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The absence of a major sports team in New York's capital makes Saints hoops one of the top tickets in the Albany area. The Saints enjoy a healthy home-court advantage at the Times Union Center, a rowdy following and consistently solid coaching—a formula that's spurred Siena to NCAA Tournament wins in 1989 (over Stanford), 2008 (Vanderbilt) and 2009 (Ohio State).

BEST TEAM: 1988-89 The Saints' 25–5 record and run to the NCAA Tournament's second round is all the more remarkable considering that an on-campus measles outbreak forced them to play nine games in empty arenas and cancel two others they almost certainly would have won (Brooklyn, Northeastern).

BEST PLAYER: G MARC BROWN (1987-91) Quick, competitive and a terrific ballhandler, "Showbiz" was a natural for Mike Deane's guard-oriented system. As a senior, he earned MAAC Player of the Year honors, and he finished his career as one of only three D1 players to record 2,000 points and 750 assists.

BEST COACH: MIKE DEANE (1986-94) As hands-on as they come, Deane dictated that the Saints offense be controlled through the point guard and Brown obliged, resulting in NIT and NCAA Tournament victories.

GAME FOR THE AGES: Many Saints fans assumed Siena's 80-78 upset of Stanford in the 1989 NCAA Tournament would never be topped. But the 2008-09 team did just that with its first-round, 74-72 victory over No. 8-seed Ohio State on March 20. Ronald Moore hit a three to tie it late in the first OT, then nailed the game-winner with 3.9 seconds left in the second overtime—from nearly the same spot.

FIERCEST RIVAL: Siena has ended Marist's season in the MAAC tournament five times between 1999 and 2007—a fittingly bitter twist to this rivalry. A brawl between the teams during the 1983-84 season forced a three-year hiatus in the series. When it was renewed in 1987, Siena went on the road to face 7'4" Rik Smits and possibly the best Marist team ever. The outcome? An 87-66 Siena victory. The Saints lead overall, 41–22.

SEASON REVIEW

SEAS.	W-L	CONF.	COACH	SEAS.	W-L	CONF.	COACH
1938-48	85-48	No losing seasons		1961-62	14-8		Dan Cunha
1948-49	22-7		Dan Cunha	1962-63	13-10		Dan Cunha
1949-50	27-5		Dan Cunha	1963-64	8-13		Dan Cunha
1950-51	19-8		Dan Cunha	1964-65	9-10		Dan Cunha
1951-52	24-6		Dan Cunha	1965-66	6-16		Tom Hannon
1952-53	10-11		Dan Cunha	1966-67	12-11		Tom Hannon
1953-54	7-14		Dan Cunha	1967-68	9-16		Tom Hannon
1954-55	3-13		Dan Cunha	1968-69	10-13		Tom Hannon
1955-56	7-13		Dan Cunha	1969-70	7-16		Gene Culnan
1956-57	5-15		Dan Cunha	1970-71	8-17		Gene Culnan
1957-58	5-15		Dan Cunha	1971-72	12-14		Gene Culnan[a]
1958-59	3-16		Dan Cunha	1972-73	15-8		William Kirsch
1959-60	3-18		Dan Cunha	1973-74	18-9		William Kirsch
1960-61	11-13		Dan Cunha	1974-75	16-9		William Kirsch

