



Robert Morris Women's Basketball

8 CONFERENCE REGULAR-SEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS // 8 CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS
// 9 POSTSEASON APPEARANCES [6 NCAA, 2 WNIT, 1 WBI]

Game 9 // Sunday, December 12

Robert Morris (3-5, 1-3 HL)
at Miami (6-3, 0-0 ACC)

7:00 p.m. EST // Coral Gables, Fla. // Watsco Center

HC: Charlie Buscaglia (6th)

HC: Katie Meier (17th)

Record at RMU: 99-53

Record at GB: 303-198

Overall Record: 99-53

Overall Record: 379-243

Last Five: L-W-W-L-W

Last Five: L-L-W-W-W



Know Bobby Mo

• The Colonials continue non-conference play with their first ever matchup with the Miami Hurricanes. Bobby Mo is coming off of back-to-back losses against Green Bay and Milwaukee last weekend.

• In a vote of Horizon League head coaches, RMU was picked to finish ninth in the league in 2021-22. IUPUI, which received 11 first-place votes, was picked as the preseason favorite, while Milwaukee was picked second, followed by Green Bay, Northern Kentucky and Oakland. The Phoenix earned one first-place tally, followed by Cleveland State, Wright State and Youngstown State, which were tied for seventh with the Colonials, then UIC, Purdue Fort Wayne and Detroit Mercy.

• The Colonials return three key starters in 2022 including fifth-year guard Nina Augustin, senior guard Esther Castedo and sophomore forward Sol Castro. The trio combined for 438 points and 177 rebounds during the abbreviated 2020-21 season.

PROJECTED STARTERS

G - 12, Nina Augustin, 5'6, Gr. | 5.1 PPG, 1.9 RPG, 3.0 APG | 8GP/8GS

G - 22, Esther Castedo, 5'7 Sr. | 11.4 PPG, 3.6 RPG, 2.3 APG | 8GP/8GS

F - 24, Sol Castro, 6'1 So. | 8.8 PPG, 4.6 RPG, 1.1 APG | 8GP/8GS

G - 35, Simone Morris, 5'10 Fr. | 4.4 PPG, 1.4 APG, 0.6 APG | 8GP/8GS

C - 43, Ashya Klopfenstein, 6'1 Jr. | 6.1 PPG, 5.0 RPG, 0.9 APG | 8GP/8GS

PROJECTED BENCH

1 - Janeira Scott	Fr.	5-2	G	Bridgeville, Del.
2 - Mackenzie Amalia	So.	5-5	G	Beaver Falls, Pa.
4 - Danielle Vuletech	Fr.	6-2	G	Berlin Center, Ohio
5 - Jazmyne DeShields	Fr.	5-10	G	Memphis, Tenn.
11 - Natalie Villaflor	Sr.	5-10	G/F	Ashburn, Va.
14 - Rebecca Dwomoh	Fr.	5-10	G	London, England
23 - Phoenix Gedeon	Fr.	6-0	F	Montreal, Quebec
44 - Alejandra Mastral	Fr.	5-8	G	Zaragoza, Spain

2021-22 Schedule

NOVEMBER

9 [Tues.] @ St. Bonaventure	L, 61-53
13 [Sat.] AKRON	L, 60-50
18 [Thurs.] @ Detroit Mercy *	W, 55-46
20 [Sat.] @ Oakland *	L, 65-60
24 [Wed.] MOREHEAD STATE	W, 69-45
27 [Sat.] @ Canisius	W, 57-43

DECEMBER

2 [Thurs.] GREEN BAY*	L, 63-44
4 [Sat.] MILWAUKEE *	L, 66-47
12 [Sun.] @ Miami [Fla.]	1:00 PM
18 [Sat.] ST. BONAVENTURE	1:00 PM
20 [Wed.] WAYNESBURG	7:00 PM
30 [Thurs.] CLEVELAND STATE *	7:00 PM

