

2024-25 MERCYHURST WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Mercyhurst Lakers

VS

Notre Dame Fighting Irish



0-0 Overall
0-0 NEC

NOV. 4

SOUTH BEND, IN
5:00 PM

0-0 Overall
0-0 ACC



BY THE NUMBERS (2023-24)

Lakers	Stat Category	Fighting Irish
18-10 (14-8)	Record (Conf.)	28-7 (13-5)
Bailey Kuhns	Points Per Game Leader	Hannah Hidalgo
Danielle Grim	Rebounds Per Game Leader	Maddy Westbeld
Danielle Grim	Assists Per Game Leader	Hannah Hidalgo
Danielle Grim	Blocks Per Game Leader	Kylee Watson
Danielle Grim	Steals Per Game Leader	Hannah Hidalgo
Danielle Grim	Minutes Per Game Leader	Hannah Hidalgo
Sarah Hortin	Field Goal % Leader	Becky Obinma
Lauren Klare	Three-Point % Leader	Emma Risch
Jenna Van Schaik	Free Throw % Leader	Sarah Cernugel
Bailey Kuhns	Fouls Per Game Leader	Maddy Westbeld

AT A GLANCE

A Look Back

The Lakers are coming off a strong season in 2023-24, going 18-10 overall and 14-8 in conference play. Brooklyn Kohlheim's group brings a strong sense of veteran leadership to the floor, with a compliment of skilled underclassman. Last season marked one of the best of Kohlheim's career, leading the Lakers to the PSAC Post Season for the first time in 6 years.

Familiar Faces

Bailey Kuhns and Jenna Van Schaik are two key returners for the Lakers, and both will be relied on heavily to put the ball in the basket. Other key players for the Lakers include Ava Waid, Allyson Ross, Grace Clary, Maria McConnell and Singo Lekeuneu.

Scouting Notre Dame

Notre Dame will be the Lakers toughest opponent of the season. The Fighting Irish are led by Hannah Hidalgo and Sonia Citron who both average over 17 points per game. As a team, the Fighting Irish average 78.6 points per game and shoot over 45% from the field. Notre Dame is coming off an impressive 2023-24 season going 28-7 overall and making a NCAA sweet-sixteen appearance where they lost to Oregon State by 5 points.

Next Game: Lakers Head to Chicago

Following their roadtrip to South Bend, Indiana. The Lakers will continue to stay on the road as they head to Chicago, IL, to take on DePaul University on Wednesday, November 16th at 12pm.

2024-25 MERCYHURST SCHEDULE

November

4 v University of Notre Dame	5:00 PM
6 v DePaul University	12:00 PM
12 v Davis & Elkins College	6:00 PM
15 v Xavier University	7:00 PM
19 v Youngstown St. University	11:00 AM
24 v Bryant & Stratton College	1:00 PM
27 v Cornell University	1:00 PM

December

3 v Army	12:00 PM
6 v University of Toledo	7:00 PM
14 v Robert Morris University	2:00 PM
16 v Mount St. Mary's	6:00 PM
30 v Allegheny College	1:00 PM

January

2 v Stonehill*	7:00 PM
4 v Central Connecticut State*	1:00 PM
9 v Le Moyne College*	6:00 PM
11 v FDU*	1:00 PM
18 v Wagner College*	1:00 PM
20 v LIU*	1:00 PM
23 v Wagner College*	7:00 PM
25 v LIU*	2:00 PM

February

1 v FDU*	TBD
6 v Chicago State University*	6:00 PM
8 v Le Moyne College*	12:00 PM
13 v Central Connecticut State*	6:00 PM
15 v Stonehill *	1:00 PM
20 v Saint Francis University*	TBD
27 v Chicago State University*	5:30 PM

March

6 v Saint Francis University*	6:00 PM
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*NEC Contests

LAKER STAT LEADERS (2023-24)



POINTS PER GAME LEADERS

#34 Bailey Kuhns
2023-24: 14.3 ppg, 50.0 FG%, 24.1 3P%, 75.6 FT %
#3 Danielle Grim
2023-24: 11.7 ppg, 39.5 FG% 26.2 3P% 80.9 FT%



REBOUNDS PER GAME LEADERS

#3 Danielle Grim
2023-24: 7.5 avg, 218 TOT, 198 DEF, 20 OF
#34 Bailey Kuhns
2023-24: 5.1 avg, 148 TOT, 104 DEF, 44 OF



