



EAST TENNESSEE STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2023-24 SEASON PREVIEW

2023-24 Schedule

RECORD: 0-0 (0-0 SoCon)
HOME 0-0 | AWAY 0-0 | NEUTRAL 0-0

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
11.7	at Kentucky	7 pm
11.11	Lafayette	Noon
11.15	at Radford	11:30 am
11.19	at Presbyterian	3 pm
11.24	vs. Norfolk State \$	TBA
11.26	vs. Miami/Colgate \$	TBA
11.30	Lipscomb	7 pm
12.3	at Morehead State	2 pm
12.6	Charleston Southern	6 pm
12.10	Lees-McRae &	2 pm
12.14	UNC Asheville	7 pm
12.17	Campbell	2 pm
12.20	Gardner-Webb &	5 pm
12.22	at Clemson	TBA
12.30	Coker	2 pm
1.11	Samford*	7 pm
1.13	Mercer*	2 pm
1.20	at Chattanooga*	2 pm
1.25	at Western Carolina*	7 pm
1.27	at UNC Greensboro*	2 pm
2.1	Furman*	7 pm
2.3	Wofford*&	1:30 pm
2.8	at Mercer*	7 pm
2.10	at Samford*	2 pm
2.17	Chattanooga*	2 pm
2.22	UNC Greensboro*	7 pm
2.24	Western Carolina*	2 pm
2.29	at Wofford*	7 pm
3.2	at Furman*	2 pm
3.7-10	SoCon Tournament	TBA

Bold Indicates Home Game

- Exhibition

\$ - Miami Thanksgiving MTE Tournament

* - Southern Conference Game

& - Lees-McRae, Gardner-Webb & Wofford home games to be played inside Freedom Hall (WBB/MBB double header)

All times are EST and subject to change

All but two home games to be played in Brooks Gym
SoCon Tournament to be played in Asheville, N.C.

ABOUT ETSU



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Buccaneers

2022-23 Record:

25-10, 9-5 SoCon

Coach: Brenda Mock Brown

Alma Mater: Wake Forest, 2001

Record at ETSU: 25-10 (Entering 2nd season)

Record Overall: 142-147 (Entering 10th season)

RETURNING PLAYERS

POS	#	NAME	CL	HT	PPG	RPG	GP/S
G	0	Neveah Brown	Jr.	5'9"	10.7	3.8	33/22
G	2	Journee McDaniel	So.	5'9"	5.6	5.4	33/13
G	4	Meleah Kirtner	Jr.	5'10"	2.3	1.6	26/2
G	5	Jaileyah Cotton	So.	5'6"	1.4	1.2	18/1
G	10	Courtney Moore	Sr.	5'7"	6.8	1.3	35/35
G	12	Kendall Folley	Jr.	5'7"	11.1	4.2	31/31
G	14	Jayla Ruffus-Milner	Gr.	5'10"	5.1	7.4	18/18
F	20	Meghan Downing	So.	6'2"	1.2	1.8	23/0
G	23	Sarah Thompson	Jr.	5'7"	3.2	1.7	31/1
C	24	Jakhyia Davis	Sr.	6'3"	6.8	6.5	35/18

NEW PLAYERS

POS	#	NAME	CL	HT	HOMETOWN/PREV. SCHOOL
G	1	Lyndie Ramsey	Fr.	5'8"	Elizabethton, Tenn. / Unaka HS
G	3	Brecken Snotherly	Fr.	5'9"	Franklinville, N.C. / Eastern Radolph HS
G	11	Breanne Beatty	Gr.	5'8"	Worthington, Ohio / Oakland
F	15	Samiah Puckett	Fr.	6'3"	Griffin, Ga. / Griffin HS

STORYLINES

- ETSU finished the 2022-23 season with a school record 25 victories on its way to finishing with a 25-10 record overall and 9-5 in Southern Conference play.
- The Buccaneers played in the Women's Basketball Invitational last season and won two of their three games en route to a third place finish. With the two wins in the WBI, the Bucs completed one of the seven best turnarounds in Division I women's basketball history - 19-win improvement from 2021-22 to 2022-23.
- ETSU will return a pair of All-SoCon players from last season's squad for 2023-24. Kendall Folley garnered Second Team honors and was named to the All-Defensive Team, while Journee McDaniel was named to the All-Freshman Team.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Founded.....	1911
Enrollment.....	14,440
Nickname.....	Buccaneers (Bucs)
Colors.....	Navy Blue & Gold
Affiliation.....	NCAA Division I
Conference.....	Southern
President.....	Dr. Brian Noland
Athletic Director.....	Dr. Richard Sander
SWA.....	Lauren Aksionoff
Arena.....	Brooks Gym
Capacity.....	3,500

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach.....	Brenda Mock Brown
Career Record.....	142-147 (10th season)
ETSU Record.....	25-10 (2nd season)
Alma Mater.....	Wake Forest, 2000
Assistant Coach.....	Jackie Alexander (3rd)
Assistant Coach.....	Joe Silvestri (3rd)
Assistant Coach.....	Eric Gracia (1st)
Director of Ops.....	Alyssa Sweeney (3rd)

22-23 SEASON IN REVIEW

Overall Record.....	25-10
Conference Record.....	9-5
Non-Conf. Record.....	16-5
Home Record.....	10-4
Away Record.....	9-3
Neutral Record.....	6-3
SoCon Finish.....	T-2nd (#3 seed)
2023 Postseason.....	T-5th (#7 seed)
Players Returning/Lost.....	5/9
Starters Returning/Lost.....	4/1
Newcomers.....	4

NOTES ON ETSU

THOMAS BEGINS PRO CAREER

Former ETSU women's basketball guard Jiselle Thomas has started her professional playing career. Thomas, who averaged 15.1 points, 5.0 rebounds and 2.4 assists last year for the Buccaneers, is playing for the Killester Basketball Club in Dublin, Ireland. The all-Southern Conference guard scored 527 points for the Blue & Gold last season and finished her playing career with 1,522 points.

NON-CONFERENCE NOTE

In addition to breaking the school record for overall wins last season (25), the Bucs also broke the program record for the most wins outside of conference play with 13.

BACK TO WINNING WAYS

The 2022-23 season was the first winning season for ETSU women's basketball since the 2017-18 campaign when they finished 20-13.

COACH OF THE YEAR

ETSU head coach Brenda Mock Brown was named the SoCon Coach of the Year by her peers, leading ETSU to the best turnaround in the nation last season. She is the first ETSU to win the award since the late Karen Kemp in 2008. Kemp was also ETSU's last winner of the SoCon Coach of the Year award, doing so in the historic 1994-95 season.

2x PLAYER OF THE WEEK

For the first time since 2019, ETSU has celebrated a SoCon Women's Basketball Player of the Week as Kendall Folley has won the award twice last season. Folley was named a consensus second team all-conference selection by the coaches and media and was also named to the all-defensive team by the coaches this season.

YOUNG BUCS

ETSU fielded one of the youngest teams in the nation last season with 12 underclassmen on a 14 player roster. Only Jiselle Thomas graduated from the team this offseason.