JANUARY

1 [Sat.] PURDUE FORT WAYNE *	1:00 PM
7 [Fri.] @ Northern Kentucky *	7:00 PM
9 [Sun.] @ Wright State*	2:00 PM
14 [Fri.] IUPUI *	7:00 PM
16 [Sun.] UIC *	1:00 PM
20 [Thurs.] YOUNGSTOWN STATE *	7:00 PM
22 [Sat.] @ Youngstown State *	1:00 PM
28 [Fri.] OAKLAND *	7:00 PM
30 [Sun.] DETROIT MERCY *	1:00 PM

FEBRUARY

3 [Thurs.] @ Milwaukee *	8:00 PM
5 [Sat.] @ Green Bay *	2:00 PM
11 [Fri.] @ Purdue Fort Wayne *	5:00 PM
13 [Sun.] @ Cleveland State *	2:00 PM
18 [Fri.] WRIGHT STATE *	7:00 PM
20 [Sun.] NORTHERN KENTUCKY *	1:00 PM
24 [Thurs.] @ UIC *	5:00 PM
26 [Sat.] @ IUPUI *	TBA

MARCH

1-6	Horizon League Early Rounds	TBA
7 [Mon.]	Horizon League Semifinals	TBA
8 [Tues.]	Horizon League Championship	TBA

RMU ON AIR TALENT

Play-by-play.....	Adam Gusky
Color.....	Justin Pyles

SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter/IG/FB.....	@RMUWBasketball
Youtube	RMUathletics
Hashtags.....	#RMUunite, #HoopTownship

THE BUSCAGLIA FILE

Born:	November 26, 1979
Appointed:	March 7, 2015 (7th HC in team history) *Appointed head coach in waiting
Alma Mater	Manhattan '03
Degree	Bachelor of Science in General Studies

Seasons Coaching:	22
Seasons as Head Coach:	6
Alma Mater	Manhattan '03
Career Record	99-53 (.651)
Record at RMU	99-53 (.651)
Conference Record	69-22 (.758)
Postseason Tournament Record	0-2 (.000)
NCAA Tournamnet Appearances	2
Women's NIT Appearances	1
WBI Appearances	0
Conference Regular-Season Champs	4
Conference Tournament Championships	2

COACHING HONORS

2017 NEC Brenda Reilly Coach of the Year
2018 NEC Brenda Reilly Coach of the Year
2019 NEC Brenda Reilly Coach of the Year
2020 NEC Brenda Reilly Coach of the Year

EXPERIENCE

2017-Present	Robert Morris Head Coach
2008-16	Robert Morris Associate Head Coach
2003-08	Robert Morris Assistant Coach
1998-03	Manhattan Assistant Coach

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

2016-17	Most wins [22] for a RMU first-year head coach
2017-28	School record for victories [25] in a season

RMU BEFORE & SINCE BUSCAGLIA'S ARRIVAL

	BEFORE (1970-03)	SINCE (2003-Present)
Overall Record	326-408	321-232
Conference Record	120-182	223-102
20-Win Seasons	2	11
Conference Titles	0	8
Conference Tournament Titles	3	6
NCAA Tournaments	0	6
Women's NIT	0	2
WBI Appearances	0	1
Postseason Appearances	1	9
Conference Player of the Year	0	6
Conference Rookie of the Year	0	2

RMU CAREER WIN LEADERS

Name	Record	League (Pct.)	Seasons
1. Sal Buscaglia	225-178 (.558)	152-64 (.704)	2003-2016
2. Dan Swalga	211-137 (.606)	60-27 (.689)	1978-1991
3. Charlie Buscaglia	99-53 (.651)	69-22 (.758)	2003-

Charlie Buscaglia

Sixth season as RMU Head Coach

Charlie Buscaglia is in his sixth season as head coach of the Robert Morris University women's basketball team in 2021-22. Coach B, as he is respectfully called, is no stranger to the Colonials' basketball program, however. The long-time assistant spent 13 seasons on the RMU coaching staff before taking over the head coaching role, and served as the associate head coach from 2008-09 to 2015-16.

