

2020-21 MERRIMACK COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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GAME #7

MERRIMACK COLLEGE WARRIORS (2-4, 0-0 NEC)

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY #16 (5-1, 0-0 SEC)

DECEMBER 5, 2021 | 2 P.M. | LEXINGTON, K.Y. | MEMORIAL COLISEUM

2021-22 RESULTS

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November

Tue.	9	@ Vermont	L, 87-57
Fri.	12	@Rhode Island	L, 106-42
Tue.	16	vs. Albany	W, 65-52
Sun.	21	@ Lehigh	L, 85-64
Sat.	27	vs. Dartmouth	W, 73-65
Tue.	30	@ Harvard	L, 75-99

*Northeast Conference Game

MULTIMEDIA INFORMATION

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SETTING THE SCENE

The Warriors hit the road for the fifth time this season, but this trip is a little bit different than the rest. Merrimack will fly to Kentucky and spend the entire weekend in Lexington for team bonding before they take on the Wildcats. This game is questionably the biggest matchup in program history so look for the Warriors to make a splash.

SCOUTING THE WILDCATS

Starting the year off 5-1 with an undefeated 5-0 record at home, the Wildcats are ranked #16 in the country for good reason. They are led by guard Rhyne Howard who lists at the top of the squad in scoring with 123 total points. Rhyne also leads Kentucky in total rebounds with 46 so it will be important for the Warriors to keep her at bay.

LAST TIME OUT

Merrimack continued their hot streak on the offensive side of the ball for the second straight game against Harvard. They broke their season high in points against the Crimson with 75 while shooting an efficient 50% from the field and 59% from three. Junior, Jayme DeCesare, was dishing the ball to her teammates all night long as she ended the game tied for her career-high in assists with nine helpers. Graduate student, Mayson Kimball, was lighting it up as well offensively as she finished the game with a team-high 24 points while going 8-16 from the field and 5-8 from beyond the arch.

MAGER BREAKS THREE POINT RECORD

Senior, Kate Mager, broke the all time three point field goal's made record this past weekend against Dartmouth surpassing Chloe Rothman's (15) record of 189. Early in the contest DeCesare swung a perfect pass to Mager who buried her second three of the game to break the record and put her career number at 190. Mager continued her success from beyond the arch hitting three more to put her at 193 all time three point shots made as she stands alone at the top.

SERIES HISTORY

The Warriors and the Wildcats have never once matched up before they will on Sunday, so there will be quite the feeling out process, but once they get into game action expect fireworks on both offense and defense for both squads.

PROJECTED STARTING FIVE

Jayme DeCesare

- Junior | 5-5 | Guard
- Johnston, R.I.
- La Salle Academy

Kate Mager

- Senior | 5-9 | Guard
- New City, N.Y.
- Albertus Magnus

Mayson Kimball

- Grad. | 5-11 | Forward
- Webster, N.H.
- Tilton School

Paige McCormick

- Grad. | 5-11 | Forward
- Heuvelton, N.Y.
- Roberts Wesleyan

Teneisia Brown

- Sophomore | 6-2 | Forward
- Mount Vernon, N.Y.
- St. Andrews School

2021-22 MERRIMACK LEADERS

AVERAGES	TOTALS
POINTS KATE MAGER (13.8)	POINTS MAYSON KIMBALL (56)
REBOUNDS PAIGE MCCORMICK (7.2)	REBOUNDS PAIGE MCCORMICK (36)
ASSISTS JAYME DECESARE (2.8)	ASSISTS JAYME DECESARE (14)
BLOCKS AMAYA STATON (0.8)	BLOCKS AMAYA STATON (4)
STEALS DIAMOND CHRISTIAN (1.6)	STEALS DIAMOND CHRISTIAN (8)
FG% KATE MAGER (54.5%)	FIELD GOALS TENEISIA BROWN (22)
3PT% KATE MAGER (56.5%)	3-PT FGs KATE MAGER (13)
FT% KATE MAGER (100%)	FREE THROWS KATE MAGER (11)

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THE MORRONE CAPSULE

Kelly Morrone begins her tenure as the seventh head coach in the history of the Merrimack College women's basketball program. Morrone brings 117 career victories with her, spending the past seven seasons at DII John Carroll University in Ohio. Morrone brought that program to new heights, reaching its first three NCAA Tournaments over her seven-year stretch. She boasts plenty of DI experience too, playing at the University of South Carolina while coaching at William & Mary (2012-13), Rhode Island (2010-12), Davidson (2008-10) and Buffalo (2005-08).

