# 2008-09 Schedule

**November**
- Tues. 18: at Elizabethtown College (7:00 p.m.)
- Fri. 21: vs. Gwynedd-Mercy College (3:00 p.m.)
- Sat. 22: vs. Divisional Champion (3:00 or 6:00 p.m.)
- Tues. 25: vs. DeSales University (6:00 p.m.)

**December**
- Tues. 1: vs. The College of New Jersey (7:00 p.m.)
- Sat. 6: vs. The University of Scranton* (5:30 p.m.)
- Fri. 12: vs. East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania (1:00 or 3:00 p.m.)
- Mon. 15: at Muhlenberg College (6:00 p.m.)

**January**
- 6th Annual Starters Moravian Winter Classic
  - Fri. 2: vs. Frostburg State University (8:00 p.m.)
  - Sat. 3: vs. Divisional Champion (1:00 or 3:00 p.m.)
  - Mon. 5: at Alex Core College (7:00 p.m.)
  - Fri. 9: vs. Juniata College* (5:30 p.m.)
  - Sat. 10: vs. Susquehanna University* (2:00 p.m.)
  - Wed. 14: vs. Crusis College (7:00 p.m.)
  - Fri. 16: at The Catholic University of America* (5:30 p.m.)
  - Sat. 17: at Goucher College* (2:00 p.m.)
  - Sat. 24: vs. Drew University* (5:30 p.m.)
  - Sun. 25: vs. U.S. Merchant Marine Academy* (2:00 p.m.)
  - Fri. 30: at Susquehanna University (5:30 p.m.)
  - Sat. 31: at Juniata College* (2:00 p.m.)

**February**
- Sat. 7: at U.S. Merchant Marine Academy* (5:30 p.m.)
- Sun. 8: at Drew University* (2:00 p.m.)
- Sat. 14: vs. Goucher College* (5:30 p.m.)
- Sun. 15: vs. The Catholic University of America* (2:00 p.m.)
- Sat. 21: at The University of Scranton* (5:30 p.m.)
- Wed. 25: vs. Divisional Champion (1:00 or 3:00 p.m.)
- Sat. 28: vs. Divisional Champion (1:00 or 3:00 p.m.)

**2007-08 Results (16-11)**
- vs. Colby-Sawyer College at 24th Emmanuel College Tip-Off (1-74-69)
- vs. Smith College at 24th Emmanuel College Tip-Off Tournament (W 56-41)
- at DeSales University (W 90-67)
- at The College of New Jersey (W 1-74-52)
- vs. Elizabethtown College (W 76-61)
- at The University of Scranton* (W 63-61)
- at Crusis College (W 57-44)
- at Muhlenberg College (W 95-80)
- vs. Wilkes University (W 65-50)
- vs. SUNY Potsdam in the 7th Starters Moravian Winter Classic (W 74-67)
- at Albright College in the 7th Starters Moravian Winter Classic (W 77-54)
- at East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania (W 86-89)
- at Juniata College* (W 56-57)
- at Susquehanna University* (W 63-43)
- vs. Goucher College* (W 79-69)
- at Drew University* (W 60-40)
- at U.S. Merchant Marine Academy* (W 1-74-58)
- vs. Susquehanna University* (W 65-49)
- at Juniata College* (W 70-64)
- vs. U.S. Merchant Marine Academy* (W 69-65)
- vs. Drew University* (W 74-60)
- at Goucher College* (W 72-62)
- at The Catholic University of America* (W 81-67)
- vs. The University of Scranton* (W 92-85)
- at Juniata College in Landmark Conference Semifinals (W 61-59)
- at Washington & Jefferson College in ECAC South Quarterfinals (W 86-76)

**Moravian College Quick Facts**

**Location**: Bethlehem, PA 18018

**Founded**: 1742

**Enrollment**: 1,533

**Colors**: Navy Blue & Grey

**Nickname**: Greyhounds

**Affiliation**: NCAA Division III

**Conferences**: Landmark Conference, ECAC Division III

**President**: Christopher M. Thomford

**Director of Athletics**: Paul M. Royer

**Sports Info. Director**: Mark Fleming

**Office Phone**: (610) 861-1372

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**Head Athletics Trainer**: Bob Ward, ATC

**Asst. Athletics Trainer**: Lori Radcliffe, ATC

**Asst. Athletics Trainer**: Anita Fanelli

**Women’s Basketball Quick Facts**

**Home Court**: Johnston Hall (1,200)

**Head Coach**: Mary Beth Spirk

**Office Phone**: (610) 661-1824

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**E-mail**: womensbasketball@moravian.edu

**Assistant Coaches**: Amy Endler, Daniel Tannous, Melissa Newhard Torba

**2007-08 Record**: 16-11

**2007-08 Conf. Rec.**: 9-5, third place

**Postseason**: Landmark Conference, Semifinalist & ECAC Division III, Southern Quarterfinalist

**Starters Back/Lost**: 4/1

**Lettermen Back/Lost**: 10/3

**2008-09 Returnees**

- Amie Balbo
  - No. 3: Scotty, NY/Antioch Central
  - at Juniata College* (W 56-57)

