



2023-24 SAINT PETER'S UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



**ESPN+**  
Saint Peter's vs. Iona  
Saturday, February 17th, 2024 • 2:00PM  
Run Baby Run Arena • Jersey City, N.J.



8-15, 3-11 MAAC

**NETWORK: ESPN+**  
**TV PLAY-BY-PLAY: JOE VASILE**  
**TV COLOR: BEN "JR" DINALLO**  
**START: 2:00PM**

**KEYNOTES**  
**Team Records**

- In the Peacocks' home opener, Fatama Janneh scored 15 points, and grabbed 13 rebounds for her first-career double-double. SPU won their home opener against CCSU 61-57 on Monday, Nov. 13. Freshman Fatmata Janneh posted 17 points and 11 rebounds against LIU, her second career double-double. Janneh secured her third career double-double, with a total of 21 points and 12 rebounds against Wagner. She has a total of six career double-doubles this season so far. Against Iona, Janneh was the leading scorer for the Peacocks with 28 points and was 5-of-9 from beyond the three point arc. This was also a new career-high for Janneh. Freshman forward Fatmata Janneh leads the team in rebounds, averaging 7.3 per game.
- Reilly Sunday had her season high against Marquette University scoring 16 points.
- Sophomore Jada Leonard led the team in scoring against LIU, shooting 46% from the field (6-13), 5-of-10 from 3-point distance and 3-of-4 from the free throw line. Against LIU, she scored 20 points, a new season high for her 36th career game. Sophomore guard Jada Leonard opened up the floor Thursday afternoon against Mount St. Mary's with a layup. Leonard went 5-of-11 in field goals, shooting 60% beyond the three-point arc, securing four rebounds and 17 points. She was the leading scorer for the Peacocks. Against Rider Jada Leonard led the way with 24 points, being the lead scorer. She went 8-of-19 from the floor and had five steals. Leonard had a buzzer beater layup at the end of the third, which put the Peacocks back in front 54-40.
- Carys Roy achieved a new season and career high, scoring 26 points against Niagara. Rachel Kuhl achieved a season high of 24 points against Manhattan


**New Faces**

- The Saint Peter's coaching staff brought in nine new players, which includes four transfers. These players are Mikia Keith from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Maria Fux from NJIT, Layla Laws from Saint Frances, Reilly Sunday from Duquesne and Maya Hyacienth from Rider.
- Additionally, SPU added freshman Lara Aguzzi and international freshmans Emily O'Connell and Fatmata Janneh and Carys Roy from Wales.
- The SPU coaching staff added former SPU student-athlete Tay Hughes as an assistant coach in the offseason.


**Returns**

- The 2023-24 SPU women's basketball team features four returners from last season: Rachel Kuhl, Jada Leonard, Tiara Bellamy, and Jada Williams.


**POTENTIAL STARTERS**



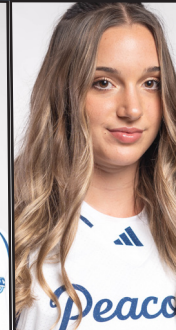
#4 MIKIA KEITH




#3 JADA LEONARD



#44 FATMATA JANNEH



#21 MARIA FUX



#5 MAYA HYACIENTH

**2023-24 SCHEDULE / RESULTS**

Overall Record	6-17
MAAC	3-11
Home	4-5
Away	2-12
Neutral	0-0

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Nov. 6	at Umass	L, 44-56
<b>Nov. 13</b>	<b>Central Connecticut State</b>	<b>W, 61-57</b>
Nov. 15	at Illinois	L, 33-103
Nov. 19	at Marquette	L, 36-96
Nov. 28	at Fordham	L, 46-80
Nov. 30	at LIU	W, 63-54
<b>Dec. 6</b>	<b>Wagner</b>	<b>L, 67-69</b>
Dec. 12	at NJIT	L, 47-66
<b>Dec. 16</b>	<b>Marist *</b>	<b>W, 51-42</b>
<b>Dec. 18</b>	<b>Niagara*</b>	<b>L, 57-74</b>
Dec. 21	at Hampton	W, 69-58
Jan. 4	at Quinnipiac	L, 39-50
Jan. 6	at Siena	L, 64-64
<b>Jan. 11</b>	<b>Canisius</b>	<b>L, 44-59</b>
Jan. 13	at Manhattan*	L, 37-41
Jan. 18	at Iona	L, 62-68
<b>Jan. 25</b>	<b>Mount St. Mary's</b>	<b>L, 49-52</b>
<b>Jan. 27</b>	<b>Rider*</b>	<b>W, 68-58</b>
Feb. 1	at Niagara*	L, 51-85
Feb. 3	at Canisius*	L, 48-56
<b>Feb. 8</b>	<b>Quinnipiac*</b>	<b>L, 40-46</b>
Feb. 10	at Fairfield*	L, 46-52
<b>Feb. 15</b>	<b>Manhattan*</b>	<b>W, 61-55</b>
<b>Feb. 17</b>	<b>Iona*</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
Feb. 22	at Rider*	7:00 PM
<b>Feb. 24</b>	<b>Siena*</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
Mar. 2	at Marist*	4:00 PM
<b>Mar. 7</b>	<b>Fairfield*</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
Mar. 9	at Mount St. Mary's	1:00 PM