In its first season as a Horizon League member in 2020-21, Buscaglia led Robert Morris to a two-game sweep at home of Wright State, who would ultimately win the league's regular-season and tournament championships before advancing to the NCAA Tournament Round of 32. The Colonials paced their conference counterparts in turnover margin (+2.65) and turnovers per game (13.5), and freshman forward Sol Castro represented the team as a Horizon League All-Freshman selection.

RMU had a special 2019-20 campaign, winning its fourth consecutive Northeast Conference (NEC) regular-season championship – becoming the first team to rattle off four straight since 2001-05. The Colonials finished 23-7 overall, and boasted one of the best defenses in the nation – ranking sixth in scoring defense (52.6), 10th in three-point field goal defense (.266), 11th in turnovers forced (21.17), 12th in field goal percentage defense (.346), 17th in turnover margin (+5.57), and 20th in steals (10.7). RMU went a program-tying 17-1 in the NEC, won seven games by 30+ points, and featured three All-NEC selections in First Team selection Nneka Ezeigbo, Second Team pick Irekpitani Ozyy-Momodu, and Third Team selection Isabella Posset.

Coach B tied the conference record with his fourth Brenda Reilly NEC Coach of the Year nod, all of them consecutive. The Colonials established school records in scoring defense, scoring margin (+12.4), field goal percentage defense, and NEC start (14-0), and achieved notable accomplishments such as first win over a BIG EAST school (W, 71-57 vs. Xavier) and the program's fifth straight and 13th total 20-win season. RMU had advanced to the NEC Tournament semifinals in its first season playing at Peoples Court at the UPMC Events Center before the remainder of the season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Colonials lived up to preseason expectations in 2018-19, as the NEC preseason favorite went 22-11 overall and 16-2 in league play, winning the NEC regular-season and tournament titles. RMU advanced to play No. 5 Louisville in the NCAA Tournament First Round, the team's fourth consecutive postseason tournament appearance. The Colonials closed out their two-year stay at the North Athletic Complex with a 65-54 victory over in-state rival Saint Francis U in the NEC Championship Game, finishing with a 28-5 record at 'The NAC', a mark that included a perfect 22-0 mark against NEC opponents.

Once again, defense told the story of the RMU's success. The Colonials ranked 12th nationally in scoring defense – their third straight season inside the top 25 – by allowing just 55.3 points per game. Coach B earned his third consecutive Brenda Reilly NEC Coach of the Year award, establishing a new league record. Nneka Ezeigbo and Isabella Posset were named to All-NEC teams, highlighted by Ezeigbo's First Team and NEC Defensive Player of the Year nods. Posset, the program's first player from the Pittsburgh area since 2013-14, was named to the All-NEC Rookie Team.

Buscaglia came to Robert Morris from Manhattan College, the 2003 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) champions and NCAA Tournament participant, where he was an assistant from 1998 to 2003. While at Manhattan, Buscaglia focused mainly on recruiting and developing the perimeter players. He signed Rosalee Mason, who averaged a double-double for the Lady Jaspers and finished her career as Manhattan's all-time leading scorer and rebounder. She is one of the many players Coach B has signed that has played professionally in Europe.

A native of Buffalo, N.Y., Buscaglia graduated from Manhattan in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science degree in general studies. Buscaglia, his wife, Rose-line, and their son, Saso, currently reside in Moon Township.

SERIES HISTORY

OVERALL: 0-0// HOME: 0-0 // AWAY: 0-0 // NEUTRAL 0-0

Sunday marks the first ever meeting between Miami and RMU.

- The Colonials are trying to correct a two-game losing skid after dropping back-to-back home contests against Green Bay and Milwaukee last week. Sunday sees them head to Coral Gables Florida for their first ever meeting with the Miami Hurricanes.

- RMU is 2-1 on the season against first-time opponents. They had previously been a perfect 2-0 after recording wins against Canisius and Detroit Mercy in their first ever matchups earlier this season before dropping their first ever matchup with the Phoenix last week.

