ball out and run with it. That was evident when the Colonials held a 19 point lead over Monmouth, Feb. at the intermission. The lead could be contributed to RMU outscoring the Hawks 14-4 on fast break points in the first half alone.

SCORING DROUGHT: The Colonials suffered two rather large scoring droughts in its Feb. 5 game at Monmouth. RMU tied the score, 16-16, with 11:43 left in the first half and did not score until 2:50 later when Monmouth was up, 22-18. The second scoring drought for RMU was in remaining 3:12 of the game. The Colonials held a 64-60 advantage, but failed to score over the final 3:12 and suffered a 72-64 loss.

JUNIOR SCORING TRIO: The junior trio of **Sugier Monsac**, **Tess Cooley** and **Le'Sheala Dawson** combined to score 55 points in the Colonials 57-47 win at St. Francis (N.Y.) Feb. 7. Fellow junior **Amie Harris** added the last two RMU points on a jumper late in the second half. Monsac finished the game with 25 points, Cooley recorded 16 and Dawson finished with 14 points.

THERE IS NO "I" IN TEAM: For the third time this season, RMU tied their season high of 17 assists in a game. The Colonials had 17 out of 23 shots assisted in RMU's 66-50 win over Monmouth, Feb. 12. The Colonials previously set its single game assists mark in its 75-58 win over Akron, Nov. 21 and in its 70-51 win over CCSU, Jan. 29.

THE HARRIS SHOW: Junior **Amie Harris** has put on a special show for Monmouth University this season. Harris averages just under three-points a game, but that did not phase her when she faced the Hawks this season. In show one, Harris connected on a career-high eight field goals, which included her first three-pointer of the season on her way to scoring a season-high 18 points in the Colonials 72-64 loss at Monmouth, Feb. 5. Just one week later, Harris scored a game-high 16 points in the Colonials 66-50 win at the Sewall Center. Included in her 16 points was a 3-for-4 showing from behind the arc. Her three from long range set a new career-high single-game mark for Harris.

LEADING THE LEAGUE: Junior forward **Sugier Monsac** recorded her league-leading fifth *Choice Hotels* NEC Women's Basketball Player of the Week Award for the week of Feb. 14. Monsac previously won the award for the week of Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 20 and Jan. 31. This is the sixth time that a RMU player has been honored.

IT'S "MO" TIME: Robert Morris was down, 49-47 to host Mount St. Mary's on Feb. 16, but junior **Sugier Monsac** took charge and went on to outscore the entire Mount team, 14-4, to put the Colonials on top 61-52 with 2:51 left in the game. Monsac's surge was just what RMU needed as the Colonials would hold on for a 67-63 win.

GETTING EVERYONE INVOLVED: Through the first six games of the season, the Colonials averaged 12.2 assists per outing. Over games seven, eight and nine the Colonials dropped to 7.7 assists per game. In that span, RMU stood at 1-2 before stepping up in game 10 and finished with 12 assists. The Colonials have averaged double-digit assists in every game they have won this season, despite its win over Duquesne when RMU finished with just five assists.

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A SEASON OF FIRSTS

The 2003-05 season is a season of firsts for the Colonials. RMU has won a total of 10 games in the last four years and this season alone, RMU has tallied 20 wins. It is just the third time in the 28-year history of the program that the team has recorded a 20-win season. It is the first since tallying a RMU record 23 wins in the 1983-84 season. The Colonials also recorded 20 wins during the 1981-82 campaign. Below is a list of the Colonials wins, along with the last time Robert Morris was victorious over each respective school and the series records.