FILLS THE STAT SHEET

Senior, Kate Mager, has been filling up the stat sheet after a slow start to the season. The New City, N.Y. native has scored in double figures in four straight games while shooting a team high 54.8% from three. Grad. Student and transfer, Paige McCormick, has settled in nicely as well for the Warriors as she recorded her first double-double as a Warrior alongside sophomore, Teneisia Brown, against Albany.

BROWN STEPS UP

After facing reduced minutes in her freshman season, sophomore, Teneisia Brown, has stepped up big time in an area of need for the Warriors. Combined with help from Paige McCormick the duo has helped control the paint for Merrimack all season long. Brown has 34 total rebounds this season, 21 of which are defensive.

NEW FACES ON THE ROSTER

The Warriors' 2021-22 roster - even though there may be a lot of upper-classmen - is filled with new faces. The Warriors welcome eight newcomers including five transfers in the likes of, Carla Balague, Jada Powell, Amaya Staton, Paige McCormick, and Marissa Hamilton. Merrimack also welcomes a good number of freshman to the roster looking for their introduction to college basketball. Keep an eye out for Ava Owens, Antoinette Okoh, and Molly Manion.

How They Stack Up

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2020-21 SINGLE-GAME HIGHS/LOWS

MERRIMACK TEAM HIGHS

POINTS	75	vs. Dartmouth (11/27/2021)
FIELD GOALS MADE	25	at Lehigh (11/21/2021)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	63	at Vermont (11/9/2021)
3 PT FG MADE	11	vs. Dartmouth (11/27/2021)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	30	vs. Dartmouth (11/27/2021)
FREE THROWS MADE	21	Mount St. Mary's (02/25/2021)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	28	Long Island University (02/10/2021)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	1.000 (4-4)	at Bryant (02/17/2021)
REBOUNDS	45	Wagner (01/30/2021)
ASSISTS	18	Long Island University (02/09/2021)
STEALS	15	at Saint Francis (PA) (02/05/2021)
BLOCKED SHOTS	4	at Fairleigh Dickinson (01/23/2021)
		Wagner (01/30/2021)
TURNOVERS	23	Long Island University (02/10/2021)
FOULS	26	Wagner (01/29/2021)
		at Saint Francis (PA) (02/05/2021)

OPPONENT TEAM HIGHS

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MERRIMACK TEAM LOWS

POINTS	42	at Rhode Island (11/12/2021)
FIELD GOALS MADE	14	at Rhode Island (11/12/2021)
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	58	Three Times
3 PT FG MADE	4	at Vermont (11/9/2021)
		at Rhode Island (11/12/2021)
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	15	at Vermont (11/9/2021)
FREE THROWS MADE	8	at Lehigh (11/21/2021)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	15	at Lehigh (11/21/2021)
REBOUNDS	29	at Vermont (11/9/2021)
ASSISTS	6	at Rhode Island (11/12/2021)
STEALS	5	Two Times
BLOCKED SHOTS	1	Three Times
TURNOVERS	11	at Vermont (11/9/2021)
FOULS	10	at Vermont (11/9/2021)

