



SAINT MARY'S (CALIF.)

A 30-year hiatus between NCAA Tournament appearances finally ended in 1989 and three of the Gaels' five NCAA appearances have come since 1997. But the program's lone Tournament win came way back before the dry spell, in 1959.

BEST TEAM: 1988-89 Forget the lean years; the 25-5 Gaels won 16 of their first 17 games and set school marks for field goal shooting (.535) and victories (surpassed in 2008-09). Led by top scorer Al Lewis (392), they earned a No. 8 Tournament seed but lost in the first round to No. 9-seed Clemson, 83-70.

BEST PLAYER: F Tom Meschery (1958-61) The only Gael to be selected as an All-America, Meschery averaged 16.7 points and a school-record 13.5 rebounds per game, and is also the No. 2 all-time rebounder with 916. Meschery led Saint Mary's to its first NCAA Tournament in 1959 and that lone Tourney victory—80-71 over Idaho State. He then played 10 seasons as a bruising forward with the NBA Warriors and SuperSonics.

BEST COACH: Randy Bennett (2001-) He's the school's all-time winningest coach and the only one to lead Saint Mary's to multiple NCAA Tournament appearances. In each of his first eight seasons, Bennett led the Gaels as far as the semifinals of the West Coast Conference tournament, thrice reaching the final (2004, '05, '09).

GAME FOR THE AGES: Playing their conference rival, Gonzaga, in a nationally televised home game on Feb. 4, 2008, Saint Mary's rode the scoring of freshman Patty Mills to a wild 89-85 overtime win. It was the first time the Zags had faced a ranked conference opponent in nearly 20 years. Mills scored the Gaels' final 10 points in regulation and five more in overtime to finish with 23.

FIERCEST RIVAL: The Gaels' battles with Gonzaga for WCC supremacy have intensified this rivalry in recent seasons. Their March 1, 2008, encounter was the first in which both teams entered the game with a Top-25 national ranking. Gonzaga avenged its Feb. 4 loss with an 88-76 win—and leads the series (by its count) 48-23, including 26 wins in the last 29 meetings.

SEASON REVIEW

SEAS.	W-L	CONF.	COACH	SEAS.	W-L	CONF.	COACH
1907-50	318-308	0-12 over 3 seasons (1920-22)		1963-64	7-19	5-7	Mike Cimino
1950-51	9-11		Thomas Foley	1964-65	8-18	5-9	Mike Cimino
1951-52	16-10		Thomas Foley	1965-66	8-17	4-10	Mike Cimino
1952-53	9-11	4-4	Thomas Foley	1966-67	4-21	2-12	Mike Cimino
1953-54	10-14	4-8	Thomas Foley	1967-68	4-20	3-11	Mike Cimino
1954-55	6-19	1-11	Thomas Foley	1968-69	6-19	3-11	Mike Cimino
1955-56	16-10	8-6	James Weaver	1969-70	3-22	0-14	Mike Cimino
1956-57	17-9	10-4	James Weaver	1970-71	10-16	4-10	Bruce Hale
1957-58	11-15	8-4	James Weaver	1971-72	9-17	3-11	Bruce Hale
1958-59	19-6	11-1 ●	James Weaver	1972-73	7-19	2-12	Bruce Hale
1959-60	15-11	7-5	James Weaver	1973-74	15-13	5-9	Frank LaPorte
1960-61	19-7	8-4	James Weaver	1974-75	14-12	7-7	Frank LaPorte
1961-62	13-11	8-4	James Weaver	1975-76	3-23	2-10	Frank LaPorte
1962-63	14-11	8-4	Mike Cimino	1976-77	11-16	4-10	Frank LaPorte