Opponent	2004-05 Score	Last RMU Win	Score	Previous Losing Streak	Series
Akron	75-58	1991-92	86-68	Four	Akron, 11-6
Marshall	59-53	2000-01	88-78	One	Marshall, 8-2
Quinnipiac	57-53	2001-02	85-64	Three	QU, 7-5
	76-70 OT				
Longwood	66-54	1983-84	69-61	N/A	RMU, 2-0
Duquesne	60-56	1999-2000	58-54	Four	Duq., 20-11
Army	55-44	NA	NA	Three	Army, 2-1
Mount St. Mary's	71-57	1996-97	92-71	15	Mount, 30-5
	67-63				
Long Island	66-62	1999-2000	71-69	Seven	RMU, 24-14
Wagner	63-62	1999-2000	62-60	Six	Wagner, 29-11
	62-44				
St. Francis (Pa.)	67-63	1996-97	73-60	16	SFPA, 28-25
St. Francis (N.Y.)	70-46	2001-02	90-77	Three	RMU, 25-13
	57-47				
CCSU	70-51	2003-04	73-54	One	CCSU, 10-4
	72-39				
Monmouth	66-50	1996-97	73-59	13	MU, 28-12
FDU	77-52	2001-02	106-99 (OT)	Three	FDU, 20-17
Sacred Heart	68-62 OT	2003-04	63-58	Three	SHU, 8-3

IN THE CLUTCH: RMU shot 10-for-12 from the charity stripe in the last five minutes of the Colonials 67-63 win over St. Francis (Pa.) Jan. 18. **DeSheyna Perry** was a perfect 6-of-6 during that span.

THIS IS MY HOUSE: Senior **Sarah McDonald** grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds in the Colonials win over Wagner, Jan. 20, with six of her rebounds coming from the offensive side of the court.

EVERY POSSESSION COUNTS: Robert Morris tallied 16 turnovers in its 72-64 loss at Monmouth, Feb. 5. Of the 16 turnovers, five of them came in the last 3:12 of the game that saw the Colonials only get the ball on their side of the court for two possessions, which did not result in a score.

FULL COURT PRESSURE: The Robert Morris defense stepped up their intensity in the Colonials 70-46 win over St. Francis (N.Y.) Jan. 27. RMU forced the Terriers to commit 18 first half turnovers with 10 of those turnovers as a result of a steal by a Colonial defender. In the second half, RMU tallied five of their seven steals during a 25-16 Robert Morris run that would put that Colonials up by 25 points.

SETTING THE STAGE FOR THE NEC: RMU rounded out its 2004-05 non-conference schedule with a 5-4 mark, which marks the most non-conference wins in a single-season by a Colonial squad since Robert Morris recorded five non-conference wins in the 1987-88 season.

STEPPING UP THE DEFENSIVE INTENSITY: The Colonials picked up its defensive intensity in its 55-44 win over Army Dec. 28. RMU forced the Black Knights into 30 turnovers, with the Colonials being credited with 20 steals in the win (10 in each half). **Sugiero Monsac** and **DeSheyna Perry** each pocketed six steals apiece.

GETTING A HAND UP: The Colonial defense knew the importance of getting a hand in the face of the Long Island shooters in their game on Jan. 8. LIU entered the game shooting 40 percent from behind the arc, but RMU limited the Blackbirds to shooting just 14 percent (1-of-7) in the Colonials 66-62 win.

TAKE CARE OF THE BALL: In RMU's 73-63 setback to Central Connecticut State, Jan. 15, the Colonials committed 20 turnovers with 15 of those turnovers being committed in the first half alone. Of the 15 first half turnovers, nine came in the first 8:08 of the game. Entering the CCSU game, RMU was averaging 15 turnovers in a game.

PERRY FOR THREE: Junior guard **DeSheyna Perry** accounted for five of the Colonials eight three-point shots in RMU's 66-51 loss to Bowling Green. Perry returned Dec. 10 at Towson and shot 5-for-8 from behind the arc on her way to a team-high of 21 points.

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HITTING THE BOARDS: Freshman **Marlis Graves** is not afraid to crash the boards. The 5-3 guard grabbed four rebounds in the win over Akron, which was third on the team behind forwards **Tess Cooley** and **Sugierly Monsac**.