- Currently at 99 wins in his RMU career, head coach Charlie Buscaglia has a chance to earn career victory #100 Saturday when the Phoenix roll into town. Buscaglia would join predecessors Sal Buscaglia and Dan Swalga on the list of RMU WBB coaches to hit the century mark.

- Esther Castedo has seen her productivity jump significantly over the first eight games of her senior campaign in Moon Township. The Spanish national leads the Colonials in scoring average at 11.4, up from her mark of 9.9 a year ago, and has improved from the field. Currently shooting 44.6% from the field and 35.1% from three, Castedo has been RMU's most efficient scorer and has improved on a 2021 campaign that saw her shoot 41.3% from the field and 29.8% from three.

- Freshman Janeira Scott became the final member of the RMU freshman class to make her season debut earlier this season against Morehead State. Simone Morris currently leads all RMU rookies in scoring, averaging 4.4 points per game.

- Returning as starters for the Colonials are fifth-year guard Nina Augustin, senior guard Esther Castedo and sophomore forward Sol Castro. The trio combined for 438 points and 177 rebounds during the abbreviated 2020-21 season.

- In a vote of Horizon League head coaches, RMU was picked to finish ninth in the league in 2021-22. Sophomore forward Sol Castro earned a spot on the 2021 Preseason All-Horizon League Second Team.

- Through eight games, Castedo leads RMU in scoring average [11.1] and is second in assists [18], while Castro sits right behind her at 8.8 PPG. Castro paced the Colonials in both categories during her rookie year in 2021, averaging 9.9 points and 5.5 rebounds per contest, both of which led RMU. For her efforts she was named to the 2021 Horizon League All-Freshman Team.

- Fifth-year guard Nina Augustin is RMU's active leader in points with 740 and moved into 12th-place on the RMU All-Time career assists leader board with four earlier this season in RMU's 2021-22 opener. She needs 12 more to crack the top-ten all-time, and has a shot to become the eighth player in school history to eclipse 300.

The All-Time Series (Miami) - Sunday will be RMU's fourth meeting with a first-time opponent this season as they fly south to Coral Gables, Florida for a meeting with the Miami Hurricanes. At 6-3 on the year so far, Miami beefed up its front court this season with the additions of 6'4 transfers Maeva Djaldi-Tabid (Syracuse) and Lola Pendande (Utah). Graduate student Kelsey Marshall has scored 15-plus points in four consecutive games, most recently to leading the Hurricanes to a 78-65 victory over the Arkansas-Pine Bluff Golden Lions.

Shooting Gallery - RMU has been one of the stingiest defensive teams in the Horizon League in terms of limiting quality shots against this season. Through eight games, the Colonials are just one of four HL programs who have held opponents to under .400 from the field, and they have limited the opposition to just 28.3% from three, third lowest in the league. The Colonials have held opponents to under 20% in a game from three five times so far this year.

- Helper Helper: Fifth-year guard Nina Augustin gives the Colonials a solid distributor heading into her final year with the program. Following last weekend's games, Augustin has dished out 266 career assists in 119 games, an average of 2.20 per contest. She ranks 12th all-time in program history, and to crack the top 10 in her final season with the Colonials needs 12 more. She is also looking to become the eighth player in school history to eclipse 300.

- Free Is Me: In addition to her distribution skills, fifth-year guard Nina Augustin is nearly automatic when getting to the free-throw line. During her career, Augustin has converted 81.8 percent (144-for-176) of her attempts at the charity stripe, which ranks fourth in program history. The career school record is held by former guard Rebecca Navarro, who shot 84.8 percent (95-for-112) at the line from 2013 to 2017. Augustin, meanwhile, owns the RMU single-season record for free-throw percentage when she converted 89.4 percent (59-for-66) of her attempts during the 2019-20 campaign.

- De La Sol: Despite a season both shortened and impacted by a global pandemic, forward Sol Castro shined in her first season with the Colonials in 2020-21, becoming the first freshman to lead RMU in scoring in almost 20 years. Castro averaged 9.9 points and 5.5 rebounds per game, both team highs, and also recorded three double-doubles. One of three Colonials to start all 17 games last season, Castro reached double figures in scoring nine times, including a career-high 23 points in a 50-43 victory over Wright State (1/16/21) at the UPMC Events Center.

