

# THE ROARING LION

COLUMBIA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NEWSLETTER

## 2015-16 GAME SCHEDULE

### NOVEMBER

6	EXHIBITION vs. MANSFIELD	7PM
13	UMBC	12pm
17	VERMONT	7PM
20	UMass-Lowell	7pm
23	STONY BROOK	7PM
28	LOYOLA MARYLAND	2PM

### DECEMBER

1	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	12PM
5	ASU Tournament	7pm
6	ASU Tournament	TBA
9	BINGHAMTON	7PM
12	Rhode Island	2pm
14	LIU (Brooklyn)	7pm
30	WAGNER COLLEGE	7PM

### JANUARY

3	CENTRAL PENN	2PM
6	Fairleigh Dickinson	7pm
11	NJIT	7PM
16	CORNELL	4:30PM
23	Cornell	1pm
29	DARTMOUTH	7PM
30	HARVARD	6PM

### FEBRUARY

5	YALE	7PM
6	BROWN	6PM
12	Pennsylvania	7pm
13	Princeton	7pm
19	Harvard	6pm
20	Dartmouth	7pm
26	PRINCETON	7PM
28	PENNSYLVANIA	3PM

### MARCH

4	Brown	7pm
5	Yale	7pm

\*HOME GAMES ARE IN BOLD CAPS

\*\*All games are Eastern Standard Times

## March 2016

### NEWS FROM THE LION'S DEN WITH SHEILA ROUX

*In the beginning of February, we hosted a very special event in honor of the legendary Coach Kay Yow. We are so appreciative of the entire Columbia community rallying in support of the Play4Kay cause to make the night a memorable success. From the servers in the dining hall wearing pink shirts and handing out pink desserts, to over 600 fans cheering on the lions - everyone found a way to get involved. The night was an awesome success, and we want to thank you for your support and contributions!*

*We finished the month by honoring our two seniors, Kayla Patton and Sara Mead, in their final game at Levien Gymnasium. These two women have outstanding character, and there is no doubt they have very bright futures ahead of them. From winning 5 games as first-years to already achieving 12 wins their senior year, Sara and KP have been instrumental pieces in changing the culture here at Columbia. We appreciate the examples they have set by leading with a team-first attitude, handling adversity with grace, and having an exceptional work ethic. These core values will continue to be our foundation for building a championship program here at Columbia.*

*We finish out conference play with a trip to Brown and Yale. Throughout the season, my staff and I have challenged our players to have an intense focus, share positive energy, and play with toughness. We are proud of the way they have responded and look forward to closing out the season with that same fight!*



# Kayla Patton

No words could capture my experience at Columbia, although it's an experience that I feel lucky to have had and I know there's nothing else quite like it. Being at Columbia has challenged me in more ways than I could have ever imagined and I know I am all the better for it.



Some of the memories I will cherish most are walking onto campus for the first time, sleeping under the stars on the lawn in front of Low Library, finishing the last final at the end of the year, anything with my team, exploring the city, canoeing and camping along the Hudson River, eating at Mel's Burgers, and I'm sure one of my most favorite memories will be walking across the stage at graduation.

After graduation I will be going home to Arizona to get a dog, a tan, and an job in real estate development. I plan to work hard and play hard for a few years until going to business school to get an MBA. In my long term future, I'd like to get a cat to accompany my dog and build a tiny house while becoming a leader in real estate development.

# Sara Mead

My time at Columbia has been exciting and well-spent. There have been a lot of changes over the last four years in terms of basketball but I have learned how to embrace them and quickly adapt to new situations. I've met some pretty incredible people on this campus and I'm confident those relationships will continue well after graduation. My team has become my family and I feel incredibly blessed to have had a tight group of sisters to walk beside me through these four years. Looking back over my time at Columbia, I wouldn't change too much, as each experience has helped develop me into the person that I am today.



My fondest memories at Columbia definitely involve time spent with the team. Some of the sweetest moments these last four years were spent laughing and acting silly in the locker room and on long bus rides, and then channeling that energy into tough play on the court. Having the chance to share in such special moments with my girls (beating Harvard on our home court, beating Rhode Island in overtime with a last second shot, and achieving the best non-conference record at CU) has been truly incredible.

My dream is to work as a forensic investigator or special agent for the FBI or CIA. I would also love to start a family and move down south to warmer weather.



**THANK YOU SENIORS!**