DOWN GOES VANDY

Perhaps ETSU's biggest win of the season came on December 1 against Vanderbilt — a gritty 44-31 win at home. The win marked ETSU's first Power 5 victory since 2019 (Wake Forest), first win over an SEC opponent since 2008 (Kentucky) and the first win over Vanderbilt since 1981. ETSU also became one of three mid-major teams to hold an SEC team below 35 points since the 2009-2010 season. The Massey Ratings gave ETSU an 8% chance to win.



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SPEAKING ON THE STREAKS

ETSU's historic 2022-23 season was filled with unprecedented streaks. 21 of the 25 wins have happened in the midst of a four or five game win streak – which has happened five times this season.

Since beginning play in 1968, ETSU has never had a season with more than three separate wins streaks of four or more wins. The last time ETSU recorded three such streaks was the 2014-15 campaign, where the Bucs finished 21-12 overall, 11-3 in SoCon play and runner-up at the conference tournament.

First Streak – 4 games – Came after a loss to No. 1 South Carolina to open the season
Wins: at St. Boneventure, at Lafayette, Jacksonville State, Morehead State

Second Streak – 4 games – Came after a loss to George Washington at the UNLV Thanksgiving MTE
Wins: vs. Albany, vs. UC San Diego, Vanderbilt, Virginia University of Lynchburg

Third Streak – 5 games – Came after a loss to Bowling Green, who's ranked #8 in the Mid-Major Polls
Wins: at Charleston Southern, at UNC Asheville, Longwood, vs. Mount St. Marys, Converse College

Fourth Streak – 4 games – Came after three straight losses to open SoCon play in January
Wins: at Furman, at Wofford, Western Carolina, UNC Greensboro

Fifth Streak – 4 games – Came after a loss to Chattanooga on the road
Wins: at Samford, at Mercer, Wofford, Furman

NCAA HISTORY IN THE MAKING

ETSU led all of D1 Women's Basketball in win improvement and leads in win percentage improvement from 2021-22 to 2022-23. The team went from 6-22 last season to currently 25-10 this season – a 19 win improvement.

Of the all-time most improved teams in NCAA D1 Women's Basketball history, Coach Brenda Mock Brown's 2016 UNC Asheville team ranks fifth on the list with 16 games improved – going from 9-22 in the 2014-15 season to 26-7 in the 2015-16 season. Mock is the only coach to lead two teams to two of the largest turnarounds in NCAA D1 women's basketball history.

WOW...WINNING

Since the start of the program in 1968, ETSU has had just nine seasons with 20 or more victories, just five with 21 or more and only two with 22 or more. The previous record of 23 wins set in the historic 2009-10 season remains in reach this season.

1980-81 – 20-10 record
1994-95 – 21-9 record
2006-07 – 20-12 record

2007-08 – 21-12 record
2008-09 – 20-11 record
2009-10 – 23-9 record

2014-15 – 21-12 record
2017-18 – 20-13 record
2022-23 – 25-10 record



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ETSU In the MID-MAJOR rankings

For the first time since 2010, ETSU earned a ranking in the College Insider Women's Mid-Major Top 25 Poll.

Timeline:

- 12/20/22 - ETSU received three votes for its first mention in the poll this season
- 12/27/22 - ETSU debuted on the poll at No. 22, marking its first ranking since November 17, 2010.
- 01/03/23 - ETSU moved up two spots to No. 20 for the program's first back-to-back rankings
- 01/10/23 - ETSU dropped three spots to No. 23 following a heartbreaking loss to Chattanooga at the buzzer.
- 01/17/23 - ETSU fell outside the Top 25, but continued to receive 12 votes.
- 02/14/23 - ETSU continued to receive votes for five straight weeks, including 21 last week.
- 02/21/23 - ETSU is just four spots outside the Top 25 with 27 votes, behind Drake, Long Beach St. and Troy
- 02/28/23 - ETSU fell outside the rankings and did not receive any votes for the first time since December.



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2023-24 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

NUMERICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Class	Hometown (Previous School)
0	Nevaeh Brown	G	5'9"	Jr.	Charlotte, N.C. (Northwest Florida St. / Wake Forest)
1	Lyndie Ramsey	G	5'8"	Fr.	Elizabethton, Tenn. (Unaka HS)
2	Journee McDaniel	G	5'9"	So.	New Bern, N.C. (Farmville Central HS)
3	Brecken Snotherly	G	5'9"	Fr.	Franklinville, N.C. (Eastern Randolph HS)
4	Meleah Kirtner	G	5'10"	Jr.	Wytheville, Va. (Wythe HS)
5	Jaileyah Cotton	G	5'6"	So.	Bardstown, Ky. (Bardstown HS)
10	Courtney Moore	G	5'7"	Sr.	Gainesville, Fla. (PK Yonge School)
11	Breanne Beatty	G	5'8"	Gr.	Worthington, Ohio (Oakland)
12	Kendall Folley	G	5'7"	Jr.	Lebanon, Ohio (Oakland)
14	Jayla Ruffus-Milner	G	5'10"	Gr.	North Hills, Calif. (Pepperdine)
15	Samiah Puckett	F	6'3"	Fr.	Griffin, Ga. (Griffin HS)
20	Meghan Downing	F	6'2"	So.	New Madison, Ohio (Tri-Village HS)
23	Sarah Thompson	G	5'7"	So.	Gate City, Va. (Gate City HS)
24	Jakhyia Davis	C	6'3"	Sr.	Knoxville, Tenn. (Bearden HS)

ALPHABETICAL

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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Brenda Mock Brown (2nd season)

Assistant Coach: Jackie Alexander (3rd season)

Assistant Coach: Joe Silvestri (3rd season)

Assistant Coach: Eric Gracia (1st season)

Director of Player Development: Joy Tharrington (1st season)

Director of Basketball Operations: Alyssa Sweeney (3rd season)

Sports Performance Coach: Damar Bobb (1st season)



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THE BRENDA MOCK BROWN FILE



Brenda Mock Brown was named head coach of the ETSU women's basketball program on August 8, 2022.

She completed her first season at ETSU in 2022-23 and wasted no time making an impact with a 25-10 overall record. For her efforts, she was voted by her peers as the 2022-23 Southern Conference Coach of the Year.

Coach Mock's first season at ETSU was nothing short of historic. She led ETSU to the largest turnaround in NCAA Division I Women's Basketball in 2022-23, taking the program from a 6-22 record last season to a 25-10 record this season for a 19-win improvement. The improvement is the seventh-best turnaround in NCAA women's basketball history. Mock is currently the only coach in NCAA women's basketball history to guide two programs to 15 or more games improved from season-to-season, also doing so at UNC Asheville in 2015-16.

Her first season at the helm brought much more than a turnaround. Under her watch, ETSU set new school records for wins in a season with 25 and the most non-conference wins in a season with 13, won the program's first postseason game since 1995 with two wins in the Women's Basketball Invitational and also achieved the team's first College Insider Top 25 Mid-Major ranking since 2010. The Bucs were either ranked or receiving votes for 10 straight weeks (Dec. 20, 2022 - Feb. 21, 2023) and were ranked for three of those (Dec. 27, 2022 - Jan. 10, 2023).

In Mock's first year, ETSU also set school records for made three-pointers in a single season (228), best margin of victory (69), fewest points allowed in a game (26), fewest points combined (75) in a 44-31 win over Vanderbilt and single-game three-pointers in a win over SoCon regular season champion Wofford (16).