IT DOES NOT MATTER WHEN YOU ENTER: Sophomore guard **Jenna Burkett** came off the bench in the second half of the win over Marshall to give the Colonials a late boost. Burkett entered the game and hit back-to-back three-pointers to give RMU the lead for good in a 59-53 win over Marshall. Burkett would add another three-pointer to her resume and two free throws to finish with 11 points rounding out four Colonials in double figures in the win.

SEEING THE COURT: Junior forward **Sugierly Monsac** finished just three assists shy of a triple double in the win over Akron (Nov. 24). Monsac finished with 20 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists. Four of her assists resulted in two points from fellow classmate **Tess Cooley**.

JUMPING RIGHT IN: It did not take long for the newcomers to the Colonials squad to make the transition from the junior college level to Division I. RMU's top three leading scorers from the win over Akron each scored 20 or more points. **Tess Cooley** from Coffeyville C.C. tallied 22 points and 11 rebounds, **Sugierly Monsac** from Arizona Western J.C. finished with 20 points and 12 boards, while **Le'Sheala Dawson** from Saddleback J.C. recorded 21 points on 5-of-8 shooting from behind the arc.

PROTECTING THE BALL: Robert Morris committed just seven turnovers in the Nov. 28th win over Marshall, which is ten under the Colonials for 2004-05.

A FIRST IN A LONG TIME: Junior forward **Tess Cooley** was selected as the Choice Hotels Northeast Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Week following her performance in the win over Akron. This marks the first time that a Colonial has earned this honor since 2001.

EARLY VICTORS: RMU defeated Quinnipiac, 57-53 Dec. 4, marking the first time the Colonials have won a NEC season opener since the 1995-96 season when they defeated Fairleigh Dickinson, 69-60. Prior to the win, RMU owned a 4-13 record in conference openers.

STANDING STRONG TILL THE END: In the Colonials game against Duquesne, RMU led for a total of 47 seconds in the entire game and held off the Dukes off for a 60-56 victory. RMU never led until there was 6:31 remaining in the game. The lead would stand for just 10 seconds before the Dukes regrouped and took the lead back. RMU did not falter, as the Colonials fought back and took the lead for good on a three-pointer from Sugierly Monsac with 37 second remaining in the game.

STANDING TALL IN THE MAC: The Colonials rounded out its non-conference play against Mid-American Conference foes with an 2-1 record. RMU defeated Akron, 75-58 and Marshall, 59-53 before suffering its only loss in the MAC at the hands of Bowling Green, 66-51.

THE JINX IS BROKEN: RMU won its season opener against Akron, 75-58, marking the first time the Colonials have won a season-opener since Nov. 23, 1991, when they defeated the Bonnies of St. Bonaventure, 66-64.

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER: The Colonials lost a total of 11 games in 2003-04 by 10 points or less. Seven of those games were at the hands of a NEC foe. Of the 11 games, RMU was leading at halftime in seven of those contests and were tied in two.

WELCOME ABOARD: The 2004-05 season marks the first group of recruits for Coach Buscaglia and his staff. RMU welcomes seven newcomers that bring an up-tempo style of play. There are four junior college transfers, including **Sugierly Monsac**, **Tess Cooley**, **DeSheyna Perry** and **Le'Sheala Dawson** that are joined by freshmen **Tiffany Smith**, **Avonte' Williams** and **Marlis Graves**.

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Robert Morris in the 2004-05

NEC Rankings (as of March 8, 2005)

Team	
Scoring Offense	3rd (63.2)
Scoring Defense	1st (58.2)
Scoring Margin	2nd (+4.9)
Free Throw Pct.	10th (.634)
Field Goal Pct.	5th (.391)
Field Goal Pct. Defense	6th (.396)
3-Pt. Field Goal Pct.	6th (.326)
3-Pt. Field Goal Pct. Defense	1st (.302)
3-Pt. Field Goals Made	1st (5.56)
Rebounding Offense	6th (36.8)
Rebounding Defense	8th (38.7)
Rebounding Margin	8th (-1.9)
Blocked Shots	5th (2.59)
Assists	5th (12.34)
Steals	3rd (9.83)
Turnover Margin	1st (+4.83)
Assist / Turnover Ratio	3rd (0.75)
Offensive Rebounds	4th (13.66)
Defensive Rebounds	8th (23.17)