- Alexi Biscari
  - No. 4: Easton, PA/Easton

- Erin Bradley
  - No. 5: Fairfield, NJ/West Essex

- Amanda Brown
  - No. 6: Schuykill Haven, PA/Schuykill Haven

- Jessica Foran
  - No. 8: Garden State, NJ/Newark Prep

- Lauren Foraker
  - No. 10: Riverside, NJ/Padua Valley

- Kate Harrison
  - No. 11: Cold Spring Harbor, NY/Cold Spring Harbor

- Jennie Miller
  - No. 12: Lewisburg, PA/Lewisburg

- Emily Smith
  - No. 13: East Stroudsburg, PA/E. Stroudsburg South

- Kirsty Stearns
  - No. 14: East Norwich, NY/Oyster Bay

**Moravian College**

Moravian College is a private, selective liberal arts institution located in the heart of the Lehigh Valley, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Founded in 1742, it is recognized as the sixth- oldest college in the country. Enrollment is approximately 1,500 undergraduates each year, which maintains a favorable faculty to student ratio, small class size, and emphasis on personalized teaching.

Moravian College believes its mission is to integrate a liberal arts education with preparation for life, enriching students in and out of the classroom. Moravian aims to give its students a foundation for careers or graduate/professional school, for continued lifelong learning, and for a values-oriented approach to society.

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**2008-09 Season Preview**

The 2008-09 Moravian college women’s basketball team expects to continue its postseason run this year as the program heads into its second year in the Landmark Conference, especially after seven straight trips to the conference playoffs. A trip to the NCAA Division III National Championship Tournament in 2006, and an ECAC Division III Southern Championship two winters ago.

Head coach Mary Beth Spirk, who begins her 22nd year with the Greyhounds, led Moravian to an overall 16-11 last winter and returns 9 letterwinners and four starters this spring. Spirk and her coaching staff were named the inaugural Landmark Conference Coaching Staff of the Year.

Leading the returnees is junior guard Jessica Foran (Annandale, NJ/Rutgers Prep HS), who despite missing five games due to injury last season, was the team’s leading scorer. At full strength, Foran is expected to have a terrific year. Junior guard Kate Harrison (Cald Spring Harbor, NY/Cold Spring Harbor HS) was the team’s MVP last year. A two year starter, she is a strong threat on both ends of the court.

Junior forward Alyssa Bisci (Easton, PA/Easton HS), often playing against much bigger players, had a breakout year as a sophomore. Look for continued success from Bisci this season, as she and Harrison will try to repeat as Landmark All-Conference Players.

Junior guard Amanda Brown (Schaumburg Haven, PA/Schaumburg Haven HS) not only developed as the team’s best three-point shooter, but also one of the top shooters in the conference. Brown established herself as a clutch player down the stretch, as displayed in the double overtime victory over Muhlenberg, 95-90, last season.

Alyssa Bisci presents matchup problems for opponents. Though undersized, she has another strong recruiting class and needs to give the Greyhounds added depth. With back to back league games this depth will be vital to the team’s success this year. Coach Spirk will have to have another strong transfer, along with sophomore forward Lauren Fornazor (Rivervale, NJ/Pascack Valley HS) as her offensive threat.

Bisci, who was one of Moravian’s Athletic Recruiting Coordinators from 1993 to 2001, is in her sixth season as assistant athletics director. She is also an associate professor at Moravian.

**Awards**

Alyssa Bisci
Landmark All-Conference Second Team
Lehigh Valley Small College Basketball/All-Academic Team of Month, December

Amanda Brown
Landmark Conference Winter Academic Honor Roll
Lehigh Valley Small College Basketball/Scholastic-Athlete Team, January

Jessica Foran
Landmark Conference Winter Academic Honor Roll
Lehigh Valley Small College Basketball/Winter Academic Team, January

Kate Harrison
Landmark All-Conference Second Team
Lehigh Valley Small College Year of the Year

Megan Kocs
Landmark Conference Winter Academic Honor Roll

Top Returning Players

Alyssa Bisci
Junior, Forward
Easton, PA

Amanda Brown
Junior, Guard
Schaumburg Haven, PA

Jessica Foran
Junior, Guard
Annandale, NJ

Kate Harrison
Junior, Guard
Cold Spring Harbor, NY

Kirsty Stearns
Junior, Forward
East Norwich, NY

Lauren Fornazor
Junior, Forward
Riverdale, NV

**2007-08 Season Review**

**Statistics**

**2007-08 Season Review**

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**Player FG FG% 3FG 3FG% FT FT%**

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**Opponents**

Mary Beth Spirk
22nd year as women’s basketball coach as one of the winningest coaches in the country, ranking 26th among active coaches in wins.

Owner of a 388-188 record, she was named National Coach of the Year in 1992 after the Greyhounds finished 31-1 and reached the national championship game. Spirk earned her 306th career win in 2004 with a victory versus Muhlenberg College.

Spirk is a seven-time Conference Coach of the Year (most recently in 2008) who has led Moravian to five NCAA playoff appearances including 2006 and two conference crowns. Moravian has posted a conference record of 167-17 under Spirk.

As Moravian’s softball coach (1988-1993) she posted a sixty-year mark of 104-57-1. In 1993, her squad tied for the MAC Southeast League championship. Spirk earned a B.A. from Dickinson College, and she received a Master’s Degree from the United States Sports Academy.

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