- Home games in bold

\* - MAAC Games

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## 2023-24 Saint Peter's University Women's Basketball Roster

### Numerical

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/Previous School/High School
1	Rachel Kuhl	Sr.	G	5-7	Old Bridge, NJ / Old Bridge HS
3	Jada Leonard	So.	G	5-8	Bronx, NY / Monsignor Scanian
4	Tiara Bellamy	So.	G	5-7	Plainfield, NJ / Immaculate Conception
5	Maya Hyacienth	Gr.	G	5-10	Nottingham, England / City of London Academy/ Rider University
11	Mikia Keith	Gr.	F	5-3	Indianapolis, IN / Pike High School / Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
12	Emily O'Connell	Fr.	PG	5-7	London, England / City of London Academy
14	Carys Roy	Fr.	C	6-3	Cowbridge, Wales / Cowbridge Comprehensive School
15	Layla Laws	Jr.	F	5-9	Pine Beach, NJ / Donnovan Catholic/ St. Francis University
20	Reilly Sunday	So.	PG	5-9	Moon Township, Penn. / Moon Area HS
21	Maria Fux	Gr.	F	6-0	Santa Fe, Argentina / C. E. Brigadier Estanislao
22	Jada Williams	Jr.	F	6-1	Williamstown, NJ / Gloucester Catholic / Temple
23	Lara Aguzzi	Fr.	G	5-1	Newton, Massachusetts / Newton HS
44	Fatmata Jannah	Fr.	F	6-1	London England, Barking Abbey Sixth Form

### Alphabetical

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School/High School
23	Lara Aguzzi	Fr.	G	5-1		Newton, Massachusetts / Newton HS
4	Tiara Bellamy	So.	G	5-7		Plainfield, NJ / Immaculate Conception
21	Maria Fux	Gr.	F	6-0		Santa Fe, Argentina / C. E. Brigadier Estanislao
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### Pronunciation Guide

1	Rachel Kuhl	COOL	
4	Tiara Bellamy	Bell-am-i	
11	Mikia Keith	My-Kie-a   KEITH	r
44	Fatmata Jannah	Fat-Mat-A   Jan - eh	

### Roster Breakdown - By Location

#### United States - 8

Indiana -1 Massachusetts - 1 New Jersey - 3 New York - 2 Pennsylvania -1

#### International - 4

Argentina - 1 England- 2 Wales - 1

# JENNIFER LEEDHAM

## HEAD COACH • SECOND SEASON

Jennifer Leedham, a six-year veteran in the New York Metropolitan area as a Division I assistant, has been named the ninth women's basketball head coach in Saint Peter's University Athletics history in July of 2022.

Leedham takes over the reins at Saint Peter's after serving as associate head coach at St. Francis Brooklyn, where she helped guide the Terriers to one of their best seasons in program history in 2021-22. Last winter, SFC posted a 17-10 overall record and finished 13-3 in the Northeast Conference, finishing second in the NEC standings and setting a new program record for victories. Under Leedham's guidance, the Terriers led the NEC in a number of offensive categories including scoring offense (64.7 ppg) and assists per game (14.3).

Leedham will be taking over a Peacock program that has soared to new heights in recent seasons. SPU has advanced to at least the Quarterfinals of the MAAC Tournament in back-to-back seasons. The Peacocks also made their first appearance in the MAAC Title game since 2002 in 2020-21 and have had at least one All-MAAC selection in each of the last three seasons.

Prior to joining the staff at SFC, Leedham served as a women's basketball assistant coach at fellow NEC member Wagner for three seasons. As a member of the Seahawks' coaching staff, Leedham helped guide the program to the 2018-19 NEC Tournament. During that season, Wagner doubled its conference wins total from the season prior and qualified for the NEC tournament for the first time in five years.

