



THE ROARING LION!

Columbia Women's Basketball Newsletter 2010-11

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NEWS FROM PRIDE ROCK

With Head Coach Paul Nixon

Here in the Pride Lands we have started the season in a winless drought, but as we look at the horizon we can see some storm clouds gaining strength over the mountains, and we know it will only be a matter of time before its raining wins again. Our young team has shown some true flashes of brilliance in the early games this season, including an 87-point offensive explosion in San Diego and a near miss in our 3-point loss at Monmouth this past weekend.

Three of our first-year players, Courtney Bradford, Bri Orlich and Taylor Ward, have already shown great potential and have started at least two games each. Returning All-Ivy forward Kathleen Barry, one of our senior captains, has lead the way for us in most of our games including two double-doubles. She continues to battle hard on both ends of the court every possession, and that fight is carrying over to the rest of the team. It has been said that adversity does not in fact build character, but instead reveals it.

If that is indeed true, then this version of Columbia Lions has already shown great resilience, incredible heart and a fighting spirit that will never quit. The storm clouds are building and I am really looking forward to bathing in victory in the very near future! GO LIONS!!!

2010-11 Schedule

November

- 12 Long Island
- 16 Fairleigh Dickinson
- 19 St. John's
- 23 Manhattan
- 27 San Diego

December

- 2 Wagner
- 5 Monmouth
- 9 Fairfield
- 12 Iowa State
- 28 Hawaii
- 29 UNLV
- 30 Cal State Bakersfield

January

- 5 Lafayette
- 15 Cornell
- 19 St. Francis
- 22 Cornell
- 28 Harvard
- 29 Dartmouth

February

- 4 Brown
- 5 Yale
- 11 Princeton
- 12 Penn
- 18 Dartmouth
- 19 Harvard
- 25 Penn
- 26 Princeton

March

- 4 Yale
- 5 Brown

*Home Games are in Bold
Ivy League Game



Recruiting Corner

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Women's Basketball Staff for 2010-11



[Paul Nixon](#),
Head Coach



[Shanna Cook](#)
Assistant Coach



[Nettie Respondek](#)
Assistant Coach



[Nicole Loudon](#)
Assistant Coach



[Nick Burke](#)
Director of Basketball Operations

The Mane Lion – Player Profile



Brianna Orlich - 5'9" – Guard

Nickname: Brii

Favorite women's basketball player: Diana Taurasi

Why did you choose Columbia? Because of the exceptional academic and athletic opportunity. And because of the amazing city and people surrounding me.

Toughest opponent ever faced: Senior year. Santa Monica High School, in the Southern Section semi finals game

My pre-game ritual is: run, stretch, pray, play.

San Diego 2010-2011



Women's Basketball enjoying their trip to beautiful San Diego. Picture taken at sunset before enjoying a wonderful authentic Mexican dinner, compliments of Kathleen Barry's mother and friends.

On Campus

Women's Basketball Team Takes Part in Panel on Women, Sports and Competition

NEW YORK -- On Wednesday, Nov. 10, as the Columbia women's basketball team prepared for the start of the 2010-11 season, the Lions took a break from the hardwood and attended the Beyond The Game: Women, Sports, and Competition panel at Barnard College. The panel explored how sports has impacted women's lives beyond the playing field, addressing such questions as "Do women athletes lead differently?" and "How does professional competition impact leadership outside the sports arena?"

Panelists included Jane Geddes, U.S. Women's Open winner and Senior Vice President at the LPGA; Sarah Hughes, Olympic figure skating gold medalist; Donna Orender, President of the WNBA; and Barnard College alumna Erinn Smart '01, Olympic fencing medalist. Another Barnard graduate, Juliet Macur '92, who currently works for *The New York Times*, moderated the event. Following a question-and-answer session, the squad took part in a private dinner for the event, provided by Barnard College.



Lion's Bite

Did you know?

Lauren Dwyer '11CC ranks in the Columbia top 20 in career points (844) and rebounds (409), and stands in fourth place all-time at Columbia in career blocked shots with 113.

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Camp Zone

Women's Basketball Announces
Camp Dates for 2011

Columbia head women's basketball coach Paul Nixon has announced dates for the 2011 Paul Nixon Basketball Camp. The women's basketball elite camp is slated for June 24-26, 2011, and is open to girls ages 14-18. The girls' basketball skills camp, which is scheduled for June 27-30, is open to girls ages 7-18.

For more information on both camps, please contact assistant coach Shanna Cook at 212-854-8861 or at ssc2153@columbia.edu.



Alumni Paw Prints

Rana Sampson
'79 Barnard



- Director of Development at the San Diego Center for Children. The Center helps children thrive whose trauma, abuse or mental health challenges delay their potential for success.
- Has had a fun and varied career since graduating from Barnard in 1979, including working in the NYC Mayor's Office, becoming a NYC police officer, working in the White House on crime policy, working at a national police think tank and consulting around the world on crime reduction prior to my work at the San Diego Center for Children, where she has been volunteering for several years.
- Has played 4 years of varsity basketball at Barnard and some of her favorite memories include practicing hard from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. every weekday, being handed a subway token to go play other NYC teams, playing in the Ivy League tournaments, arriving at Cornell in the dead of winter and all of our team making snow angels in the 3 feet of snow the first night we arrived, laughing with teammates on road trips, and the pride I felt when given a varsity letter at the end of each season.

Support Columbia Women's Basketball

Good news! We have again surpassed our fundraising goal for the year raising over \$36,000 for Women's Basketball. Thanks to everyone who made an annual gift and helped us achieve this objective.

Every gift you make helps our program grow and supports critical needs like equipment and uniforms, recruiting, alumnae and networking events, and training and travel, and also supplements our operating budget—your generosity helps us achieve our ultimate goal of becoming Ivy League champions. THANKS!

As I look ahead, I see ways we can grow our base of support even more. Of the 60 gifts we received (as of Friday June 25), 19 of them were from Women's Basketball alumnae; the rest were from parents, friends of the program, and fans. Reaching and getting more support from former Women's Basketball student-athletes—whether it comes in the form of a gift, attendance at our games or events, jobs and mentoring—will be one of our priorities for next year. We can't get where we want to go without you. We need you with us. Thank you!

~ Katie Day '03 CC –'99,'00,'01,'02

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We truly appreciate your generosity. Thank you.*