Mock's squad had a consensus first team all-conference player in Jiselle Thomas, who reached 1,500 career points during her lone season with ETSU as a graduate transfer. Sophomore Kendall Folley was a consensus second team all-conference honoree and made the SoCon All-Defensive team, and Journee McDaniel was named to the SoCon Media All-Freshman team.

The Bucs accomplished all of this in Mock's first season while succeeding in the classroom with a 3.39 GPA as a team.

Coach Mock has 19 years of coaching experience, holding assistant coaching positions at Florida, Charlotte, Jacksonville and Georgia Tech before becoming a head coach.

During her eight years in Asheville, Coach Mock led the Bulldogs to four straight postseason appearances from 2015-19, along with claiming back-to-back Big South Tournament titles and the 2015-16 Big South regular season championship. Mock earned Big South Coach of the Year honors following the 2015-16 season where the Bulldogs had the biggest turnaround season in NCAA Division I basketball after UNCA finished with an overall record of 26-7 following a 9-22 campaign the year prior. In addition to the conference coach of the year accolade, Brown was also named Division I women's basketball Coach of the Year by HERO Sports.

The 2015-16 season was a historic year as UNCA set program records for wins (26) and conference wins (16), while also enjoying its best start to a season after winning nine of its first 10 games. The Bulldogs' regular season crown also marked the first in program history. Under Coach Mock's watch that season, Chatori Major won Big South Player of the Year and Conference Tournament MVP honors, while Paige Love was recognized as the first student-athlete to receive the University's William and Ida Friday Award for Service to Community.

The Bulldogs repeated as Big South Tournament champions in 2016-17 after winning four games in four days – defeating both the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds – en route to becoming first-ever No. 7 seed in Big South Tournament history to win the title, marking UNCA's second straight NCAA Tournament berth. Coach Mock then directed the Bulldogs to consecutive trips to the Women's Basketball Invitational (WBI) in 2017-18 and 2018-19.

Overall, Coach Mock led the Bulldogs to five of their 10 winning seasons in school history. In her last five seasons at the helm, Coach Mock saw UNCA total a 95-67 overall record.

Following her time in Asheville, Mock spent the last two years working at Global Sports and Events and was most-recently a consultant at Inkwell Sports Solutions.

COACH MOCK'S COACHING HISTORY

SEASON	TEAM	RECORD	FINISH/POSTSEASON
2012-13	UNC ASHEVILLE	2-28	11th (Big South)
2013-14	UNC ASHEVILLE	11-20	.8th (Big South)
2014-15	UNC ASHEVILLE	9-22	.8th (Big South)
2015-16	UNC ASHEVILLE	26-7	1st (Big South) / NCAA R1
2016-17	UNC ASHEVILLE	19-14	7th (Big South) / NCAA R1
2017-18	UNC ASHEVILLE	17-16	3rd (Big South) / WBI R1
2018-19	UNC ASHEVILLE	17-15	.4th (Big South)
2019-20	UNC ASHEVILLE	16-14	.6th (Big South)
2022-23	ETSU	25-8	T-2nd (SoCon) / WBI 3rd
TOTALS	9TH SEASON	142-147	.491





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Neveah
BROWN



#0 | Guard | Junior

5'9" | Charlotte, N.C. | Northwest Florida State

2022-23 Season (Sophomore): Played in 33 games with 22 starts ... Ranked third on the team in scoring with 10.7 points per game ... Ranked second on the team in assists (77), free throws made (60), field goals made (134) and steals (39) ... Shot nearly 40 percent from the field all season, sinking 134 of her 336 shots while going 25 for 86 behind the arc and 60 of 79 from the line ... Scored in double figures 20 times in 33 games ... Had a career-high 21 points in a dramatic double-overtime win at Western Carolina, going 11-15 from the line and hitting a three-pointer in the second OT to make it 86-81 and essentially seal the game (2/25) ... Had 19 points and a career-high nine rebounds in a win over UNCG inside Freedom Hall to nearly achieve her first career double-double (1/28) ... Had a career-high five steals to go with 12 points in a 62-46 win over Mercer — ETSU's first in Macon since 2020 (2/11) ... Scored 13 points in her ETSU debut at St. Bonaventure for ETSU's first win of the Brenda Mock Brown Era (11/11) ... Helped ETSU to a historic 75-63 win over Samford to set a new school record for season-to-season win improvement, going on a personal 9-0 run with three triples in the second quarter to set the tone and to later finish with 17 points and a team-high eight rebounds ... Averaged 31.8 minutes per game, tied for the team lead with Kendall Folley.

CAREER STATISTICS

BROWN, Neveah

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals			3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring					
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2020-21	WF	15-0	128/8.5	13-44	.295	1-8	.125	11-19	.579	0	10	10	0.7	17-0	2	10	3	3	38	2.5
2022-23	ETSU	33-22	1049/31.8	134-336	.399	25-86	.291	60-79	.759	50	75	125	3.8	86-3	77	60	11	39	353	10.7
TOTAL FOR ETSU		33-22	1049/31.8	134-336	.399	25-86	.291	60-79	.759	50	75	125	3.8	86-3	77	60	11	39	353	10.7
TOTAL		48-22	1177/24.5	147-380	.387	26-94	.277	71-98	.724	50	85	135	2.8	103-3	79	70	14	42	391	8.1

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	21	at Western Caro. 02/25/23
Rebounds	9	vs UNC Greensboro 01/28/23
Assists	5	vs Jacksonville St. 11/17/22, vs Longwood 12/20/22
Steals	5	vs Mercer 01/12/23
Blocks	2	vs Mount St. Mary's 12/22/22
FG Made	8	vs Virginia-Lynchburg 12/04/22, vs Samford 01/14/23
FG Attempts	21	vs Samford 01/14/23
3FG Made	3	at Samford 02/09/23
3FG Attempts	7	vs Mercer 01/12/23
FT Made	11	at Western Caro. 02/25/23
FT Attempts	15	at Western Caro. 02/25/23



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Lyndie
RAMSEY

#1 | Guard | Freshman

5'8" | Elizabethton, Tenn. | Unaka HS



High School: Prepped locally at Unaka High School in Elizabethton, Tenn. ... Lettered four seasons in both basketball and softball for Coach Kenneth Chambers ...2023 TSSAA Miss Basketball finalist ... Set the Northeast Tennessee 5-on-5 scoring record with nearly 3,000 career points as a senior in 2023 ... Averaged 29.4 points and 10.4 rebounds per game, while adding nearly three steals and just over two assists per game her senior season ... Four time all-state selection ... Four-time all-district selection ... Four time all-conference selection ... Four time all-regional selection ... Made the Basketball Coaches Association of Tennessee (BCAT) All-Star Team in 2023 ... Finished with over 2,800 career points.

Personal: Birthday is October 4 ... From Elizabethton, Tenn. ... Daughter of John and Christa Ramsey ... Her brother, also named John, finished his fourth season of baseball at nearby King University in 2023 ... Majoring in early childhood development.



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Journee
MCDANIEL

#2 | Guard | Sophomore

5'9" | New Bern, N.C. | Farmville Central H.S.