RMU TALE OF THE TAPE VS. GB

3-5.....	2021-22 Record	6-3
277.....	2021-22 RPI.....	109
54.4.....	Points Per Game.....	61.9
56.1.....	Points Allowed Per Game.....	57.8
-1.8.....	Scoring Margin	+ 4.1
.378.....	Field Goal Pct.....	.373
.300.....	Three-Point FG Pct.....	.268
6.4.....	Three-Point FG Per Game	6.3
63.2.....	Free Throw Pct.....	66.7
.389.....	Field Goal Pct. Defense382
.283.....	3-Pt. FG Pct. Defense268
- 3.6	Rebound Margin.....	1.3
10.9.....	Assists Per Game	13.4
16.0.....	Turnovers Per Game.....	17.7
+ 1.3.....	Turnover Margin.....	2.9
0.7.....	Assist / Turnover Ratio.....	0.8
6.9.....	Steals Per Game.....	10.1
1.0.....	Blocks Per Game	3.4



**2021-22 Robert Morris Women's Basketball
Season/Career Statistics
All games**

Summary

Player	Season Statistics										Career Statistics									
	GP-GS	MIN/G	FG%	3FG%	FT%	R/G	A/G	STL	BLK	PTS/G	GP-GS	MIN/G	FG%	3FG%	FT%	R/G	A/G	STL	BLK	PTS/G
AMALIA, Mackenzie	8-0	20.1	.300	.286	.625	2.8	1.4	6	0	5.9	23-0	14.7	.311	.313	.615	2.1	0.9	10	0	4.3
AUGUSTIN, Nina	8-8	25.9	.311	.300	1.000	1.9	3.0	8	0	5.1	119-61	23.2	.353	.337	.818	1.6	2.2	129	6	6.2
CASTEDO, Esther	8-8	32.8	.446	.351	.571	3.6	2.3	10	0	11.4	87-30	22.2	.367	.313	.744	2.4	1.8	76	14	7.2
CASTRO, Sol	8-8	29.7	.415	.250	.536	4.6	1.1	5	3	8.8	25-25	29.3	.442	.200	.515	5.2	1.4	20	12	9.5
DESHIELDS, Jazmyne	5-0	4.3	.667	.667	.000	0.6	0.0	1	0	1.2	5-0	4.3	.667	.667	.000	0.6	0.0	1	0	1.2
DWOMOH, Rebecca	4-0	7.4	.333	.000	.000	1.0	0.3	3	0	1.0	4-0	7.4	.333	.000	.000	1.0	0.3	3	0	1.0
GEDEON, Phoenix	8-0	12.7	.500	.000	.545	4.5	0.1	1	0	4.0	8-0	12.7	.500	.000	.545	4.5	0.1	1	0	4.0
KLOPFENSTEIN, Ashya	8-8	24.5	.487	.000	.647	5.0	0.9	10	2	6.1	8-8	24.5	.487	.000	.647	5.0	0.9	10	2	6.1
MASTRAL, Alejandra	8-0	17.3	.265	.200	.800	1.4	0.9	5	0	3.8	8-0	17.3	.265	.200	.800	1.4	0.9	5	0	3.8
MORRIS, Simone	8-8	16.9	.310	.294	.800	1.4	0.6	2	3	4.4	8-8	16.9	.310	.294	.800	1.4	0.6	2	3	4.4
SCOTT, Jeneira	2-0	2.6	.333	.500	1.000	0.0	0.5	1	0	2.5	2-0	2.6	.333	.500	1.000	0.0	0.5	1	0	2.5
VILLAFLOR, Natalie	8-0	11.2	.290	.571	1.000	0.9	0.4	3	0	2.9	88-0	15.5	.362	.311	.707	2.5	0.5	49	26	3.3
VULETICH, Danielle	4-0	3.6	.500	.000	.000	1.0	0.0	0	0	0.5	4-0	3.6	.500	.000	.000	1.0	0.0	0	0	0.5

