



# THE ROARING LION!

## Columbia Women's Basketball Newsletter 2010-11

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### NEWS FROM PRIDE ROCK

*With Head Coach Paul Nixon*

"The tide has finally turned for the Columbia women's basketball team's season. Taking full advantage of an extended home stand that included 7 of the last 8 games at Levien Gym, our team has picked up 5 wins and we now sit tied for third in the Ivy League with a record of 4-2! Also encouraging is that our only 3 losses in this stretch have come down to the very last shot and have been by a combined 5 points.

The team is playing very good basketball right now, and we are coming off an impressive home sweep of Brown and Yale this past weekend. Against Brown, we set a Columbia record with 15 made 3-point field goals in the game. Six different Lions connected from long range, led by Melissa Shafer (CC '12) who went 5-8 from downtown!

Against Yale, we celebrated our annual Barnard Night with the WBCA Pink Zone promotion to raise awareness and research funds for breast cancer. A boisterous crowd of over 1,200, that included several Columbia students with pink paint all over their bodies, witnessed a total team effort from the Lions highlighted by one of our best defensive performances of the year.

Kathleen Barry (CC '11) and Taylor Ward (BC '14) led the Columbia charge with 4 steals apiece, combining for almost half of our season-high 17 steals as a team. This helped account for most of Yale's 25 turnovers. The Lions also blocked 5 shots, helping Columbia lead the Ivy League in that category in conference games only. We are also 1st in conference games only in Steals, Offensive Rebounds, Total Rebounds and 3-pointers made per game. With just under half the Ivy League season left to play, Columbia is poised to ROAR to the finish! 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*



### 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



### Blaine Frohlich - 6'1" – Forward

- Nickname(s): Blainey, Blaineski
- Why did you choose Columbia? Not only does Columbia offer incredible academics, it has amazing people as well. I could not have asked to be surrounded by better teammates, coaches, and staff members.
- My pregame ritual is: listening to my Ipod
- Favorite thing to do in New York City: I love to explore Central Park because there is always something novel and exciting happening.

## WBCA Pink Zone Night

### Columbia Athletics Department Raises Money For Breast Cancer Research



NEW YORK -- On Saturday, Feb. 5, the Columbia University women's basketball team hosted its annual Pink Zone Night, an initiative sponsored by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association to promote breast cancer awareness. Pink Zone, formerly known as Think Pink, is a global, unified effort for the WBCA nation of coaches to assist in raising breast cancer awareness on the court, across campuses, in communities and beyond.

Half of all ticket revenue from the contest against Yale, as well as game-day donations by the fans in attendance, were collected. All game-day donations were also matched dollar-for-dollar by Fairway Markets, an official sponsor of Columbia Athletics. All told, \$5,209 will be donated to breast cancer research at the Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center at the Columbia University Medical Center.

The total donation is the highest in the four-year history of the program at Columbia and raised the total donation pool over those four years to \$17,356.

An impressive 1,248 fans were on hand at Levien Gymnasium and saw the Lions win their third straight Ivy League contest, 67-57 over Yale. Junior [Melissa Shafer](#) sparked Columbia off the bench with a team-high 14 points and six assists, while three other players reached double figures in scoring for the home team.

## On Campus

### Five questions with women's basketball point guard Taylor Ball



*Women's basketball point guard Taylor Ball played great last weekend. She scored a career-high 10 points on Saturday at Pink Zone Night, helping her team to its third straight win. Ball changed the game's momentum at the end of the first half with a contested layup, going coast-to-coast in less than five seconds. Read after the jump for our tenth installment of "Five Questions," with the aforementioned Taylor Ball.*

- 1. If you didn't play basketball, what sport would you play?** If I didn't play basketball, I'd probably be a gymnast. That's what I did before I switched to basketball when I was little.
- 2. What's the strangest thing you've ever heard from the stands?** I couldn't tell you exactly the strangest thing I've heard from the stands, but I can tell you I think our band is hilarious. They say some wild stuff.
- 3. What's your favorite intersection in New York City?**  
My favorite intersection in NYC is basically any intersection in Times Square. The lights are absolutely beautiful!
- 4. Why did you choose to wear No. 4? [Ball wore No. 44 last year]**  
Four is my favorite number! Always has been, so I had to snag it as soon as D. Browne [BC '10 and starter on the women's team last year] left.
- 5. What is a random fact that most people wouldn't know about you?**  
I am a lover of food ... but especially baked goods! I lovvveee baking so much! I don't get to do it much at school, but at home, I'm a baking machine!

## Lion's Bite

### Kathleen Barry Picks Up Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-District I First Team Honors



NEW YORK -- For the second consecutive season, Columbia senior women's basketball student-athlete [Kathleen Barry](#) has been named to the Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-District I First Team, for her prowess both on the basketball court and in the classroom. It is the third straight district award for Barry, who was named to the second team as a sophomore, and with the first-team honor Barry is now eligible for Academic All-America consideration.

The reigning Ivy League Player of the Week, Barry currently leads all Ivy League players in rebounding (7.6 RPG) and has flourished in her first four conference contests. The 5-10 co-captain has notched a double-double in all four Ivy League games the Lions have played, and is averaging 14.0 points and 12.3 rebounds over the stretch. Most recently, Barry helped the Lions to a 67-61 win over Dartmouth on Jan. 29 by scoring 14 points, pulling down 11 boards and tallying three steals in 31 minutes of play. The Valley Center, Calif. native leads Columbia in scoring at 11.3 points per contest and ranks second on the squad with 26 steals. One of the top students in her graduating class at Columbia College, Barry, an economics/mathematics and Spanish major, has been named to the Academic All-Ivy League team in each of the last two years and maintains a 3.99 grade point average.

Barry and the Lions, who are 2-2 in Ivy League play, will continue their 2010-11 campaign on Friday, Feb. 4 against Brown at Levien Gymnasium. The following night, Columbia women's basketball will host its annual Women's Basketball Coaches Association Pink Zone Night to help support breast cancer awareness. Tickets are only \$5 for the tilt against Yale, which will tipoff at 7 p.m., and half of all ticket sales from Saturday evening will be donated to breast cancer research.

## 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](mailto:ssc2153@columbia.edu).



# Did you know?

"The Lions set a new school record for three-point field goals made in a game against Brown on Feb. 4, hitting 15 three-pointers in a 72-49 victory over the Bears at Levien Gymnasium. Six different Columbia players made at least one three, led by junior Melissa Shafer '12CC who had five."

## Alumni Paw Prints



Renee Jackson  
CC'99



- Current Job: Associate Attorney, Labor & Employment, Nixon Peabody LLP
- Hometown: Cambridge, Massachusetts
- Named MVP for the 2011 Alumnae game played at Levien Gymnasium on January 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Memorable experiences: When you boil it down, what I remember the most is bonding with my teammates over: long bus rides, repeated(ly boring) meals at Tom's Diner, late night meals and/or eating contests at Wien, dips in the ice bath in the training room, desolate winter breaks on campus, hatred for Harvard and Dartmouth, and laughing at/with each other (the only way to cope with losing that many games). Laughing. I remember a lot of laughing.

## ROAR, LIONS, ROAR!

### Support Columbia Women's Basketball

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!

Don't forget to join us for alumnae weekend on January 28th as we take on Harvard and January 29th vs. Dartmouth at Columbia University's Levien Gymnasium.

~ Katie Day '03 CC -'99,'00,'01,'02

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We truly appreciate your generosity. Thank you.*