Leedham aided the 2017-18 Seahawks to several top-five rankings among the NEC, which included being ranked second in three-point field percentage defense. Wagner was third in rebounding defense, fourth in field goal percentage defense, while it ranked fifth in both scoring defense and rebounding margin.

Leedham also oversaw the development of Kerstie Phills, who went on to claim the 2016-17 NEC Rookie of the Year award as well as earn All-NEC Second Team honors. Phills went on to capture a program-record eight NEC Rookie of the Week honors, while finishing the season shooting 48.1 percent from the field (second in the NEC) and 42.9 overall (ranking among the top-10).

Prior to her arrival at Wagner, Leedham was the head coach at her alma mater, Franklin Pierce, guiding the Ravens to a pair of NCAA Championship appearances (2013 & 2015) while reaching the Northeast-10 (NE-10) Conference Championship game in all four seasons.

At Franklin Pierce, Leedham mentored one All-Region selection, six All-Northeast-10 selec-

tions, and one All-Rookie Team choice. She also coached Tiffany Johnson, who claimed the 2012-13 Northeast-10 Defensive Player of the Year award. Before accepting the head coaching position of the Ravens' program, Leedham spent three seasons as an assistant, as she was fully entrenched in all aspects of the program, and was heavily responsible for all of the program's recruiting efforts as well as player development, fundraising, team travel, and scouting.

Outside of the college circuit, Leedham has also been active on the international coaching carousel. She was named the U16 Girls' Coach for the 2020 FIBA World Basketball Championships, representing Great Britain. She became the first female to be appointed to the respective position in its history.

A native of Ellesmere Port, England, Leedham is a 2016 inductee into the Franklin Pierce Hall of Fame. A 1,000-point scorer, she led the Ravens to an appearance in the 2009 NCAA Division II National Championship game and was named to the NCAA Elite Eight All-Tournament Team.


At that season's end, Leedham was bestowed several prestigious honors, including the 2009 Walter Peterson Female Senior Student-Athlete of the Year award and the NE-10 Defensive Player of the Year Award while being tabbed to the NE-10 Second Team. In the summer of 2009, she went on to represent Great Britain in the World University Games in Serbia.

Leedham graduated from Franklin Pierce in May of 2009 with a bachelor's degree in sports and recreation management. Later, she earned her MBA in Leadership from Franklin Pierce in May of 2013.










## 2023-24 SAINT PETER'S TELEVISION/RADIO SPOT CHART

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	<p><b>#5 Maya Hyacienth</b> <b>Gr.   Guard</b> 5-10 Nottingham England/ City of London Academy/ Rider</p>		<p><b>#11 Mikia Keith</b> <b>Gr.   Guard</b> 5-3 Pike HS / Southern Illinois Univesity Edwardville</p>		<p><b>#12 Emily O'Connell</b> <b>Fr.   Point Guard</b> 5-7 London England, City of London Academy</p>
	<p><b>#14 Carys Roy</b> <b>Fr.   Center</b> 6-3 Cowbridge Wales /</p>		<p><b>#15 Layla Laws</b> <b>Jr.   Forward</b> 5-9 Pine Beach, NJ / Donnovan Catholic / St. Francis</p>		<p><b>#20 Reilly Sunday</b> <b>Jr.   Point Guard</b> 5-9 Moon Township, Penn.</p>
	<p><b>#21 Maria Fux</b> <b>Gr.   Forward</b> 6-0 Santa Fe, Argentina / C. E. Brigadier Estanislao Lopez / NJIT</p>		<p><b>#22 Jada Williams</b> <b>Jr.   Forward</b> 6-1 Williamstown, NJ / Gloucester Catholic / Temple</p>		<p><b>#23 Lara Aguzzi</b> <b>Fr.   Guard</b> 5-1 Newton, Massachusetts / Newton North HS</p>
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## 2023-24 SAINT PETER'S COACHING STAFF

	<p>Jennifer Leedham <b>Head Coach</b> <b>2nd Season</b></p>		<p>Johannah Leedham <b>Associate Head Coach</b> <b>2nd Season</b></p>		<p>David Jollon <b>Associate Head Coach</b> <b>2nd Season</b></p>		<p>Elena Pulanco <b>Asst. Coach</b> <b>1st Season</b></p>
	<p>Tay Hughes <b>Asst. Coach</b> <b>Season</b></p>						