SEAS.	W-L	CONF.	SCORING		COACH	RECORD	
1975-76	11-11		Gary Holle	20.6	William Kirsch		
1976-77	9-15		Nelson Richardson	13.9	William Kirsch		
1977-78	13-10		Michael Catino	16.2	William Kirsch		
1978-79	14-12		Michael Catino	15.2	William Kirsch		
1979-80	14-14		Rod Owens	16.8	William Kirsch		
1980-81	17-10		Kevin McGraw	16.2	William Kirsch		
1981-82	15-13	8-7	Kevin McGraw	16.7	William Kirsch	142-111	.561
1982-83	12-16	6-8	Rod Mullin	14.0	John Griffin		
1983-84	15-13	8-8	Eric Banks	16.5	John Griffin		
1984-85	22-7	12-4	Doug Poetzsch	18.9	John Griffin		
1985-86	21-8	12-6	Eric Banks	15.7	John Griffin	70-44	.614
1986-87	17-12	12-6	Matt Brady	14.1	Mike Deane		
1987-88	23-6	16-2 ■	Rick Williams	20.8	Mike Deane		
1988-89	25-5	16-1 ●	Jeffery Robinson	19.8	Mike Deane		
1989-90	16-13	11-5	Marc Brown	16.9	Mike Deane		
1990-91	25-10	12-4 ■	Marc Brown	23.3	Mike Deane		
1991-92	19-10	11-5	Doremus Bennerman	16.9	Mike Deane		
1992-93	16-13	8-6	Doremus Bennerman	18.4	Mike Deane		
1993-94	25-8	10-4 ■	Doremus Bennerman	26.0	Mike Deane	166-77	.683
1994-95	8-19	5-9	Matt Gras	13.8	Bob Beyer		
1995-96	5-22	1-13	Jim Secretarski	11.2	Bob Beyer		
1996-97	9-18	4-10	Geoff Walker	12.8	Bob Beyer	22-59	.272
1997-98	17-12	10-8	Marcus Faison	16.1	Paul Hewitt		
1998-99	25-6	13-5 ●	Marcus Faison	14.7	Paul Hewitt		
1999-2000	24-9	15-3 ■	Marcus Faison	17.3	Paul Hewitt	66-27	.710
2000-01	20-11	12-6	Dwayne Archbold	14.9	Louis Orr	20-11	.645
2001-02	17-19	9-9 ●	Dwayne Archbold	19.9	Rob Lanier		
2002-03	21-11	12-6 ■	Prosper Karangwa	16.6	Rob Lanier		
2003-04	14-16	9-9	Michael Haddix	15.6	Rob Lanier		
2004-05	6-24	4-14	Jack McClinton	13.6	Rob Lanier	58-70	.453
2005-06	15-13	10-8	Antoine Jordan	17.1	Fran McCaffery		
2006-07	20-12	12-6	Michael Haddix	16.3	Fran McCaffery		
2007-08	23-11	13-5 ●	Edwin Ubiles	17.0	Fran McCaffery		
2008-09	27-8	16-2 ●	Edwin Ubiles	15.0	Fran McCaffery	85-44	.659

[a] Gene Culnan (10-9) and Rit Keith (2-5) both coached during the 1971-72 season.
● NCAA Tournament appearance   ■ NIT appearance

PROFILE

Siena College, Loudonville, NY
Founded: 1937
Enrollment: 3,338 (3,338 undergraduate)
Colors: Green and gold
Nickname: Saints
Current arena: Times Union Center, opened in 1990 (8,065)
Previous: Alumni Recreation Center, 1974-97 (4,000); Washington Avenue Armory,1945-76 (3,500); Gibbons Hall, 1938-74 (N/A)
First game: 1938
All-time record: 968-789 (.551)

Total weeks in AP Top 20/25: 13
Current conference: Metro Atlantic Athletic (1989-)
Conference titles:
  ECAC North Atlantic: 2 (1988, '89)
  MAAC: 5 (1991 [tie], '99 [tie], 2000, '08 [tie], '09)
Conference tournament titles:
  ECAC North Atlantic: 1 (1989)
  MAAC: 4 (1999, 2002, '08, '09)
NCAA Tournament appearances: 5
NIT appearances: 5
  Semifinals: 1

TOP 5

G **Doremus Bennerman** (1990-94)
G **Marc Brown** (1987-91)
G **Kenny Hasbrouck** (2005-09)
F **Lee Matthews** (1989-93)
F **Steve McCoy** (1985-89)

RECORDS

		GAME		SEASON		CAREER
POINTS	51	Doremus Bennerman, vs. Kansas State (March 30, 1994)	858	Doremus Bennerman (1993-94)	2,284	Marc Brown (1987-91)
POINTS PER GAME			26.0	Doremus Bennerman (1993-94)	20.6	Gary Holle (1974-76)
REBOUNDS	30	Jack Mulvey (1964-65)	387	Billy Harrell (1949-50)	1,037	Lee Matthews (1989-93)
ASSISTS	15	Marc Brown, vs. Army (Feb. 3, 1990)	224	Ronald Moore (2008-09)	796	Marc Brown (1987-91)