2022-23 Season (Freshman): Made her mark as a rookie on a record-breaking ETSU squad, earning SoCon Sports Media Association (SCSMA) All-Freshman team honors ... Played in 33 games with 13 starts, including starts in 11 of the first 12 games ... Averaged 5.6 points per contest ... Totaled a career-high 26 points in the final game of the season against Georgia Southern in the WBI 3rd place game, helping ETSU achieve its largest margin of victory over a D1 opponent in program history by a 96-49 final (3/19) ... Went 7-7 behind the arc in that win over Georgia Southern, becoming just the fifth player in program history to make seven or more threes in a game ... Had the third-highest field goal percentage on the team among players averaging at least 20.0 minutes per game, shooting 68-166 for 41.0 percent ... Shot 31-98 behind the arc for 31.6 percent ... Went 18-24 from the charity stripe for 75.0 percent ... Had six games where she scored in double-figures — the first of which came in a record-breaking 95-26 win over Virginia-Lynchburg where she scored 16 points as ETSU set school records for largest margin of victory and fewest points allowed in a game all-time (12/4) ... Also added 12 rebounds against the VUL Dragons for her first-career double-double ... Had four double-digit rebound games, including a career-high 13 against Morehead State (11/20) ... Had 10 rebounds in the second game of her collegiate career against St. Bonaventure, while adding seven points and a season-high four assists (11/11) ... Averaged 20.8 minutes per game ... 2022-23 SoCon All-Freshman Team (Media).

CAREER STATISTICS

MCDANIEL, Journee

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2022-23	ETSU	33-13	688/20.8	68-166	.410	31-98	.316	18-24	.750	58	121	179	5.4	55-2	23	40	18	30	185	5.6
TOTAL		33-13	688/20.8	68-166	.410	31-98	.316	18-24	.750	58	121	179	5.4	55-2	23	40	18	30	185	5.6

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	26	vs Ga. Southern 03/19/23
Rebounds	13	vs Morehead St. 11/20/22
Assists	4	at St. Bonaventure 11/11/22
Steals	3	vs Virginia-Lynchburg 12/04/22, at Charleston So. 12/14/22
Blocks	3	at Charleston So. 12/14/22
FG Made	8	vs Ga. Southern 03/19/23
FG Attempts	9	5 times
3FG Made	7	vs Ga. Southern 03/19/23
3FG Attempts	8	at South Carolina 11/07/22
FT Made	4	at Western Caro. 02/25/23
FT Attempts	4	4 times



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Brecken Snotherly

#3 | Guard | Freshman

5'9" | Franklinville, N.C. | Eastern Randolph HS



High School: Prepped at Eastern Randolph High School in Ramseur, N.C. ... Lettered in both basketball and cross country ... Played shooting guard for Coach Jeff Davis ... Earned all-conference, all-district and all-tournament honors in hoops ... Won the Midwest Regional with a first place finish in cross country, while landing all-state honors and conference runner of the year ... Averaged 18.0 points, 6.1 rebounds, 3.2 assists and 2.2 steals per game as a freshman ... Went on to averaged 14.4 PPG and 4.4 RPG as a sophomore, then 20.5 PPG and 8.1 RPG as a junior ... Had a stellar senior season where she scored her 2,000th career point and broke the single-game scoring record at Eastern Randolph on the same day, dropping 51 points against Trinity on Feb. 8 ... Averaged 30.7 PPG and 9.7 RPG for a near double-double in 2022-23 ... Also averaged 3.6 steals per game as a senior.

Personal: Birthday is November 5 ... From Asheboro, N.C. ... Daughter of Addie and Brett Snotherly ... Her father, Brett, played baseball at Charlotte for three seasons ... Her brother, Cade, currently plays football at fellow SoCon member Western Carolina ... Her uncle, Morgan Frazier, played baseball at both WCU and Elon ... Majoring in clinical psychology.



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Meleah
KIRTNER

#4 | Guard | Junior

5'10" | Wytheville, Va. | Wythe HS



2022-23 Season (Sophomore): Played in 26 games with two starts in back-to-back games against UNC Asheville (12/17) and Longwood (12/20) ... Scored a career-high 10 points with eight rebounds in the start against Longwood, going 4-6 from the field in a 69-52 win to tie the modern-era school record for non-conference wins at 11 (12/20) ... Had a career-high 10 rebounds to go with five points in a 95-26 win over Virginia-Lynchburg, helping ETSU set school record for largest margin of victory and fewest points allowed (12/4) ... Went a perfect 3-3 behind the arc against Bowling Green to set a new career-high for three pointers made in a game (12/11) ... Had 14 threes on the season, one of which came in the season opener at top-ranked South Carolina (11/7) ... Finished with 2.3 points per game and 1.6 rebounds per game ... Averaged 10.7 minutes per game.

CAREER STATISTICS

KIRTNER, Meleah

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
2021-22	ETSU	18-0	81/4.5	1-14	.071	1-7	.143	0-0	.000	2	3	5	0.3	6-0	3	7	0	1	3	0.2
2022-23	ETSU	26-2	279/10.7	20-56	.357	14-44	.318	6-9	.667	11	31	42	1.6	8-0	5	11	1	6	60	2.3
TOTAL		44-2	360/8.2	21-70	.300	15-51	.294	6-9	.667	13	34	47	1.1	14-0	8	18	1	7	63	1.4

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	10	vs Longwood 12/20/22
Rebounds	10	vs Virginia-Lynchburg 12/04/22
Assists	3	vs Virginia-Lynchburg 12/04/22
Steals	2	vs Virginia-Lynchburg 12/04/22
Blocks	1	at South Carolina 11/07/22
FG Made	4	vs Longwood 12/20/22
FG Attempts	7	at UNC Asheville 12/17/22
3FG Made	3	vs Bowling Green 12/11/22
3FG Attempts	6	at UNC Asheville 12/17/22
FT Made	2	vs Converse 12/31/22, vs Western Caro. 01/26/23
FT Attempts	3	vs Longwood 12/20/22



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Jaileyah COTTON

#5 | Guard | Sophomore
5'6" | Bardstown, Ky. | Bardstown HS



2022-23 (Freshman): Played in 18 games with one start against UNC Asheville (12/17) ... Served an important role off the bench, totaling 9.7 minutes per game as a backup point guard ... Tallied her first collegiate points in just under five minutes of action against George Washington in Las Vegas, making her collegiate debut (11/25) ... Played over 20 minutes against Virginia-Lynchburg, totaling four rebounds (12/4) ... Had two points and three rebounds in the UNC Asheville start ... Had four-point games against Converse on New Year's Eve (12/31) and in postseason action against FIU (3/17) ... Had three assists in a season-high 25 minutes of action against Georgia Southern in the final game of the season, helping ETSU achieve its largest margin of victory against a D1 opponent all-time in a 96-49 win ... Averaged 9.7 minutes per game.

