Top Story - The Robert Morris University women’s basketball team travels to Morgantown, W. Va., for a showdown with the Mountaineers of West Virginia. The Colonials come into this contest with a 1-3 overall record, while the Mountaineers are 4-1 and have won their last two contests.

2003-04 Record: 4-1
Letterman Returning / Lost: 6/3
Starters Returning / Lost: 4/1

Robert Morris Colonials (1-3)
@ West Virginia Mountaineers (4-1)
Morgantown, W. Va. / WVU Coliseum

2003-04 Schedule
COACHES CORNER

Sal Buscaglia enters his first season at the helm of the Robert Morris University women's basketball team. Buscaglia, who is only the fifth head coach in Colonial history, takes over a program that went 1-26 in 2002-03 and has won only seven games in past three years. Last season, Buscaglia guided the Manhattan Jaspers to the NCAA Tournament and has guided three different institutions into postseason play.

Buscaglia spent five seasons at Manhattan College (1998-2003), where he compiled a record of 79-65, including a 20-10 record in 2002-03 in helping guide the Jaspers to the NCAA Tournament. On his career, which also includes coaching stints at the University of Buffalo (1990-98) and Hilbert Junior College (1977-90), Buscaglia owns a career record of 487-191. Over his career, Buscaglia has five conference titles in 12 seasons at the Division I level and has averaged 18 victories per year. In his 12 years as a Division I head coach, Buscaglia has guided his teams to winning seasons in 11 of them. He also owns 12 Coach of the Year honors.

Buscaglia also has coaching experience with USA Basketball, having served as an assistant coach at the 1992 Summer Olympic Festival and as a Trial Coach at the 1989 Summer Olympic Festival. From 1986-93, Buscaglia served as head western division coach of the Empire State Games, helping coach the top players in the state.

A 1976 graduate of Canisius, Buscaglia owns a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business and Accounting and in 1989 earned a Master's Degree in Physical Education, also from Canisius. In 1980, Buscaglia received a Master's Degree in Business Education from the State University of New York College at Buffalo.

The Buscaglia File

Who: Sal Buscaglia
What: Fifth head coach in the 26-year history of RMU women's basketball.
When Appointed: May 2, 2003
Year at Robert Morris: First
Alma Mater / Year: Canisius / 1976
Degrees:
Bachelor of Science in Business, Accounting - Canisius / 1976
Master in Business Education - State Univ. of New York College at Buffalo / 1980
Master's of Physical Education - Canisius / 1989
Collegiate Coaching Experience:
Manhattan College - Head Coach, 1998-2003
University at Buffalo - Head Coach, 1990-98
Hilbert Junior College - Head Coach, 1977-90
Other Coaching Experience:
USA Basketball, Olympic Festival - Assistant Coach, 1992
USA Basketball, Olympic Festival - Trial Coach, 1989
Empire State Games, Women's Basketball - Head Coach, Western Division
Robert Morris University women's basketball team fell 73-53 to Towson University in a non-conference game this evening. The Colonials now hold a 1-3 record on the season, while the Tigers are 2-1 overall.

Robert Morris and Towson played evenly in beginning minutes of the contest tying the game four times. RMU was able to take a 12-10 lead on a layup by freshman forward Arlene Mull, but the Tigers went on a 7-0 run to grab the 17-12 advantage with less than seven minutes to play before intermission.

Sophomore guard Amie Harris hit a jumper to cut lead to three but Towson's Tanya West and Tina Hopkins both scored to push the Tigers lead to seven.

Harris again hit a jumper but Towson answered with a bucket and one free throw to keep the Colonials at bay. Freshman guard Jenna Burkett converted a three-point play but Kacy O'Brien finished her own three-point play to help Towson go into the locker room with the eight point lead at 29-21.