Individual	
#15 Sugiery Monsac	
Scoring.....	2nd (20.1)
Rebounding	1st (11.6)
Offensive Rebounds.....	1st (4.14)
Defensive Rebounds.....	1st (7.41)
Steals	1st (3.14)
Field Goal Pct.....	10th (.452)
Assists.....	12th (2.93)
Free Throw Pct.....	14th (.662)
#11 DeSheyna Perry	
Scoring.....	8th (12.2)
Free Throw Pct.....	11th (.713)
Steals	6th (2.18)
Assists.....	14th (2.82)
3-Pt. Field Goal Pct.....	7th (.355)
3-Pt. Field Goal Made.....	9th (1.39)
#14 Le'Sheala Dawson	
3-Pt. Field Goal Made.....	6th (1.66)
#23 Jenna Burkett	
3-Pt. Field Goal Pct.....	15th (.312)
#44 Tess Cooley	
Blocked Shots.....	8th (0.86)
Offensive Rebounds.....	9th (2.66)
Defensive Rebounds.....	15th (3.86)
Field Goal Pct.....	4th (.484)
Scoring.....	T-19th (10.1)
Rebounding	9th (6.5)

RMU's Individual Highs	
Points.....	32 Sugiery Monsac vs. St. Francis (N.Y.), 01/27
Rebounds.....	23 Sugiery Monsac vs. Quinnipiac, 12/04
Assists.....	7 Sugiery Monsac vs. Akron, 11/21
Steals.....	7 Sugiery Monsac vs. St. Francis (N.Y.), 12/28
	7 Sugiery Monsac vs. Monmouth, 02/12
	7 Sugiery Monsac vs. FDU, 02/14
Blocks.....	3 Tess Cooley vs. Longwood, 12/07
Field Goal Pct.....	.692 (9-of-13) Tess Cooley @ Wagner, 01/13
3-Pt. FG Pct..	.714 (5-for-7) Jenna Burkett vs. Longwood, 12/07
3-Point Field Goals.....	5 DeSheyna Perry vs. BGSU, 12/20
	5 DeSheyna Perry @ Sacred Heart, 03/08
	5 Le'Sheala Dawson vs. Akron, 12/28
	5 Jenna Burkett vs. Longwood, 12/07
	5 Jenna Burkett @ PITT, 12/01
Free Throw Pct.....	1.000 (5-for-5) DeSheyna Perry vs. Army, 12/28

RMU's Team Highs	
Points.....	77 vs. FDU, 02/14
Rebounds.....	43 vs. Akron, 11/21
Assists.....	17 vs. Akron, 11/21
	17 vs. CCSU, 01/29
	17 vs. Monmouth, 02/12
	17 vs. FDU, 02/14
Steals.....	20 vs. Army, 12/28
Blocks.....	6 @ PITT, 12/01
Field Goal Pct.....	.483 (28-of-58) vs. CCSU, 01/29
Field Goals Made.....	29 vs. CCSU, 03/05
3-Point Field Goal Pct.....	.625 (5-of-8) @ LIU, 01/08
3-Point Field Goals.....	10 @ Quinnipiac, 02/24
Free Throw Pct.818 (9-for-11) vs. CCSU, 01/29

RMU's individual statistical leaders through 29 games:	
Points:	
Sugiery Monsac	20.1
DeSheyna Perry.....	12.3
Tess Cooley.....	10.1
Le'Sheala Dawson.....	8.1
Rebounds:	
Sugiery Monsac.....	11.6
Tess Cooley.....	6.5
DeSheyna Perry.....	3.8
Le'Sheala Dawson.....	2.9
Assists:	
Sugiery Monsac.....	2.9
DeSheyna Perry	2.8
Amie Harris.....	2.0