CAREER STATISTICS

COTTON, Jaileyah

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2022-23	ETSU	18-1	175/9.7	7-32	.219	1-9	.111	11-19	.579	12	10	22	1.2	9-0	10	22	0	2	26	1.4
TOTAL		18-1	175/9.7	7-32	.219	1-9	.111	11-19	.579	12	10	22	1.2	9-0	10	22	0	2	26	1.4

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value
Points	4 vs Converse 12/31/22, vs FIU 03/17/23
Rebounds	4 vs Virginia-Lynchburg 12/04/22, at Western Caro. 02/25/23
Assists	3 vs Ga. Southern 03/19/23
Steals	1 vs Converse 12/31/22, vs UC San Diego 11/27/22
FG Made	2 vs Converse 12/31/22
FG Attempts	5 at UNC Asheville 12/17/22, vs Longwood 12/20/22
3FG Made	1 at UNC Greensboro 02/23/23
3FG Attempts	3 vs Virginia-Lynchburg 12/04/22, vs Ga. Southern 03/19/23
FT Made	2 4 times
FT Attempts	6 at Western Caro. 02/25/23



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Courtney
MOORE



#10 | Guard | Senior
5'7" | Gainesville, Fla. | PK Yonge

2022-23 Season (Junior): Played and started in all 35 games — the only Buccaneer to start in every game this season ... Made a big impression in her second full season of action, leading the Bucs with 62 three-pointers made on 167 attempts for a strong 37.1 percentage behind the arc ... Made her 100th career three pointer in thrilling fashion, tying the game with seven seconds to go in the first of two overtimes at Western Carolina to eventually propel ETSU to a 90-84 win (2/25) ... Finished the season at 114 career triples ... Averaged 6.8 points per game and 1.3 rebounds per game ... Scored in double figures nine times, including all three postseason games at the Women's Basketball Invitational (WBI) to finish the tournament averaging 14.3 PPG ... Had a season-high 17 points in the season finale against Georgia Southern, going 4-8 behind the arc and 5-6 from the line in a 96-49 win — the largest margin of victory over a D1 opponent in school history (3/19) ... Also made four three-pointers against both FIU (3/17) and New Mexico State (3/18) in the WBI ... Made at least one three-pointer in 30 games and at least two three-pointers in 18 games ... Had a 19-game streak with at least one three-pointer made from December 14 to February 25 ... Made at least one trey in 23 of the last 24 games ... Averaged 26.0 minutes per game ... 2022-23 CSC Academic All-District.

CAREER STATISTICS

MOORE, Courtney

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2020-21	ETSU	8-2	111/13.9	9-37	.243	4-24	.167	13-19	.684	9	6	15	1.9	17-0	8	9	2	11	35	4.4
2021-22	ETSU	28-26	839/30.0	79-229	.345	48-147	.327	43-58	.741	21	51	72	2.6	63-3	66	79	4	34	249	8.9
2022-23	ETSU	35-35	911/26.0	76-212	.358	62-167	.371	25-36	.694	5	42	47	1.3	62-1	45	54	6	34	239	6.8
TOTAL		71-63	1862/26.2	164-478	.343	114-338	.337	81-113	.717	35	99	134	1.9	142-4	119	142	12	79	523	7.4

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	26	vs Wofford 02/24/22
Rebounds	7	at Chattanooga 02/12/22
Assists	7	at Tennessee 12/20/21
Steals	4	at Tennessee 12/01/20, vs Mercer 01/12/23
Blocks	2	vs Presbyterian 12/12/20, vs UNC Greensboro 01/28/23
FG Made	7	vs Wofford 02/24/22
FG Attempts	16	vs St. Bonaventure 12/23/21
3FG Made	5	vs Wofford 02/24/22
3FG Attempts	12	at Wake Forest 12/13/21
FT Made	7	vs Wofford 02/24/22
FT Attempts	10	vs Wofford 02/24/22



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Breanne
BEATTY



#11 | Guard | Graduate
5'8" | Worthington, Ohio | Oakland

Prior to ETSU: Lettered four seasons at Oakland University in Michigan from 2019-20 to 2022-23 ... Enjoyed a strong four-year career at Oakland, playing in 113 games with 111 starts ... Started all 30 games and averaged 35.1 minutes as a senior this past season, averaging 10.7 points and 5.1 rebounds per game ... Preseason Second Team All-Conference selection in 2023 ... Finished with a career average of 7.9 PPG and 4.5 RPG over her four seasons ... Named to the 2022 Horizon League All-Tournament team after leading her team to the semifinal round of the conference tournament ... Had multiple academic achievements in her undergraduate career, including Oakland's President's Award in 2022, CSC Academic All-District honors in 2023 and Horizon League Distinguished Scholar honors all four seasons ... Recorded a 14-point, 10-rebound double-double against Miami (Ohio) in December 2022 ... Led the team with 5.0 RPG and ranked second in points per game (9.7), steals (26) and assists (52) as a junior ... Also played in all 24 games as a sophomore in 2020-21, leading the team with a 41.7 three-point shooting percentage (25-60) and ranking second on the team in rebounds per game (4.2) ... Started in 29 games as a true freshman, scored in double figures five times and had her first career double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds to go with four assists against UIC ... Graduated from Oakland with a degree in early education.

CAREER STATISTICS

BEATTY, Breanne

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring							
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG	
2019-20	Oak	29-29	635/21.9	54-136	.397	9-33	.273	21-36	.583	36	73	109	3.8	65-1	27	35	9	25	138	4.8	
2020-21	Oak	24-23	746/31.1	54-145	.372	25-60	.417	13-31	.419	22	79	101	4.2	54-1	56	45	2	19	146	6.1	
2021-22	Oak	30-29	947/31.6	108-266	.406	45-124	.363	30-46	.652	59	90	149	5.0	68-1	52	51	1	26	291	9.7	
2022-23	Oak	30-30	1052/35.1	109-276	.395	33-108	.306	69-85	.812	68	85	153	5.1	61-2	56	77	5	32	320	10.7	
TOTAL FOR ETSU		0-0	0/0.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL		113-111	3381/29.9	325-823	.395	112-325	.345	133-198	.672	185	327	512	4.5	248-5	191	208	17	102	895	7.9	

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	21	at Green Bay 12/29/22, at Detroit Mercy 01/18/23
Rebounds	11	vs UIC 02/06/20, at Detroit Mercy 01/15/21
Assists	5	7 times
Steals	5	at Milwaukee 12/31/22
Blocks	2	at Cleveland St. 02/21/20, at Youngstown St. 02/09/23
FG Made	8	at Green Bay 12/29/22
FG Attempts	16	at Northern Ky. 02/24/22
3FG Made	5	at Green Bay 12/29/22
3FG Attempts	9	at Green Bay 12/29/22
FT Made	9	vs Youngstown St. 01/07/23
FT Attempts	9	vs Youngstown St. 01/07/23