In the beginning of the second half freshman guard DeAnna Chestnut drained a three-pointer to slash Towson's lead to five. The Tigers had an answer, scoring the next 24 out of 26 points to build their lead to double-digits at 43-26. RMU scored its lone bucket during Towson's run at the 19:17 mark and then went dry until junior center Sarah McDonald hit a jumper with 15:05 to play in the game to reduce the Tigers lead to 15.

With the score 54-37, freshman guard Jenna Eckleberry hit her first three-pointer of the year to help RMU close the gap to 14. The Tigers stepped up their defense and held RMU scoreless for the next three minutes and were able to capitalize, scoring 12 points to hold a 26-point cushion. The Colonials scored 10 points over the last six minutes, but it wasn't enough and fell 73-53.

RMU was held to 35.5 percent (22-of-62) shooting from the field, while Towson shot 47.5 percent (28-of-60), including 51.6 percent (16-of-31) in the second half.

Harris led RMU with 12 points and added four rebounds and one blocked shot. McDonald also finished in double-digits points with 11 and grabbed three rebounds. Warren had eight points and eight rebounds in 30 minutes of action, while Mull finished with six.

The Tigers had three players finish with double-digit points. O'Brien scored a game-high 23 points, while Kelli Talbot had 16 and Kelly Robinson finished with 10.
The Robert Morris Colonials shot an impressive 63-54 win over Samford in the Lady Griz Holiday Classic consolation game.

The Colonials grabbed 57 rebounds in their 72-36 victory over Seton Hill. It is the highest number of rebounds since Dec. 4, 1999 when RMU defeated Davis & Elkins by a score of 87-62 and grabbed a season-high 62 rebounds.

Robert Morris finished the Seton Hill game with 18 steals. It is the most steals by the Colonials since they had 20 against Long Island, Jan. 2, 1997.

Sophomore guard Amie Harris exploded in her first game as a sophomore scoring a career-high 20 points in 36 minutes of action. The Springfield, Ohio native hit 7-of-18 from the field, including 1-of-5 from behind the three-point arc and hit 5-of-6 from the charity stripe. Her previous high was 11 points at La Salle, Dec. 28, 2002.

The Colonials shot a season-low 35.5 percent (22-of-62) from the field in their 73-53 loss to Towson, Dec. 2... RMU went to the charity stripe seven times in its loss to Towson, a season-low, making only six.

### 2003-04 Colonial Season Highs:

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### The Last Time...

- **RMU won a season opener:**
  - 11/23/91 vs. St. Bonaventure (66-64)
- **RMU won a season opener on the road:**
  - 11/26/85 @ Akron (67-56)
- **RMU scored more than 100 points:**
  - 2/23/02 vs. FDU (106-99 OT)
- **An opponent scored more than 100 points:**
  - 12/7/02 West Virginia (114-45)
- **RMU lost scoring less than 40 points:**
  - 3/1/03 @ Monmouth (50-34)
- **An opponent scored less than 40 points:**
  - 11/29/03 Seton Hill (72-36)
- **RMU won by more than 20:**
  - 11/29/03 Seton Hill (72-36)
- **RMU won by more than 30:**
  - 11/29/03 Seton Hill (72-36)

### Largest margin of victory:
- 61 points - 2/28/80 vs. Chatham (85-24)

### Next Game

vs. St. Francis (Pa.)
Dec. 13, 2003 / Sewall Center / 5:00 p.m.

2003-04 Record:
3-1

Head Coach:
Jill Poe
Assistant Coach:
Mike Wells,
Deanna Jubeck

### Tid Bits...

- **PNC Bank Colonial Hotline:** (412) 299-2403
- **Head Coach:** Sal Buscaglia
- **Assistant Coaches:** Derrick Harrison, Toyelle Wilson, Charlie Buscaglia
- **Office Phone:** (412) 262-8419
- **Best Time to Reach:** 10-2 weekdays
- **2002-03 overall record:** 1-26
- **2002-03 NEC record:** 1-11
- **Letterman Returning / Lost:** 8/2
- **Starters Returning / Lost:** 4/1