OPPONENT TEAM LOWS

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2020-21 HONOR ROLL SUMMARY

#1 JAYME DeCESARE

#2 DIAMOND CHRISTIAN

#5 KAYLEE THOMAS

#10 KATE MAGER

#12 ALANA FURSMAN

#20 TENEISIA BROWN

#21 MAYSON KIMBALL

2021-22 SITUATIONAL RECORDS

At Home	2-0
On The Road	0-4
Neutral Site	0-0
Warriors vs. Ranked Opponents	0-0
Warriors vs Unranked Opponents	2-4
Leading at the half	1-0
Trailing at the half	1-4
Tied at half	0-0
In overtime	0-0
When Shooting Above 40%	2-1
When Shooting Below 40%	0-2
Shooting 40% Even	0-0
Opponent Shoots Above 40%	1-4
Opponent Shoots Below 40%	1-0
Opponent Shoots 40% Even	0-0
When Shooting Higher FG%	1-1
When Shooting Lower FG%	1-3
When FG% Are Even	0-0
Warriors out-rebound opposition	2-1
Opposition out-rebounds Warriors	0-3
Rebounds even	0-0
Warriors commit fewer turnovers	1-2
Warriors commit more turnovers	1-2
Turnovers even	0-0
Warriors shoot 70% or better FTs	0-0
Warriors make more free throws	2-3
Opponents make more free throws	0-1
Free throws tied	0-0
When Warriors commit fewer fouls	2-3
When Warriors commit more fouls	0-1
Fouls are even	0-0
Warriors score less than 50 points	0-1
Warriors score 50-59 points	0-1
Warriors score 60-69 points	1-1
Warriors score 70-79 points	1-1
Warriors score 80-89 points	0-0
Warriors score 90-99 points	0-0
Warriors score 100+ points	0-0
Opponent scores less than 50 points	0-0
Opponent scores 50-59 points	1-0
Opponent scores 60-69 points	1-0
Opponent scores 70-79 points	0-0
Opponent scores 80-89 points	0-2
Opponent scores 90 points or more	0-2
Game is decided by 1-5 points	0-0
Game is decided by 6-9 points	1-0
Game is decided by 10+	1-4
in November	2-4
in December	0-0
in January	0-0
in February	0-0
in March	0-0
on Mondays	0-0
on Tuesdays	1-1
on Wednesdays	0-0
on Thursdays	0-0
on Fridays	0-1
on Saturdays	1-0
on Sundays	0-1

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location:	North Andover, Mass.
Founded:	1947
Enrollment:	4,971
Nickname:	Warriors
Colors:	Navy Blue and Gold
Conference:	Northeast Conference
Affiliation:	NCAA Division I
Home Court:	Hammel Court
Capacity:	1,600
President:	Dr. Christopher Hopye
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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach:	Kelly Morrone
Alma Mater (Year), Season:	South Carolina (2003), Second Season
Career Coaching Record:	124-85 (.601)
Record at Merrimack:	7-14
Asst. Coach:	Emily Taylor
Alma Mater (Year), Season:	John Carroll University (2015), Second Season
Asst. Coach:	Brittany Morrison
Alma Mater (Year), Season:	University of Buffalo (2019), Second Season
Graduate Assistant:	Autumn Truesdale
Alma Mater (Year), Season:	Merrimack College (2020), First Season
Athletic Trainer:	Steph Pirger
Strength & Conditioning:	Mike Kamal

TEAM INFORMATION

Season	49th
All-Time Overall Record	521-660 (.441)
All-Time Northeast Conference Record	16-13 (.552)
Northeast-10 Conference Record (DII):	275-413 (.400)
NEC Regular Season Championships:	N/A
NE10 Regular Season Championships:	2004, 2005 (2)
NE10 Tournament Championships:	2004 (1)
NE10 Tournament Record/Appearences:	13-26 (.333) / 27
NE10 Tournament Semifinals:	4
NE10 Tournament Finals/Titles/Runner-Up:	3/1/2
NCAA Tournament Appearances:	2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 (3)
NCAA Record/Postseason Record:	9-3 / 22-29
2019-20 Record:	20-9, 13-5 NEC (3rd)
2019-20 Postseason:	N/A
Lettermen Returning:	7
Newcomers:	7

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KELLY MORRONE Head Coach First Season

Kelly Morrone begins her second season as head women's basketball coach at Merrimack College in 2021-22.

Morrone - who becomes the seventh head coach in school history - arrived at Merrimack after an impressive seven-year stint at John Carroll University. She guided the Blue Streaks to 117 wins over the last seven years, claiming a pair of Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) regular season titles, the 2018-19 OAC Tournament Championship and three NCAA Division III Tournament berths, the first three appearances in school history.

The last two years of Morrone's tenure before arriving at Merrimack were particularly impressive, posting back-to-back 20-win campaigns including a 23-win season in 2019-20. She totaled four seasons of at least 20 victories over her seven-year stint at John Carroll, while coaching 19 OAC All-Conference selections, 16 OAC All-Academic honorees, three NCAA Division III All-Americans and one National Semi-Finalist for DIII Player of the Year. She won a pair of OAC Coach of the Year honors (2013-14, 2018-19), while boasting a roster that featured four OAC Player of the Year award winners over seven years, a pair of OAC Freshman of the Year recipients and two OAC Defensive Players of the Year.

