

2006 Results

Date	Opponent	Result
March 3	Rutgers-Camden	L 1-0
	Christopher Newport	W 3-0
4	Rutgers-Newark	W 3-0
	Oneonta State	L 5-2
7	at Chowan	L 4-3 (8), L 6-2
10	Lynchburg	L 4-2
	York	W 3-0
11	Cabrini	W 9-4
	Allegheny	L 9-4
25	at Delaware Valley *	W 8-0, W 7-0
26	at FDU-Florham *	W 8-0, W 11-3
28	at Moravian	L 4-2, L 8-0
April 1	King's *	W 2-1, L 9-0
8	DeSales *	W 2-0, W 5-0
11	at Susquehanna	W 5-0, L 5-4 (10)
15	at Lycoming *	L 2-1 (11), W 7-0
18	at Keystone	W 16-0, W 13-0
20	Lebanon Valley	W 3-0, W 2-1 (8)
24	at Misericordia	W 5-2, W 6-4
26	Scranton *	W 8-0, W 7-1
29	Drew *	W 2-1 (8), W 3-1
May 2	at Lebanon Valley	L 2-0, L 12-2
5	Lycoming @	W 3-0
	King's @	W 7-1
6	King's @	W 4-3 (8)
11	Tufts %	L 4-3
12	Pitt.-Bradford %	W 5-3
	Manhattanville %	W 2-1
13	Tufts %	L 3-0

* Freedom Conference Game
 @ Freedom Conference Tournament (at Wilkes)
 % NCAA East Regional (at Rutgers-Camden)

2007 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Site
March 2 Fri.	Va. Wesleyan Tournament	1:00 PM	Away
3 Sat.	Va. Wesleyan Tournament	3:00 PM	Away
5 Mon.	Averett	10:00 AM	Away
9 Fri.	Salisbury Tournament	10:00 AM	Away
10 Sat.	Salisbury Tournament	9:00 AM	Away
18 Sun.	Keystone (DH)	1:00 PM	Home
22 Thu.	William Paterson (DH)	2:30 PM	Away
24 Sat.	Delaware Valley (DH) *	1:00 PM	Home
31 Sat.	King's (DH) *	1:00 PM	Away
April 1 Sun.	Manhattanville (DH)	3:00 PM	Home
5 Thu.	DeSales (DH) *	1:00 PM	Away
11 Wed.	Misericordia (DH)	3:00 PM	Home
14 Sat.	Lycoming (DH) *	1:00 PM	Home
17 Tue.	Susquehanna (DH)	5:00 PM	Home
18 Wed.	Scranton (DH) *	6:00 PM	Away
21 Sat.	FDU-Florham (DH) *	1:00 PM	Home
22 Sun.	Elizabethtown (DH)	1:00 PM	Away
26 Thu.	Lebanon Valley (DH)	3:30 PM	Away
28 Sat.	Drew (DH) *	1:00 PM	Away
29 Sun.	Marywood (DH)	1:00 PM	Home
May 4 Fri.	Freedom Tournament	11:00 AM	Home
5 Sat.	Freedom Tournament	9:00 AM	Home

* Freedom Conference Game

Facilities

Recreation & Athletic Center



Completed in the Summer of 2006, the 38,000 square-foot state-of-the-art recreation center includes three basketball courts that can be used for volleyball and tennis; a two-lane track, high ropes course, climbing wall, batting cage, locker facilities, and a training room.

Fitness Center



The Fitness Center is approximately 3,000 square feet and includes cardio equipment (6 treadmills, 5 bikes, 5 ellipticals, 2 steppers), weight equipment, Hammer Strength Free Weight Machines, Hammer Ground Based Equipment and Hammer Strength Free Weight Benches. The cardio section of the Fitness Center features three televisions with radio transmitters for sound with headphones.

Softball Complex



The newest addition to the Ralston Complex is the softball field, which serves as the host site for the Freedom Conference Softball Championship Tournament. The field features enclosed dugouts, a permanent fence line, an infield tarp, lights for night play, and a two-story press box.

2007 Preview

Last spring Wilkes posted a 28-15 record and claimed the Freedom Conference championship. The Lady Colonels earned the conference's automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament and went 2-2 record at the East Regional. With 17 players returning from that squad optimism is high heading into the 2007 campaign.

Leading the way for Wilkes will be three-time Freedom Conference Pitcher of the Year, senior Laurie Agresti. Agresti was a National Fastpitch Coaches Association East Region All-American a year ago after fashioning an overall record of 15-6 with seven wins by shutout and a scant 0.76 earned run average. The right-hander struck out an average of 12.1 hitters per game and allowed the opposition to hit a mere .135 against her. Agresti enters the year ranked eighth on the NCAA Division III career strikeout list with 780.

Sophomores Samantha Evanich and Kaitlyn Kormanik, and junior Sarah Plavchak also return to the pitching staff. Evanich was the Freedom Conference Rookie of the Year and earned first team All-Conference honors a year ago after posting a 9-5 record and a 1.35 earned run average. Evanich further established herself as a force at the plate blasting a school record 14 homeruns during her rookie campaign and ending the year with a .304 batting average. Plavchak fashioned a 2-1 record with one save and a 3.50 earned run average, while Kormanik also had a 2-1 record.

Behind the plate, the Lady Colonels will rely on sophomore Erin Plank. Plank hit .239 with one double, one homer and eight RBIs. Sophomore Kerry Finnerty will also vie for playing time at after hitting .251 in her first year. Freshman Alison Franz will provide additional backup behind the plate.