Scoring

Player	Season Statistics									Career Statistics							
	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	PTS	PTS/G	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	PTS	PTS/G	
AMALIA, Mackenzie	15-50	.300	12-42	.286	5-8	.625	47	5.9	33-106	.311	25-80	.313	8-13	.615	99	4.3	
AUGUSTIN, Nina	14-45	.311	9-30	.300	4-4	1.000	41	5.1	231-654	.353	132-392	.337	144-176	.818	738	6.2	
CASTEDO, Esther	37-83	.446	13-37	.351	4-7	.571	91	11.4	232-633	.367	97-310	.313	67-90	.744	628	7.2	
CASTRO, Sol	27-65	.415	1-4	.250	15-28	.536	70	8.8	100-226	.442	4-20	.200	34-66	.515	238	9.5	
DESHIELDS, Jazmyne	2-3	.667	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	6	1.2	2-3	.667	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	6	1.2	
DWOMOH, Rebecca	2-6	.333	0-4	.000	0-2	.000	4	1.0	2-6	.333	0-4	.000	0-2	.000	4	1.0	
GEDEON, Phoenix	13-26	.500	0-0	.000	6-11	.545	32	4.0	13-26	.500	0-0	.000	6-11	.545	32	4.0	
KLOPFENSTEIN, Ashya	19-39	.487	0-4	.000	11-17	.647	49	6.1	19-39	.487	0-4	.000	11-17	.647	49	6.1	
MASTRAL, Alejandra	9-34	.265	4-20	.200	8-10	.800	30	3.8	9-34	.265	4-20	.200	8-10	.800	30	3.8	
MORRIS, Simone	13-42	.310	5-17	.294	4-5	.800	35	4.4	13-42	.310	5-17	.294	4-5	.800	35	4.4	
SCOTT, Jeneira	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	2-2	1.000	5	2.5	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	2-2	1.000	5	2.5	
VILLAFLOR, Natalie	9-31	.290	4-7	.571	1-1	1.000	23	2.9	112-309	.362	28-90	.311	41-58	.707	293	3.3	
VULETICH, Danielle	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	0.5	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	0.5	

Totals

Player	Season Statistics									Career Statistics								
	O-REB	D-REB	TOTAL	PF	FO	A	TO	A/TO	O-REB	D-REB	TOTAL	PF	FO	A	TO	A/TO		
AMALIA, Mackenzie	3	19	22	12	0	11	12	0.9	5	43	48	23	0	21	24	0.9		
AUGUSTIN, Nina	3	12	15	18	0	24	12	2.0	34	162	196	225	2	266	226	1.2		
CASTEDO, Esther	5	24	29	16	0	18	22	0.8	56	151	207	117	0	157	152	1.0		
CASTRO, Sol	12	25	37	26	1	9	26	0.3	36	94	130	81	5	34	63	0.5		
DESHIELDS, Jazmyne	0	3	3	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	3	3	2	0	0	0	0.0		
DWOMOH, Rebecca	1	3	4	1	0	1	2	0.5	1	3	4	1	0	1	2	0.5		
GEDEON, Phoenix	12	24	36	18	0	1	8	0.1	12	24	36	18	0	1	8	0.1		
KLOPFENSTEIN, Ashya	11	29	40	14	0	7	15	0.5	11	29	40	14	0	7	15	0.5		
MASTRAL, Alejandra	5	6	11	13	0	7	9	0.8	5	6	11	13	0	7	9	0.8		
MORRIS, Simone	4	7	11	19	0	5	7	0.7	4	7	11	19	0	5	7	0.7		
SCOTT, Jeneira	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.0		
VILLAFLOR, Natalie	4	3	7	11	0	3	8	0.4	67	153	220	143	1	43	65	0.7		
VULETICH, Danielle	1	3	4	3	0	0	1	0.0	1	3	4	3	0	0	1	0.0		