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Kendall
FOLLEY



#12 | Guard | Junior
5'7" | Lebanon, Ohio | Oakland

2022-23 (Sophomore): Had a stellar debut season in the Blue & Gold, earning consensus second team all-conference honors and a spot on the SoCon's All-Defensive squad ... Played in and started 31 games ... Averaged 11.1 points per game to rank 14th in the conference, while averaging 14.3 PPG in conference play to rank ninth in the league ... Led the Bucs with 44 steals and ranked fourth in the SoCon with 1.6 steals per game ... Also ranked fifth in the league and second behind Courtney Moore with a 35.8 three-point percentage, shooting 43-120 on the season ... Started the season steadily contributing, making at least one three-pointer in her first seven games and scoring in double figures for the first time with 10 points against UAlbany over in Las Vegas, while matching a career-high with four steals (11/26) ... Had 15 points and matched her career-high of six assists in a win over Furman, beginning a stretch where ETSU went from 0-3 in the league to win nine of the last 11 games (1/19) ... Went on to score in double figures 16 times, including nine straight games from the middle of conference play all the way into the SoCon tournament ... Had a career-high 28 points at Samford, shooting 11-17 from the floor and 4-6 behind the arc while scoring nine points at the beginning of the fourth quarter to help ETSU pull away with a 75-63 win (2/9) ... Also matched her career-high of four steals again in that Samford win ... Had a career-high 12 rebounds in a historic win over Vanderbilt at home, helping ETSU earn its first Power 5 win since 2019, its first SEC win since 2008 and the first win over Vandy since 1981 (12/1) ... Had four three-pointers in an 83-45 win over Wofford, helping ETSU break the school record for three-pointers in a single game with 16 (2/16) ... Went 11-16 from the floor for 25 points in a win on Senior Day against Furman (2/18) ... Had 17 points in a first round win over Samford in the SoCon Tournament (3/2) ... Made a career-high five triples en route to a 24-point performance in the Women's Basketball Invitational (WBI) against FIU (3/17) for ETSU's first postseason win since 1995 ... Had at least one assist in 29 of her 31 games, including 18 straight to end the season ... Shot 42.6 percent on the season with 132 buckets on 310 attempts ... Averaged 31.8 minutes per game, tied for the team lead with Nevaeh Brown ... 2022-23 Second Team All-SoCon (Coaches and Media) ... 2022-23 SoCon All-Defensive Team ... 2x SoCon Player of the Week (1/24, 2/14).

CAREER STATISTICS

FOLLEY, Kendall

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2021-22	Oak	28-18	503/18.0	46-131	.351	10-39	.256	19-31	.613	7	44	51	1.8	33-0	48	42	2	24	121	4.3
2022-23	ETSU	31-31	985/31.8	132-310	.426	43-120	.358	38-53	.717	26	104	130	4.2	54-2	75	56	7	44	345	11.1
TOTAL FOR ETSU		31-31	985/31.8	132-310	.426	43-120	.358	38-53	.717	26	104	130	4.2	54-2	75	56	7	44	345	11.1
TOTAL		59-49	1488/25.2	178-441	.404	53-159	.333	57-84	.679	33	148	181	3.1	87-2	123	98	9	68	466	7.9

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	28	at Samford 02/09/23
Rebounds	12	vs Vanderbilt 12/01/22
Assists	6	vs Detroit Mercy 01/20/22, at Detroit Mercy 01/22/22, at Furman 01/19/23
Steals	4	at Samford 02/09/23, vs UAlbany 11/26/22
Blocks	1	9 times
FG Made	11	at Samford 02/09/23, vs Furman 02/18/23
FG Attempts	17	at Wofford 01/21/23, at Samford 02/09/23, vs Samford 03/02/23
3FG Made	5	vs FIU 03/17/23
3FG Attempts	9	at Wofford 01/21/23, vs Samford 03/02/23
FT Made	5	at Western Caro. 02/25/23
FT Attempts	6	at Western Caro. 02/25/23



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Jayla RUFFUS-MILNER

#14 | Guard | Graduate

5'10" | North Hills, Calif. | Pepperdine



2022-23 Season (Graduate Student): Played in and started 18 games before a season-ending injury against Samford in January ... Made a huge impact as a graduate transfer in her first season at ETSU, averaging 7.4 rebounds per game and 5.1 points per game ... Was on track to rank third among SoCon players in offensive rebounding since the 2009-10 season with 4.6 offensive rebounds per game ... Ranked third in the nation in rebound percentage per opportunity (20%) behind LSU's Angel Reese and South Carolina's Kamilla Cardoso ... Had four games with double-digit rebound totals, including a 11-point, 11-rebound double-double against Mount St. Mary's in a neutral site game at Harrah's Cherokee Casino and Resort (12/22) ... Had eight rebounds in just 13 minutes of action against Samford before her injury (1/14) ... Had a career-high 12 rebounds with four points, two blocks and a steal against St. Bonaventure (11/11) ... Had a career-high three blocks to go with eight rebounds and six points in a thrilling 44-31 win over Vanderbilt, helping ETSU to its first Power 5 win since 2019, first SEC win since 2008 and first win over Vandy since 1981 (12/1) ... Finished the season with 15 blocks and 12 steals ... Scored her 400th career point and grabbed her 400th career rebound within six days of each other, scoring the 400th point against Bowling Green (12/11) and reaching the 400 rebound milestone two games later at UNC Asheville ... Averaged 22.0 minutes per game ... 2022-23 CSC Academic All-District.

CAREER STATISTICS

RUFFUS-MILNER, Jayla

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2019-20	PEP	31-19	764/24.7	58-141	.411	0-0	.000	54-101	.535	80	69	149	4.8	87-3	36	49	15	26	170	5.5
2020-21	PEP	18-17	488/27.1	39-82	.476	1-1	1.000	17-39	.436	44	46	90	5.0	50-2	23	30	6	27	96	5.3
2021-22	PEP	16-7	356/22.2	31-64	.484	0-0	.000	27-48	.563	41	38	79	4.9	34-1	22	26	7	14	89	5.6
2022-23	ETSU	18-18	396/22.0	40-73	.548	0-0	.000	12-27	.444	78	56	134	7.4	42-1	8	27	15	12	92	5.1
TOTAL FOR ETSU	18-18	396/22.0	40-73	.548	0-0	.000	12-27	.444	78	56	134	7.4	42-1	8	27	15	12	92	5.1	
TOTAL	83-61	2004/24.1	168-360	.467	1-1	1.000	110-215	.512	243	209	452	5.4	213-7	89	132	43	79	447	5.4	

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	12	vs UC Davis 12/19/19, at Portland 01/25/20, at Portland St. 12/10/21
Rebounds	12	at St. Bonaventure 11/11/22
Assists	4	4 times
Steals	4	vs Portland 02/20/20, vs BYU 02/09/21
Blocks	3	vs Vanderbilt 12/01/22
FG Made	5	5 times
FG Attempts	9	vs Santa Clara 01/09/20, at Pacific 01/23/21, at Pacific 01/22/22
3FG Made	1	vs California Baptist 12/15/20
3FG Attempts	1	vs California Baptist 12/15/20
FT Made	6	at Portland 01/25/20
FT Attempts	10	vs New Mexico St. 12/12/20



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Samiah PUCKETT

#15 | Forward | Freshman
6'3" | Griffin, Ga. | Griffin HS



High School: Prepped at Griffin High School in Griffin, Ga. ... Scored over 750 career points, grabbed over 500 career rebounds and swatted away over 200 career shots in a successful high school career at Griffin ... Earned Freshman of the Year honors and was a multi-time all-region honoree in a competitive 5A Region 3 ... Landed a spot on the all-state second team in 2021-22 ... Helped her team win three regional championships (2019-2022) and one state championship (2021-2022) ... Coached by Roy Johnson and her father, Willie Puckett ... Also played AAU ball for Nike Team Elite and Team H2O Elite.