ASSISTS PER GAME LEADERS

#3 Danielle Grim
2023-24: 2.7 AST/G
#14 Paige Woodford
2023-24: 1.8 AST/G



STEALS PER GAME LEADERS

#3 Danielle Grim
2023-24: 1.7 STL/G
#14 Paige Woodford
2023-24: 1.1 STL/G



BLOCKS PER GAME LEADERS

#3 Danielle Grim
2023-24: 1.0 BLK/G
#45 Grace Clary
2023-24: 0.5 BLK/G

2024-25 NUMERICAL ROSTER

ROSTER INFO

#	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown
0	Sophia Kelly	So	5'9	Pittsburgh, PA
1	Singo Lekeuneu	Sr	5'5	Buffalo, NY
3	Allyson Ross	Sr	5'5	Columbus, OH
5	Jenna Van Schaik	Jr	5'7	Cincinnati, OH
10	Cici Hernandez	Fr	5'6	Bethlehem, PA
11	Alena Fusetti	Fr	5'9	Beaver Falls, PA
13	Maria McConnell	Sr	5'11	Nanty Glo, PA
15	Ava Waid	Jr	5'6	Meadville, PA
22	Grace Clary	Gr	5'10	Whitehall, PA
23	Lauryn Stover	Jr	5'11	Gates Mills, OH
24	Quinn Borroni	Fr	5'9	Beaver Falls, PA
32	Erica Hall	Fr	5'11	McDonald, PA
33	Ella Cupka	Fr	5'9	Pittsburgh, PA
34	Bailey Kuhns	Jr	5'11	Mount Pleasant, PA

PRONUNCIATIONS

1-Seen-go lake-a-new
 5-Van Sh-eye-k
 10-C-C
 11- A-leen-a Fu-set-tee
 15-Wade
 24-Burr-o-knee
 33-Chupka
 34- Coons

CLASS BREAKDOWN

Grad Students.....1
 Seniors.....3
 Juniors.....4
 Sophomores.....1
 Freshman.....6

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach.....Brooklyn Kohlheim
 Assistant Coach...Rahmon Fletcher
 Assistant Coach...Molly Glick
 Assistant Coach...Andrew Monti
 Assistant Coach...Ali Gorrell

MERCYHURST FACTS

Location.....Erie, Pennsylvania
 Enrollment.....2,000
 President.....Dr. Kathleen Getz
 Assistant Vice President for Athletics.....Joe Spano
 Colors.....Navy Blue, Forest Green, White
 Conference.....Northeast Conference
 Facility.....Dwen McCormick Court
 Square Footage.....12,000
 Capacity.....1,100
 Website.....hurstathletics.com Twi-
 ter.....@hurstwbb
 Instagram.....@hurstwbb
 Home Live Video.....NEC Front Row

Coaches

Head Coach: Brooklyn Kohlheim

Assistant Coach: Rahmon Fletcher

Assitant Coach: Molly Glick



2024-25 PHOTO ROSTER

LAKERS MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

HEAD COACH: BROOKE KOLHEIM



#0

PITTSBURGH, PA
HAMPTON HS
SOPHOMORE
GUARD
5'9"

SOPHIA KELLY



#1

BUFFALO, NY
CHRISTIAN CENTRAL
ACADEMY
SENIOR
GUARD
5'5"

SINGO LEKEUNEU



#3

COLUMBIA STATION,
OH
COLUMBIA HS
SENIOR
GUARD
5'5"

ALLYSON ROSS



#5

CINCINNATI, OH
URSULINE ACADEMY
JUNIOR
GUARD
5'7"

JENNA VAN SCHAIK



#10

BETHLEHEM, PA
BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC
FRESHMAN
GUARD
5'6"

CICI HERNANDEZ



#11

BEAVER FALLS, PA
BLACKHAWK HS
FRESHMAN
GUARD
5'9"

ALENA FUSETTI



#13

NANTY GLO, PA
BLACKLICK VALLEY
HS
SENIOR
GUARD
5'11"

MARIA MCCONNELL



#15

MEADVILLE, PA
VILLA MARIA
ACADEMY
JUNIOR
GUARD
5'6"

AVA WAID



#20

LONDON, ENGLAND
BELLA VISTA PREP
FRESHMAN
GUARD
5'9"

GRACE STRICKLAND



#22

WHITEHALL, PA
WHITEHALL HS
GRADUATE STUDENT
GUARD
5'10"

GRACE CLARY



#23

GATES MILLS, OH
GILMOUR ACADEMY
JUNIOR
FORWARD
5'11"

LAURYN STOVER



#24

BEAVER FALLS, PA
BLACKHAWK HS
FRESHMAN
GUARD
5'9"