RMU vs. 2004-05 Opponents (Includes 04-05 Games)	
Akron	6-11
Brown	0-1
Marshall	2-8
Pittsburgh	0-21
Quinnipiac	5-7
Longwood	2-0
Towson	1-3
Duquesne	11-20
Bowling Green	0-1
Army	1-2
Mount St. Mary's	5-30
Long Island	24-14
Wagner	11-29
Central Conn. State	5-10
St. Francis (Pa.)	25-29
St. Francis (N.Y.)	25-13
Monmouth	12-28
Fairleigh Dickinson	17-20
Sacred Heart	3-8

Robert Morris University *Colonials*

The Official Game Notes of Colonial Women's Basketball ~ NEC Championship @ St. Francis (Pa.)

Last RMU game ...

No. 3 Robert Morris 68, No. 2 Sacred Heart 62 (OT) (March 8, 2005)

Official Basketball Box Score -- GAME TOTALS -- FINAL STATISTICS

Robert Morris vs Sacred Heart

03/08/05 8:25 PM at Fairfield, CT -- William H. Pitt Center

VISITORS: Robert Morris 20-9

##	Player Name	TOT-FG FG-FGA	3-PT FG-FGA	FT-FTA	REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
					OF	DE	TOT							
10	HARRIS, Amie..... f	4-8	1-4	0-0	2	2	4	2	9	3	6	0	1	43
15	MONSAC, Sugieri..... f	5-14	0-1	1-2	4	6	10	3	11	4	6	0	3	43
44	COOLEY, Tess..... f	3-6	0-0	1-3	3	10	13	3	7	1	7	2	2	40
11	PERRY, DeSheyna..... g	11-24	5-12	3-5	0	3	3	1	30	2	4	1	7	45
14	DAWSON, Le'Sheala... g	3-7	3-6	0-0	0	1	1	3	9	3	1	1	2	38
23	BURKETT, Jenna.....	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	9
25	MCDONALD, Sarah.....	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	7
TEAM.....					3	3	6							
Totals.....		27-61	9-23	5-10	12	27	39	15	68	13	26	4	16	225

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 13-31 41.9% 2nd Half: 11-24 45.8% OT: 3-6 50.0% Game: 44.3% DEADB
 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-9 22.2% 2nd Half: 6-11 54.5% OT: 1-3 33.3% Game: 39.1% REBS
 F Throw % 1st Half: 1-3 33.3% 2nd Half: 1-2 50.0% OT: 3-5 60.0% Game: 50.0% 2

HOME TEAM: Sacred Heart 18-11

##	Player Name	TOT-FG FG-FGA	3-PT FG-FGA	FT-FTA	REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
					OF	DE	TOT							
24	WHITE, Colleen..... f	5-16	1-1	0-0	3	5	8	1	11	0	3	1	1	43
31	PAPE, Amanda..... f	7-13	0-0	2-2	0	3	3	3	16	3	4	0	5	45
20	WALKER, Jasmine..... c	4-9	0-0	4-6	5	10	15	3	12	0	4	1	3	37
03	RUBINO, Nicolle..... g	3-6	0-2	0-0	0	2	2	3	6	3	7	0	5	33
22	BURKE, Kerri..... g	4-14	1-7	0-0	1	4	5	1	9	3	2	0	1	45
11	MORAY, Lisa.....	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
12	BAGNELL, Allie.....	0-1	0-0	2-2	1	1	2	0	2	2	1	0	1	8
13	DUGGAN, Colleen.....	2-3	0-0	2-3	0	0	0	0	6	1	1	0	0	11
TEAM.....					1		1							
Totals.....		25-62	2-10	10-13	11	25	36	11	62	12	23	2	16	225

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 12-25 48.0% 2nd Half: 11-29 37.9% OT: 2-8 25.0% Game: 40.3% DEADB
 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 1-3 33.3% 2nd Half: 1-5 20.0% OT: 0-2 0.0% Game: 20.0% REBS
 F Throw % 1st Half: 6-7 85.7% 2nd Half: 4-6 66.7% OT: 0-0 0.0% Game: 76.9% 2

Officials: Joann Aldrich, Robert McEntee, Don Ciminera

Technical fouls: Robert Morris-None. Sacred Heart-None.