Morrone's head coaching career started spectacularly, winning the first 11 games of the 2013-14 season with John Carroll. She went on to post a 22-win effort in her inaugural season, leading the Blue Streaks to their first-ever OAC Regular Season Championship, first NCAA Tournament bid and first NCAA Tournament victory. She matched that effort in 2014-15 with an identical 22-5 record that featured a 16-1 start to season and a follow-up bid to the NCAA Tournament.

After reaching the OAC Tournament in four of her first five years on the sidelines, Morrone guided John Carroll to its first-ever OAC Tournament Championship in the 2018-19 season. The Blue Streaks won 22 games for the third time in six years under Morrone, taking down Ohio Northern University, 61-58, to claim the title. The 2019-20 campaign featured a career-best 23 wins, and a return trip to the OAC Championship game.

Prior to her arrival at John Carroll, Morrone's background features a myriad of Division I assistant coaching positions. In 2012-13, she served as the assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at the College of William & Mary where she focused on the development of the Tribe's guards, acted as offensive coordinator and focused on skill instruction, game preparation, and scouting as well as all aspects of recruiting. She also has New England roots with a stop at the University of Rhode Island (2010-12) as the Rams' Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator. She held the same title at Davidson College (2008-10), while her coaching career began at the University of Buffalo as an assistant coach (2005-08).

Morrone was a student-athlete at the University of South Carolina, where she contributed to a pair of NCAA Tournament appearances for the Gamecocks. South Carolina reached the Elite Eight during her junior season (2001-02), and followed that up with an appearance in the second round of the NCAA Tournament during Morrone's senior year (2002-03). Morrone ranks third all-time in South Carolina history in career three-point percentage, three-pointers made and three-point attempts.

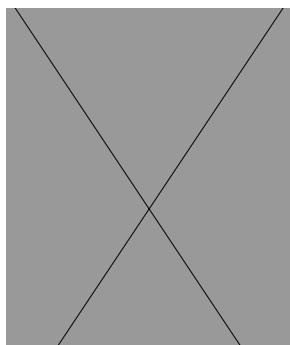
She was also a three-year captain while a player at South Carolina and a four-year SEC Academic Honor Roll selection. Morrone graduated from South Carolina with a degree in sport & entertainment management.

MORRONE YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

Year	Team	W	L	WL%
2013-14	John Carroll	22	5	.815
2014-15	John Carroll	22	5	.815
2015-16	John Carroll	13	13	.500
2016-17	John Carroll	7	18	.280
2017-18	John Carroll	8	18	.308
2018-19	John Carroll	22	7	.759
2019-20	John Carroll	23	5	.821
2020-21	Merrimack	5	10	.333
2021-22	Merrimack	2	4	.400
Total		124	85	.601

MERRIMACK COACHING STAFF

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EMILY TAYLOR Assistant Coach First Season

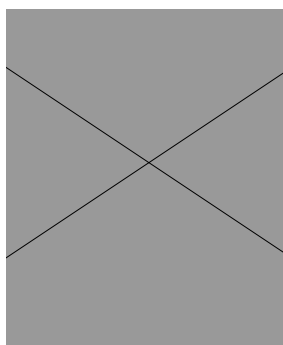
Emily Taylor begins her second season as an assistant coach with the Merrimack College women's basketball program in 2021-22.

Taylor arrived at Merrimack from John Carroll University where she played and coached under current Merrimack head coach Kelly Morrone. While coaching at John Carroll, Taylor helped coach the Blue Streaks to the first OAC Tournament Championship in school history. In her three seasons with John Carroll she coached 2 OAC Players and Defensive Players of the Year.

After transferring to John Carroll from Walsh University, Taylor was a two-year starter for the Blue Streaks. She helped lead John Carroll to back-to-back NCAA tournament appearances, including the programs first in 2014. She ranks ninth all-time in Blue Streaks history in three-pointers made, as well as 13th in assists.

Before getting into coaching Taylor was an Ohio Police Officer and a Non-Profit County Juvenile Courts Case Manager.