QUINN BORRONI



#32

MCDONALD, PA
SOUTH FAYETTE HS
FRESHMAN
FORWARD
5'11"

ERICA HALL



#33

PITTSBURGH, PA
CHARTERS VALLEY
HS
FRESHMAN
GUARD
5'9"

ELLA CUPKA



#34

MOUNT PLEASANT,
PA
GREENSBURG
CENTRAL CATHOLIC
FORWARD
5'11"

BAILEY KUHN



2024-25 ROSTER OVERVIEW

Freshman Inbound

Mercyhurst welcomes plenty of new talent to the roster with five newcomers. A group that consists of all true freshman and no transfers. These being, Cici Hernandez, Alena Fusetti, Grace Strickland, Erica Hall, and Ella Cupka. All of the freshman are Pennsylvania Natives except one, Grace Strickland who is coming from London, England, over 3,600 miles away.

Key Returners

The Lakers will carry some depth over from 2023-24 roster. Last seasons leading scorer Bailey Kuhns will lead the charge. Bailey averaged 14.3 points per game last season and was selected to the PSAC West Second Team. Other key returning contributors include Ava Waid, Jenna Van Schaik, Grace Clary, Allyson Ross, and Maria McConnell.

Kohlheim Returns Coming Off Best Season

Brooklyn Kohlheim will enter her sixth season as the leader of the Lakers. Kohlheim arrived in Erie after a brief stint as the head coach at Lake Erie College. She has more than 14 years of playing and coaching experience throughout the NCAA Division I and Division II levels. The 2023-24 season proved to be Kohlheim's best season to date, leading the squad to a 18-11 overall record, with a 14-8 record in conference play, as well as clinching the PSAC Post Season for the first time in 6 years. As a team, the Lakers shot 42% from the field.

2024 NEC WEEKLY AWARDS

WEEK	OFFENSE	DEFENSE
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2		
3		
4		
5		
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7		
8		
9		
10		
11		
12		

NEC STANDINGS 2023-24

Sacred Heart	1ST
Le Moyne	2ND
FDU	3RD
Merrimack	4TH
CCSU	5TH
LIU	6TH
Stonehill	7TH
Saint Francis Univ.	8TH
Wagner	9TH

2024 NEC PRESEASON POLL

FDU	1ST
CCSU	2ND
Le Moyne	3RD
Stonehill	4TH
Saint Francis Univ.	5TH
Wagner	6TH
LIU	7TH
Chicago St.	8TH
Mercyhurst	8TH

ABOUT THE NEC

As the Northeast Conference (NEC) enters its 44th year as an NCAA Division I athletic entity, the league's NEC mission has remained remarkably consistent: to provide opportunities for student-athletes to achieve their fullest potential in the classroom, in athletic competition and in the community.

Focusing on the areas of student-athlete achievement, academic excellence, integrity, sportsmanship, diversity, equity and inclusion, innovation, community partnership and national engagement, the NEC continues to make great strides under the leadership of Commissioner Noreen Morris, now in the 15th year of her tenure. With the NEC's Strategic Plan providing a blueprint for the future, there is no shortage of excitement headed into the 2024-25 season as the nine-strong NEC looks to stand out among its peers, while fostering a sense of #NECPride amongst its student-athletes, coaches, administrators and fans.

When the Northeast Conference (NEC) was first established as the ECAC-Metro Conference back in 1981, the league's founders had one goal in mind: to create a competitive NCAA Division I men's basketball conference for unaffiliated schools on the Eastern seaboard. A single-sport entity at its inception, the NEC has grown far beyond expectations over the past four decades, having transformed itself into a 24-sport conference.

The remarkable success story of the Conference began to unfold in 1985, when the league began sponsoring additional sports. Three years later, a change of name was in order and the Northeast Conference as we know it today was born. With membership and sport sponsorship continuing to grow over the years, the NEC enjoys qualification or play-in access to 16 different NCAA Championships (baseball, men's and women's basketball, women's bowling, field hockey, football, men's and women's golf, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's tennis and women's volleyball).

Though the NEC has featured various incarnations since its inception, charter members FDU, LIU, Saint Francis U and Wagner remain part of the current nine-school alignment. They are joined by Central Connecticut (1997), Sacred Heart (1999), Merrimack (2019), Stonehill (2022) and Le Moyne (2023), along with Chicago State (2024) and Mercyhurst (2024), the league's newest members.

