2017 Wilkes Softball Media Guide



LADY COLONELS SOFTBALL

This is Wilkes University

Location: Wilkes-Barre, PA

Founded: 1933 Enrollment: 2,200

Conference: Freedom Conference

Nickname: Lady Colonels Colors: Navy and Gold



Coaching Staff



Head Coach Sarah Maulorico Second Season Phone: 570-408-4031 Email: sarah.maulorico@wilkes.edu Sarah Maulorico begins her second season as head coach of the Wilkes softball team in 2017 after being named the Lady Colonels mentor in late July 2015.

Maulorico comes to Wilkes after a one-year stint at the University of Delaware where she served as the Blue Hens' pitching coach. At Delaware, she coached three players who were selected to the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) All-Conference squad as well as two All-Rookie team honors. Her pitching staff earned two CAA Pitcher of the Week honors under her leadership last spring.

Prior to Delaware, she spent five seasons as an assistant at Division III Moravian College, including her final season as associate head coach. During her tenure in Bethlehem, Pa., Maulorico helped lead the Greyhounds to three consecutive Landmark Conference championships and NCAA Eastern Regional appearances. Moravian went 34-15 and advanced to the Division III Women's College World Series in 2010, while the staff was named the Division III Eastern Regional Coaching Staff of the Year.

Maulorico was a standout catcher at Mississippi University for Women, earning first team Gulf South Conference, first team All-Southern Region and second team All-American honors in 2003. She began her career at Southern Mississippi when she was a member of the 1999 Golden Eagles squad that advanced to the NCAA Division I Women's College World Series, before spending one season at the University of New Mexico. Later, Maulorico earned her master's degree in special education with an emphasis in gifted learning from the University of Missouri in 2012.

Ralston Athletic Complex

Within the Ralston Athletic Complex is the softball stadium, a state-of-the-art facility built in 2005 that is one of the best in all of Division III. It's played host to several Freedom Conference tour-



naments and sits adjacent to Schmidt Stadium that has recently undergone a renovation, adding a synthetic turf field, lights and pressbox.

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Lady Colonels Key Players



#9 Lacey Bixler Senior • Catcher/Outfielder Williamstown, Pa. / Williams Valley Named First Team All-MAC Freedom batting .364 with 32 hits including six doubles, two triples and three home runs while knocking in 25 runs...Went a perfect 9-for-9 in stolen base attempts with a .580 slugging percentage and .481 on-base percentage



#23 Sarah Birchmeier Junior • Utility Cherry Hill, N.J. / Cherry Hill East Named Second Team All-MAC Freedom batting .303 with 33 hits including four doubles, one triple and six runs batted in...Recorded 21 runs

scored with a .358 slugging percentage and a .350 on-base percentage while going 9-for-12 in stolen



#26 Ally Paskas Senior • Outfielder Rutherford, N.J. / Rutherford

Named Honorable Mention All-MAC Freedom batting .307 with 31 hits including nine doubles, one home run and 17 runs batted in...Posted 19 runs scored with a .426 slugging percentage and .386 on base percentage going 5-for-6 in stolen

2017 Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
3/6	Lehman	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	1:30 p.m.
3/6	Sweet Briar	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	3:30 p.m.
3/7	Medaille	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	1:30 p.m.
3/7	Hilbert	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	3:30 p.m.
3/9	Grove City	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	1:30 p.m.
3/9	Ursinus	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	5:30 p.m.
3/10	La Roche	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	9:30 a.m.
3/10	Regis	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	11:30 a.m.
3/25	DeSales *	Center Valley, Pa.	1:00 p.m.
3/26	FDU-Florham *	Madison, N.J.	1:00 p.m.
3/28	Lycoming	Ralston Athletic Complex	3:00 p.m.
3/30	Moravian	Bethlehem, Pa.	3:00 p.m.
4/1	Eastern *	St. Davids, Pa.	12:00 p.m.
4/4	Marywood	Ralston Athletic Complex	6:00 p.m.
4/8	Misericordia *	Ralston Athletic Complex	1:00 p.m.
4/11	Clarks Summit	Ralston Athletic Complex	6:00 p.m.
4/13	Delaware Valley*	Ralston Athletic Complex	4:00 p.m.
4/18	Scranton	Scranton, Pa.	5:00 p.m.
4/19	Keystone	Ralston Athletic Complex	5:00 p.m.
4/22	King's *	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	1:00 p.m.
4/25	Susquehanna	Ralston Athletic Complex	4:00 p.m.
4/27	Penn College	Ralston Athletic Complex	5:00 p.m.
4/29	Manhattanville*	Ralston Athletic Complex	1:00 p.m.
430	Alfred	Ralston Athletic Complex	1:00 p.m.

* MAC Freedom Game Home Games in Bold

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