Personal: Birthday is October 19 ... From Griffin, Ga. ... Daughter of Willie and Tiffany Puckett ... Her father, Willie, also played at Griffin from 1995-99 and went on to letter at Odessa Junior College for two seasons before finishing at former Southern Conference member Georgia Southern ... Her mother, Tiffany, played basketball and volleyball at Odessa Junior College ... Has two sisters, Andeija and Rashia ... Andeija played at Griffin from 2013-17 and went on to a Division I basketball career that included two seasons at the University of Cincinnati (2017-19) and three seasons at Ole Miss (2019-22) ... Majoring in sport management.



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Meghan DOWNING



#20 | Forward | Sophomore
6'2" | New Madison, Ohio | Tri-Village HS

2022-23 (Freshman): Played in 23 games off the bench as a back-up post player ... Had career-highs of eight points and three blocks over nine minutes in a record-breaking 95-26 win over Virginia-Lynchburg, helping ETSU break the school records for margin of victory and fewest points allowed in her Brooks Gym debut (12/4) ... Averaged 1.8 rebounds and 1.2 points per contest ... Ranked fourth on the team with 14 blocks, serving as a defensive presence in the paint ... Saw her first conference action on the road at Furman and Wofford during an important road swing, scoring six points and grabbing eight boards playing valuable minutes as a backup to Jakhia Davis following a season-ending injury to Jayla Ruffus-Milner ... Scored in three of the last four games ... Averaged 8.9 minutes per contest.

CAREER STATISTICS

DOWNING, Meghan

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2022-23	ETSU	23-0	205/8.9	10-22	.455	0-0	.000	7-15	.467	17	24	41	1.8	25-0	4	12	14	3	27	1.2
TOTAL		23-0	205/8.9	10-22	.455	0-0	.000	7-15	.467	17	24	41	1.8	25-0	4	12	14	3	27	1.2

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	8	vs Virginia-Lynchburg 12/04/22
Rebounds	7	at Samford 02/09/23
Assists	1	4 times
Steals	1	vs Virginia-Lynchburg 12/04/22, vs Furman 02/18/23, at Western Caro. 02/25/23
Blocks	3	vs Virginia-Lynchburg 12/04/22
FG Made	3	vs Virginia-Lynchburg 12/04/22
FG Attempts	4	vs Virginia-Lynchburg 12/04/22, vs Converse 12/31/22
FT Made	2	vs Virginia-Lynchburg 12/04/22, at Furman 01/19/23, at Samford 02/09/23
FT Attempts	4	at Furman 01/19/23, at Samford 02/09/23



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Sarah

THOMPSON

#23 | Guard | Junior

5'7" | Gate City, Va. | Gate City HS



2022-23 (Sophomore): Played in 31 games with one start against nationally-ranked South Carolina (11/7) ... Averaged 3.2 points and 1.7 rebounds per game ... Was a threat for ETSU behind the arc, making 24 triples on 93 attempts ... Had a career-high 17 points against Wofford with four triples in an 83-45 win, helping ETSU break the school record for single-game three-pointers made with 16 as a team (2/16) ... Also went 4-9 behind the arc at Furman, helping ETSU win its first SoCon game and go on to win eight of the next 10 games after that (1/19) ... Set a new career-high of seven rebounds twice in non-conference play, including seven in a 95-26 win over Virginia-Lynchburg to help her team break the school records for margin of victory (69) and fewest points allowed (26) in Brooks Gym (12/4) ... Also had seven boards to go with 11 points against UNC Asheville (12/17) ... Had three double-digit scoring games ... Had a pair of three-steal games against Samford (1/14) and Western Carolina (1/22) at home ... Averaged 14.0 minutes per game.

CAREER STATISTICS

THOMPSON, Sarah

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
2021-22	ETSU	28-23	692/24.7	45-149	.302	25-89	.281	7-13	.538	7	54	61	2.2	43-0	32	38	3	18	122	4.4
2022-23	ETSU	31-1	434/14.0	35-126	.278	24-93	.258	5-10	.500	13	41	54	1.7	26-0	18	16	4	15	99	3.2
TOTAL		59-24	1126/19.1	80-275	.291	49-182	.269	12-23	.522	20	95	115	1.9	69-0	50	54	7	33	221	3.7

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	17	vs Wofford 02/16/23
Rebounds	7	vs Virginia-Lynchburg 12/04/22, at UNC Asheville 12/17/22
Assists	4	4 times
Steals	3	vs Western Caro. 01/22/22, vs Samford 01/14/23
Blocks	1	7 times
FG Made	6	vs Wofford 02/16/23
FG Attempts	15	vs Virginia-Lynchburg 12/04/22
3FG Made	4	at Furman 01/19/23, vs Wofford 02/16/23
3FG Attempts	11	vs Virginia-Lynchburg 12/04/22
FT Made	2	4 times
FT Attempts	4	at Chattanooga 02/12/22



EAST TENNESSEE STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2023-24 SEASON PREVIEW

Jakhyia
DAVIS



#24 | Center | Senior
6'3" | Knoxville, Tenn. | Bearden HS

2022-23 Season (Junior): Played in all 35 games with 18 starts, serving as one of three players to play in every game for the Bucs ... Averaged 6.8 points and 6.5 rebounds per contest ... Recorded three double-doubles ... Led the Bucs in field goal percentage among players with over 100 shot attempts, going 97-185 from the floor for 52.4 percent (a new career-high over three seasons) ... Shot 45-64 from the free throw line for a 70.3 percentage ... Started every game at the post after a season-ending injury to Jayla Ruffus-Milner, filling that void admirably with six double-digit scoring performances and five double-digit rebound games over the span of 16 starts ... Had the second-most blocks in a single game in program history, swatting five shots against Furman in a tightly-contested 66-63 Senior Day win inside Brooks Gym (2/18) ... Had 16 points and seven boards off the bench against Lafayette (11/13) ... Went 5-for-10 from the floor with 15 points against Mount St. Mary's in a neutral site game in Cherokee, North Carolina (12/22) ... Had her first of three double-doubles at Wofford, making her second start in the place of Ruffus-Milner with 10 points and 12 boards (1/21) ... Scored a season-high 20 points with 10 rebounds in the first round of the SoCon tournament as ETSU defeated Samford by a 63-47 final to advance to the next round, as her teammates unofficially tabbed her the MVP of the game and allowed her to stamp on the sticker to move ETSU to the next round (3/2) ... Had five points and seven rebounds in the next round against Chattanooga, earning all-tournament honors (3/3) ... Posted a double-double in the postseason Women's Basketball Invitational (WBI) against New Mexico State with 16 points and 10 boards (3/18) ... Ended the season with 10 rebounds and six points as ETSU defeated Georgia Southern by a 96-49 final for the largest margin of victory against a D1 opponent in school history (3/19) ... Achieved 600 career point and 500 career rebound milestones in 2022-23 ... Averaged 21.2 minutes per game ... 2023 SoCon All-Tournament Team.