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

Overtime Win.....11/26/21 EMBRY-RIDDLE 82-77
 Overtime Loss.....11/10/23, W.LIB 71-74
 Lakers Score 100.....11/12/23, W.LIB 107-108
 Opponent Scores 100.....1/12/23, W.LIB 107-108 (20T)
 Scored 30 Points.....2/19/22 Jade Boyd vs Edinboro-30
 Recorded 15 Rebounds..... 2/18/21 Grace Centrulla vs Bloomsburg-15
 Double-Double.....2/24/24 Danielle Grim vs CAL 14 pts & 11 rbs
 Made Five Threes.....2/28/24 Julia Buchman vs Clarion-5
 Made 10 Free Throws.....1/30/21 Meghan Komandarek vs. American-10

ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

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Interview Requests

To request an interview with Coach Kohlheim or players throughout the week, please contact Cameron Horning to arrange a mutually agreed upon time for the interview.



COACH BROOKLYN KOHLHEIM



Brooklyn Kohlheim will enter her 6th season as the leader of the Lakers. Kohlheim arrived in Erie after a brief stint as the head coach at Lake Erie College. She has more than 14 years of playing and coaching experience throughout the NCAA Division I and Division II levels.

The 2023-24 season proved to be Kohlheim's best season, leading the Lakers to an overall record of 18-11 and a conference record of 14-8. Mercyhurst also tied a program record, rattling off 11 wins in a row. As a team, the Lakers shot 42% from the field. It was also the first time in 6 years the Lakers made the PSAC post season.

The 2021-22 season saw Kohlheim lead the Lakers to a 9-19 mark, with a 7-15 record inside of PSAC play. The team bounced back from a rough start, winning four of five games throughout December and early January, picking up wins over East Stroudsburg, Mansfield, and Clarion. Mercyhurst's highlight win was an 89-60 blowout victory over Seton Hill, who was receiving national votes at the time. Junior Jayde Boyd, and redshirt freshman Grace Centrulla, were both named Second Team All-PSAC West.

The 2021 campaign saw Mercyhurst post an 11-6 overall record. 2021 consisted of a complete non-conference schedule due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mercyhurst got out to a strong start going 5-0 to match the best start in program history since the 2016-17 season. The Lakers were competitive all season and earned an impressive 64-55 road win at No. 24 American International College. They ended the season going 4-2 over their final six contests.

In 2020 she led the Lakers to an 8-20 mark and an 8-14 record in PSAC action. Her first victory as a Laker came on November 23rd when the squad knocked off Millersville University in the conference home opener. Senior Amber Renz notched 1,000 points for her career against Gannon and was named First Team All-PSAC West. Kohlheim's team was focused both on and off the floor as well, with all 14 players being named a PSAC Scholar Athlete.

Prior to her arrival at Lake Erie, Kohlheim was an assistant coach at Michigan Tech, in Houghton, Mich. As an assistant, she spent the 2017-18 season with the Huskies and helped lead them to a 23-6 overall record. The Huskies climbed as high as 13 in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association Poll.

After a great regular season, Michigan Tech was crowned the GLIAC North Champions and received an at-large bid into the 2018 Division II NCAA Tournament. The team also finished the season with the highest team GPA in Division II.

Prior to coaching at MTU, Kohlheim was an assistant at Nova Southeastern, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She helped lead the Sharks to back-to-back Sunshine State Conference Tournament titles (2013-14 and 2014-15). She also played a key role in solidifying two regular season conference titles (2012-13 and 2014-15). During that time, NSU made two Elite Eight appearances — in 2013-14 and 2014-15. They also reached the Final Four in 2013-14.

At Nova Southeastern, Kohlheim helped build the program into one of the premier programs in NCAA Division II. She helped lead the team to three consecutive years of being ranked in the Top 25, including a No. 1 overall ranking.

Kohlheim began her collegiate coaching career spending two seasons at the University of Indianapolis, where she assisted the team and helped them to an NCAA Tournament appearance in 2009-10.

As a student-athlete, Kohlheim played basketball at Florida Southern College, an NCAA Division II school where she was a four-year starter. She earned SSC All-Freshman Team honors in 2002 and led the Mocs to an SSC tournament title and NCAA appearance in 2003. She is the program's all-time leader in free throw percentage and 3-pointers made.

CAREER RECORD

YEAR	OVERALL	CONF.	Notes
2019-20	8-20	8-14	
2020-21	11-6	0-0	No PSAC play due to Covid-19
2021-22	9-19	7-15	
2022-23	14-14	10-12	
2023-24	18-10	14-8	
2024-25	0-0	0-0	



OVERALL 58-64 / CONF. 38-43

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