**Seniors: 2**
**Juniors: 4**
**Sophomores: 2**
**Freshmen: 5**

**Record vs. 2003-04 Opponents**

- **Akron** ................. 5-10
- **Army** ..................... 0-1
- **Central Conn. State** ........ 2-8
- **Cleveland State** ........... 2-2
- **Duquesne** ............... 10-19
- **Fairleigh Dickinson** ....... 16-19
- **Long Island** ............. 23-12
- **Monmouth** ............ 11-25
- **Mount St. Mary’s** ....... 3-28
- **Navy** ....................... Fist Meeting
- **Pittsburgh** ............... 0-19
- **Quinnipiac** .............. 3-5
- **Sacred Heart** .......... 1-5
- **St. Francis (N.Y.)** ....... 23-11
- **St. Francis (Pa.)** ......... 23-26
- **Seton Hill** .......... First Meeting
- **Towson** ................. 1-1
- **West Virginia** .......... 1-15

**Colonials Picked to Finish 10th**

Robert Morris was picked to finish 11th in the Northeast Conference according to league coaches.

**Northeast Conference Preseason Coaches Poll**

1. St. Francis (Pa.)
2. Quinnipiac
3. Mount St. Mary’s
4. Monmouth
5. Sacred Heart
6. Wagner
7. Long Island
8. Fairleigh Dickinson
9. Central Connecticut State
10. Robert Morris
11. St. Francis (N.Y.)
Recent Results

Monday, December 1
Rider at MOUT ST. MARY’S - W, 74-66

Tuesday, December 2
LONG ISLAND at Columbia - L, 66-62

Towson at ROBERT MORRIS - L, 73-53

Wednesday, December 3
Harvard at CCSU - L, 94-47
Iona at MONMOUTH - W, 63-53
American at MOUNT ST. MARY’S - L, 72-62
New Hampshire at QUINNIPIAC - 7W, 82-76
Yale at SACRED HEART - W, 79-68
MD-Eastern Shore at ST. FRANCIS (NY) - W, 56-48
Lafayette at WAGNER - W, 71-60

Upcoming Games

Friday, December 5
CCSU at Stetson @ Stetson Tournament, 6:00 pm
Virginia at LONG ISLAND, 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 6
CCSU at Stetson Tournament, 6/8 pm
FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON at Boston Univ., 1:00 pm
MONMOUTH at Columbia, TBA
ROBERT MORRIS at West Virginia, TBA
Princeton at SACRED HEART, 2:00 pm

Sunday, December 7
ST. FRANCIS (NY) at St. Bonaventure, 12:00 pm
WAGNER at Marquette, 2:00 pm

Tuesday, December 9
Hartford at QUINNIPIAC, 7:00 pm
LONG ISLAND at FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 10
Boston Univ. at CCSU, 7:00 pm
MONMOUTH at St. Peter’s, 7:30 pm

Friday, December 12
LONG ISLAND vs. Utah Valley @ Cyclone Classic, 6:30 pm

Saturday, December 13
QUINNIPIAC at CCSU, 2:00 pm
LIU vs. Iona St./Tx Southern @ Cyclone Classic, 6:30/9 pm
MONMOUTH at ST. FRANCIS (NY), 2:00 pm
ST. FRANCIS (PA) at ROBERT MORRIS, 5:00 pm

Team Leaders

RMU’s individual statistical leader through 3 games:

Points:
Brittany Warren ............................................................ 17.3
Amie Harris ............................................................... 15.3
Jenna Burkett .............................................................. 10.0

Rebounds:
Valerie Jacobs ............................................................. 7.5
Brittany Warren ........................................................... 6.0
Arlene Mull ................................................................. 3.8

Assists:
DeAnna Chestnut .......................................................... 3.0
Jenna Eckleberry ......................................................... 2.5
Valerie Jacobs ............................................................ 2.0

Steals:
Arlene Mull ............................................................... 1.5
Brittany Warren .......................................................... 1.25