Taylor graduated from John Carroll in 2015 with a degree in Sociology and Criminology, then again in 2020 with a master's in Education; School Counseling .



BRITTANY MORRISON Assistant Coach First Season

Following a one-year stint as an assistant coach with Kelly Morrone at John Carroll University in 2019-20, Brittany Morrison begins her second year as an Assistant Women's Basketball Coach at Merrimack College in 2021-22.

Her first year on the JCU coaching staff followed a four-year career as a student-athlete at The University at Buffalo . Morrison's tutelage made an immediate impact at John Carroll as the Blue Streaks posted a 23-win season one year ago, and finished as the runner-up in the Ohio Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Tournament. While at John Carroll, Morrison coached JCU's own 2020 OAC Player and Defensive Player of the Year.

In four seasons at UB, Morrison helped lead the Bulls to their first MAC Championship in program history as well as their first NCAA Tournament appearance. (2015-16) Morrison was a member of the Bulls' 2018 squad that made their first NCAA Sweet 16 Appearance in school history following victories over South Florida and Florida State (2017-18). This team was the first MAC team to win back-to-back NCAA Tournament games since 1991-92; this also being the first back-to-back NCAA tournament wins in UB program history. During her senior campaign, Morrison helped her team win 2019-20 MAC Championship; their second in school history. This led to their third NCAA Tournament appearance in four years. (2016, 2018, 2019). As a senior, she ranked first on the team with 87 offensive rebounds and second in total boards with 194.

Morrison made the Mid-American Conference All-Academic Team during her senior year and graduated Cum Laude in May of 2019 with a BA in Health and Human Services.

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No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/Last Team
1	Jayne DeCesare	Jr.	G	5-5	Johnston, R.I. / La Salle Academy
2	Diamond Christian	Jr.	G	5-5	Bronx, N.Y. / The Pennington School
3	Ava Owens	Fr.	G	5-10	Pelham, N.H. / St. Andrews School
4	Carla Balague	Sr.	F	6-2	Barcelona, Spain / Grand Canyon University
5	Kaylee Thomas	Jr.	G	5-9	North Chelmsford, Mass. / Central Catholic High School
10	Kate Mager	Sr.	G	5-9	New City, N.Y. / Albertus Magnus
11	Jada Powell	So.	F	6-0	Des Moines, Iowa / Des Moines Area Community College
12	Alana Fursman	Jr.	F	5-10	Pittsford, N.Y. / Pittsford Mendon High School
14	Amaya Staton	So.	F	6-1	Lorain, Ohio / Cleveland State
15	Antoinette Okoh	Fr.	F	5-11	Brockton, Mass. / Cardinal Spellman
20	Teneisia Brown	So.	F	6-2	Mount Vernon, N.Y. / Mount Vernon High School/ St. Andrews School
21	Mayson Kimball	Gr.	F	5-11	Webster, N.H. / Tilton School
22	Paige McCormick	Gr.	F	5-11	Heuvelton, N.Y. / Roberts Wesleyan
24	Molly Manion	Fr.	G	5-11	West Chester, P.A. / West Chester Henderson
30	Marissa Hamilton	Sr.	F	6-0	Great Valley, New York / University of Buffalo

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Head Coach: Kelly Morrone (South Carolina '03) - Second Season

Assistant Coach: Emily Taylor (John Carroll University '15) - Second Season

Assistant Coach: Brittany Morrison (University of Buffalo '19) - Second Season

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Warriors by State/Province/Country	
Massachusetts	2
New York	5
Rhode Island	1
New Hampshire	2
Pennsylvania	1
Iowa	1
Ohio	1
United States	13
Spain	1
Warriors By Class	
Graduate Students	2
Seniors	2
Juniors	4
Sophomores	3
Freshmen	3

Pronunciation Key	
#1 Jayme DECESARE	Duh-sez-uhr-ee
#4 Carla BALAGUE	Bal-a-gay
#10 Kate MAGER	Major
#12 ALANA FURSMAN	Uh-lay-nuh Furs-man
#15 Antoinette OKOH	Oh-ko
#20 TENEISIA Brown	Tuh-knee-see-uh
#21 MAYSON KIMBALL	May-sin Kim-bull
Kelly MORRONE	Muhr-rone