Attendance: 175

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Robert Morris.....	29	29	10	- 68
Sacred Heart.....	31	27	4	- 62

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Robert Morris University *Colonials*

The Official Game Notes of Colonial Women's Basketball ~ NEC Championship @ St. Francis (Pa.)

Last RMU game versus St. Francis (Pa.) ...

St. Francis (Pa.) 57, Robert Morris 50 (Feb. 20, 2005)

Official Basketball Box Score -- GAME TOTALS -- FINAL STATISTICS

St. Francis (Pa.) vs Robert Morris

02/20/05 2:00 p.m. at Moon Township, Pa. / Sewall Center

VISITORS: St. Francis (Pa.) (16-9, 14-2 NEC)

##	Player Name	TOT-FG 3-PT			REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN	
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TOT								
32	BLACK, Christin.....	f	4-6	1-1	5-6	0	11	11	1	14	2	3	0	1	35
40	SCHLICHTER, Regina..	f	2-6	0-0	4-4	3	4	7	3	8	1	3	0	0	32
52	SWINK, Beth.....	c	7-13	0-0	3-3	2	5	7	4	17	2	2	1	0	36
10	BOLTEN, Sarah.....	g	3-7	0-2	0-0	1	3	4	2	6	7	1	0	0	31
12	HEIN, Amber.....	g	3-6	2-5	0-0	0	2	2	2	8	1	3	0	2	40
23	GOMPERS, Lauren.....		1-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	10
24	JACKSON, April.....		1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	2	1	3	0	2	8
34	BOLLINGER, Emily....		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
	TEAM.....					1	3	4				3			
	Totals.....		21-43	3-8	12-13	8	29	37	12	57	15	18	1	5	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half:	11-21	52.4%	2nd Half:	10-22	45.5%	Game:	48.8%	DEADB
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half:	1-3	33.3%	2nd Half:	2-5	40.0%	Game:	37.5%	REBS
F Throw % 1st Half:	5-5	100%	2nd Half:	7-8	87.5%	Game:	92.3%	0

HOME TEAM: Robert Morris (17-8, 12-4 NEC)

##	Player Name	TOT-FG 3-PT			REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN	
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TOT								
15	MONSAC, Sugiery.....	f	8-19	0-2	4-7	5	8	13	3	20	2	3	0	3	40
44	COOLEY, Tess.....	f	4-11	3-8	0-1	2	3	5	5	11	1	1	0	0	31
10	HARRIS, Amie.....	g	0-4	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	6	0	0	1	38
11	PERRY, DeSheyna.....	g	4-13	1-4	2-2	3	0	3	0	11	1	1	0	0	35
14	DAWSON, Le'Sheala...g		0-7	0-7	1-2	0	1	1	2	1	1	3	0	1	30
22	GRAVES, Marlis.....		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
23	BURKETT, Jenna.....		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
24	MULL, Arlene.....		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	11
25	McDONALD, Sarah.....		3-5	0-0	1-2	2	1	3	1	7	0	0	0	0	9
	TEAM.....					3	1	4							
	Totals.....		19-60	4-23	8-14	15	15	30	14	50	11	8	0	7	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half:	7-29	24.1%	2nd Half:	12-31	38.7%	Game:	31.7%	DEADB
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half:	0-10	0.0%	2nd Half:	4-13	30.8%	Game:	17.4%	REBS
F Throw % 1st Half:	3-4	75.0%	2nd Half:	5-10	50.0%	Game:	57.1%	3

Officials: Cathy Cronin Beam, Ken Kelly, Gary Meyers

Technical fouls: St. Francis (Pa.)-None. Robert Morris-None.

Attendance: 643

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
St. Francis (Pa.).....	28	29	- 57
Robert Morris.....	17	33	- 50