SEAS.	W-L	CONF.	SCORING	COACH	RECORD
1977-78	13-14	5-9	Nick Pappageorge 492	Frank LaPorte	
1978-79	13-15	5-9	Kenny Jones 491	Frank LaPorte	69-93 .426
1979-80	13-14 ● 9-7		David Vann 452	Bill Oates	
1980-81	9-18	3-11	David Vann 472	Bill Oates	
1981-82	11-16	3-11	Peter Thibeaux 523	Bill Oates	
1982-83	14-12	7-5	Peter Thibeaux 19.8	Bill Oates	
1983-84	12-16	7-5	David Boone 428	Bill Oates	
1984-85	15-12	7-5	David Cooke 408	Bill Oates	
1985-86	10-17	3-11	Paul Robertson 396	Bill Oates	84-105 .444
1986-87	17-13	7-7	Paul Robertson 381	Lynn Nance	
1987-88	19-9	9-5	Robert Haugen 403	Lynn Nance	
1988-89	25-5	12-2 ●	Al Lewis 392	Lynn Nance	61-27 .693
1989-90	7-20	4-10	Mike Vontoure 348	Paul Landreaux	
1990-91	13-17	7-7	Eric Bamberger 456	Paul Landreaux ^a	11-29 .275
1991-92	13-17	4-10	Eric Bamberger 411	Ernie Kent	
1992-93	11-16	6-8	Brian Brazier 316	Ernie Kent	
1993-94	13-14	5-9	Chris Johnson 351	Ernie Kent	
1994-95	18-10	10-4	Brent Farris 403	Ernie Kent	
1995-96	12-15	5-9	David Sivulich 423	Ernie Kent	
1996-97	23-8 ●	10-4	Brad Millard 384	Ernie Kent	90-80 .529
1997-98	12-15	7-7	David Sivulich 19.4	Dave Bollwinkel	
1998-99	13-18	5-9	Eric Schraeder 19.8	Dave Bollwinkel	
1999-2000	8-20	3-11	Frank Allocco 12.1	Dave Bollwinkel	
2000-01	2-27	0-14	Jovan Harris 15.1	Dave Bollwinkel	35-80 .304
2001-02	9-20	3-11	Chase Poole 10.2	Randy Bennett	
2002-03	15-15	6-8	Daniel Kickert 12.7	Randy Bennett	
2003-04	19-12	9-5	Paul Marigney 16.0	Randy Bennett	
2004-05	25-9	11-3 ●	Daniel Kickert 16.6	Randy Bennett	
2005-06	17-12	8-6	Daniel Kickert 16.7	Randy Bennett	
2006-07	17-15	8-6	Diamon Simpson 14.1	Randy Bennett	
2007-08	25-7	12-2 ●	Patty Mills 14.8	Randy Bennett	
2008-09	28-7	10-4 ●	Patty Mills 18.4	Randy Bennett	155-97 .615

Cumulative totals listed when per game averages not available.

^a Paul Landreaux (4-9) and Dave Fehle (9-8) both coached during the 1990-91 season.

● Records don't reflect games forfeited or vacated. For adjusted records, see p. 521.

● NCAA Tournament appearance ■ NIT appearance

PROFILE

Saint Mary's College of California, Moraga, CA
Founded: 1863
Enrollment: 3,916 (2,486 undergraduate)
Colors: Navy and red
Nickname: Gaels
Current arena: McKeon Pavilion, opened in 1978 (3,500)
First game: 1907
All-time record: 1,072-1,160 (.480)
Total weeks in AP Top 20/25: 13

Current conference: West Coast (1952-)

Conference titles:

West Coast Athletic: 2 (1959, '80 [tie])
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Conference tournament titles:

West Coast: 1 (1997)

NCAA Tournament appearances: 5

NIT appearances: 1

FIRST-ROUND PRO PICKS

1961 **Tom Meschery**, Philadelphia (7)

TOP 5

- G **Patty Mills** (2007-09)
- G **David Vann** (1978-82)
- F **Tom Meschery** (1958-61)
- F **Diamon Simpson** (2005-09)
- C **Daniel Kickert** (2002-06)

RECORDS

	GAME	SEASON	CAREER
POINTS	43 Jim Moore, vs. Sacramento State (Dec. 12, 1964)	614 Eric Schraeder (1998-99)	1,863 Daniel Kickert (2002-06)
POINTS PER GAME		23.8 Steve Gray (1962-63)	20.0 Sam Hill (1969-71)
REBOUNDS	24 Mike Wadsworth, vs. UC Davis (Dec. 11, 1953)	377 Diamon Simpson (2008-09)	1,130 Diamon Simpson (2005-09)
ASSISTS	16 Ray Orgill, vs. Southern Utah (Dec. 3, 1980)	213 Nick Pappageorge (1976-77)	507 Kamran Sufi (1993-97)

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