CAREER STATISTICS

DAVIS, Jakhyia

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2020-21	ETSU	20-15	480/24.0	76-181	.420	10-33	.303	27-41	.659	42	92	134	6.7	38-0	16	36	24	16	189	9.5
2021-22	ETSU	26-14	545/21.0	80-190	.421	8-22	.364	28-35	.800	36	124	160	6.2	51-1	15	28	22	23	196	7.5
2022-23	ETSU	35-18	741/21.2	97-185	.524	0-4	.000	45-64	.703	76	152	228	6.5	62-0	12	26	20	28	239	6.8
TOTAL		81-47	1766/21.8	253-556	.455	18-59	.305	100-140	.714	154	368	522	6.4	151-1	43	90	66	67	624	7.7

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	25	at Furman 02/05/21
Rebounds	17	vs St. Bonaventure 12/23/21
Assists	3	vs St. Bonaventure 12/23/21
Steals	4	at Furman 01/19/23
Blocks	5	vs Furman 02/18/23
FG Made	10	at Furman 02/05/21
FG Attempts	18	at Samford 02/20/21
3FG Made	2	at Davidson 12/18/20, vs App State 12/20/20, at Furman 02/05/21
3FG Attempts	5	at Furman 02/05/21, vs Mercer 02/27/21
FT Made	7	vs Gardner-Webb 11/26/21
FT Attempts	8	vs Gardner-Webb 11/26/21



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LAST SEASON STATISTICAL LOOK



**2022-23 ETSU Women's Basketball
Combined Team Statistics
All games**

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Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	25-10	10-4	9-3	6-3
CONFERENCE	9-5	4-3	5-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	16-5	6-1	4-1	6-3

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
ETSU	523	561	597	554	18	2253
Opponents	450	470	499	519	12	1950

Team Box Score

No.	Player	Overall			Total			3-Point			F-Throw		Rebounds				PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
		GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG										
30	THOMAS, Jiselle	35-34	1028:08	29.4	187-472	.396	22-70	.314	131-156	.840	55	119	174	5.0	85	2	85	103	13	31	527	15.1		
12	FOLLEY, Kendall	31-31	984:47	31.8	132-310	.426	43-120	.358	38-53	.717	26	104	130	4.2	54	2	75	56	7	44	345	11.1		
0	BROWN, Nevaeh	33-22	1048:54	31.8	134-336	.399	25-86	.291	60-79	.759	50	75	125	3.8	86	3	77	60	11	39	353	10.7		
10	MOORE, Courtney	35-35	911:20	26.0	76-212	.358	62-167	.371	25-36	.694	5	42	47	1.3	62	1	45	54	6	34	239	6.8		
24	DAVIS, Jakhya	35-18	741:03	21.2	97-185	.524	0-4	.000	45-64	.703	76	152	228	6.5	62	0	12	26	20	28	239	6.8		
2	MCDANIEL, Journee	33-13	687:55	20.8	68-166	.410	31-98	.316	18-24	.750	58	121	179	5.4	55	2	23	40	18	30	185	5.6		
14	RUFFUS-MILNER, Jayla	18-18	396:20	22.0	40-73	.548	0-0	.000	12-27	.444	78	56	134	7.4	42	1	8	27	15	12	92	5.1		
23	THOMPSON, Sarah	31-1	434:03	14.0	35-126	.278	24-93	.258	5-10	.500	13	41	54	1.7	26	0	18	16	4	15	99	3.2		
22	BOYLE, Ella	12-0	71:40	6.0	16-32	.500	0-2	.000	4-8	.500	15	14	29	2.4	13	0	1	8	0	4	36	3.0		
13	MCCARTHY, Paris	8-0	42:08	5.3	6-10	.600	5-7	.714	2-2	1.000	0	4	4	0.5	2	0	3	2	0	1	19	2.4		
4	KIRTNER, Meleah	26-2	278:39	10.7	20-56	.357	14-44	.318	6-9	.667	11	31	42	1.6	8	0	5	11	1	6	60	2.3		
11	VANANDA, Aaliyah	4-0	45:29	11.4	2-8	.250	1-3	.333	1-3	.333	1	9	10	2.5	6	0	1	10	2	1	6	1.5		
5	COTTON, Jaileyah	18-1	174:37	9.7	7-32	.219	1-9	.111	11-19	.579	12	10	22	1.2	9	0	10	22	0	2	26	1.4		
20	DOWNING, Meghan	23-0	204:57	8.9	10-22	.455	0-0	.000	7-15	.467	17	24	41	1.8	25	0	4	12	14	3	27	1.2		
Team											53	69	122				27							
Total		35	7050		830-2040	.407	228-703	.324	365-505	.723	470	871	1341	38.3	535	11	367	474	111	250	2253	64.4		
Opponents		35	7050		705-1921	.367	191-643	.297	349-505	.691	389	781	1170	33.4	561	11	333	513	78	213	1950	55.7		

Team Statistics

	ETSU	OPP
Scoring	2253	1950
Points per game	64.4	55.7
Scoring margin	+8.7	-
Field goals-att	830-2040	705-1921
Field goal pct	.407	.367
3 point fg-att	228-703	191-643
3-point FG pct	.324	.297
3-pt FG made per game	6.5	5.5
Free throws-att	365-505	349-505
Free throw pct	.723	.691
F-Throws made per game	10.4	10.0
Rebounds	1341	1170
Rebounds per game	38.3	33.4
Rebounding margin	+4.9	-
Assists	367	333
Assists per game	10.5	9.5
Turnovers	474	513
Turnovers per game	13.5	14.7
Turnover margin	+1.1	-
Assist/turnover ratio	0.8	0.6
Steals	250	213
Steals per game	7.1	6.1
Blocks	111	78
Blocks per game	3.2	2.2
Winning streak	1	-
Home win streak	4	-
Attendance	13155	18997
Home games-Avg/Game	14-940	12-1583
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	9-807

Team Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
11/07/2022	at South Carolina	L 31-101	12779
11/11/2022	at St. Bonaventure	W 66-58	235
11/13/2022	at Lafayette	W 65-45	285
11/17/2022	Jacksonville St.	W 55-54	402
11/20/2022	Morehead St.	W 54-35	416
11/25/2022	vs George Washington	L 58-78	946
11/26/2022	vs UAlbany	W 48-44	100
11/27/2022	vs UC San Diego	W 55-46	729
12/01/2022	Vanderbilt	W 44-31	707
12/04/2022	Virginia-Lynchburg	W 95-26	307
12/11/2022	Bowling Green	L 64-82	589
12/14/2022	at Charleston So.	W 65-45	101
12/17/2022	at UNC Asheville	W 64-52	561
12/20/2022	Longwood	W 69-52	462
12/22/2022	vs Mount St. Mary's	W 75-62	485
12/31/2022	Converse	W 82-35	419
01/05/2023	Chattanooga	L 50-53	558
01/12/2023	Mercer	L 52-66	403
01/14/2023	Samford	L 58-68	3026
01/19/2023	at Furman	W 64-56	322
01/21/2023	at Wofford	W 75-58	811
01/26/2023	Western Caro.	W 70-39	419
01/28/2023	UNC Greensboro	W 74-54	3914
02/04/2023	at Chattanooga	L 62-73	1623
02/09/2023	at Samford	W 75-63	457
02/11/2023	at Mercer	W 62-46	965
02/16/2023	Wofford	W 83-45	611
02/18/2023	Furman	W 66-63	922
02/23/2023	at UNC Greensboro	L 49-58	211
02/25/2023	at Western Caro.	Wot2 90-84	647
03/02/2023	vs Samford	W 63-47	2205
03/03/2023	vs Chattanooga	L 40-69	2347
03/17/2023	vs FIU	W 81-56	150
03/18/2023	vs New Mexico St.	L 53-57	150
03/19/2023	vs Ga. Southern	W 96-49	150