The infield returns a capable rotation of Lady Colonels, including 2006 first team All-Freedom Conference second baseman Kathy Dalton, who hit .324 during her rookie season. Senior Julie Henry returns at first base after hitting .258 a year ago. Sophomore Colleen Labor will share the first base responsibility with Henry, while acting as a reserve on the pitching staff as well. Sophomore Amanda Michaud, who played in 11 game last spring, and rookie Gina Stefanelli will vie for time in the middle infield. Evanich and sophomore Melisa Bracone, who started 34 games a season ago and hit .293, who find time at third base.

The Lady Colonels have a great deal of depth in the outfield thanks to the return of seven veterans and the addition of two newcomers. Junior Alex Ingram hit .297 as a sophomore and started 15 of the 26 games she appeared in. Also returning are seniors Shelley Pheiff and Katie Orr, along with junior Sarah Miller. Pheiff had a .240 average at the plate in 27 games last spring, while Orr hit .156 in 25 games. Miller played in 11 contests and had a .368 average. Sophomores Nichole McCloskey and Sarah Elliot will also push for playing time in the outfield after hitting .250 and .271 respectively a year ago. Kormanik, who had two hits in five plate appearances in 2006, is also expected to see time in the outfield. Two newcomers, Alyssa Ciesla and Amanda Shingler, will also figure into the outfield mix.

2007 Roster

#	NAME	YR	PO	HOMETOWN
2	Kathy Dalton	So.	2B	Neptune, NJ
3	Sarah Elliott	So.	OF	Easton, PA
4	Katie Orr	Sr.	OF	Northumberland, PA
5	Laurie Agresti	Sr.	P	Harrisburg, PA
6	Sarah Plavchak	Jr.	P	Highland, NY
7	Erin Plank	So.	C	Harrisburg, PA
8	Amanda Michaud	So.	SS	Lewistown, ME
9	Sarah Miller	Jr.	OF	Wyoming, PA
10	Colleen Labor	So.	1B/P	Aston, PA
13	Shelley Pheiff	Sr.	OF	Bethlehem, PA
14	Alex Ingram	Jr.	OF	Chalfont, PA
15	Kaitlyn Kormanik	So.	P/OF	Johnstown, PA
16	Samantha Evanich	So.	P/3B	Morrisville, PA
18	Nichole McCloskey	So.	OF	Whitehall, PA
24	Melisa Bracone	So.	3B	Farmingville, NY
28	Alyssa Ciesla	Fr.	OF	Branchville, NJ
29	Alison Franz	Fr.	C	Kunkletown, PA
32	Gina Stefanelli	Fr.	SS/2B	Wilkes-Barre, PA
33	Julie Henry	Sr.	1B	Reading, PA
44	Amanda Shingler	Fr.	C/OF	Meshoppen, PA
51	Kerry Finnerty	So.	C	Old Forge, PA

WILKES UNIVERSITY SOFTBALL

2007 MEDIA GUIDE



Three-time Freedom Conference Pitcher of the Year Laurie Agresti will lead the Lady Colonels in 2007.



Coch Bio's



Frank Matthews, Head Coach

Frank Matthews begins his seventh season as head coach of the Wilkes University softball program. Last season he earned Freedom Conference Coach of the Year honors after leading Wilkes to an overall record of 28-15. The squad also captured the Freedom Conference championship and earned an automatic berth into the NCAA Division III Championship field. In 2004, Matthews was named the Freedom Conference Coach of the Year after leading the Lady Colonels to the playoffs. The 2005 squad also made a playoff appearance after posting an overall record of 27-13.

Matthews came to Wilkes after serving as an assistant coach at Division I Harvard University during the 2000 season. Matthews helped the squad win the second Ivy League championship in school history, and earn a berth in the NCAA Division I Championships.

Matthews gained much of his experience at the high school level, spending 11 years as the softball coach at Hanover Area High School. While at Hanover Area he guided the Hawks to five consecutive Wyoming Valley Conference championships and two PIAA District 2 titles. He was named the conference's Coach of the Year in both 1995 and 1996.

Matthews also has an extensive playing career on the softball diamond. He played on six ASA State Championship teams. Five times his teams advanced to the ASA National Tournament, where on three occasions they earned top twelve finishes. A former ASA All-American, Matthews was inducted into the Pennsylvania ASA Hall of Fame in 1996 after finishing his career with more than 1,400 home runs.

Matthews is a 1969 graduate of Bloomsburg State College with a B.S. in Elementary Education. He and his wife Paula are the parents of two children, Darel and Jillian.



Tom Dunsmuir, Assistant Coach

Tom Dunsmuir begins his 19th year as an assistant coach with the Wilkes softball program. During that time he has helped the Lady Colonels advance to the conference playoffs on ten occasions. During that same span, Wilkes has earned three berths into the NCAA Division III Championship, and two trips to the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships.

During the 2000 season, Dunsmuir served as the interim head coach of the Lady Colonels and led the squad to an overall record of 28-11. Wilkes advanced to the Middle Atlantic Conference Championships and the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships.

Dunsmuir and his wife Kathy, are the parents of two children, Matthew and Lindsay.



Phil Stortz, Assistant Coach

Phil Stortz is in his second season as an assistant coach with the Lady Colonels softball team. Stortz has made his mark as a coach, player and umpire on the softball field. He coached an adult softball team for more than thirty years, while also playing fast pitch softball. He is also certified as an umpire by the P.I.A.A., NCAA and the ASA and has umpired playoff games on all three levels. Included among his more memorable moments as an umpire was the opportunity to umpire a game that featured the United States Olympic Softball Team. Stortz also has experience as a high school basketball coach. He spent 12 seasons coaching girls' and boys' basketball at three area schools, Crestwood, Nanticoke and Hanover Area.



Jan Nunemacher, Assistant Coach

Nunemacher starts her first season as an assistant coach with the Lady Colonels after enjoying a solid four-year career as a member of the Wilkes team. During her four seasons the catcher started 126 of the 128 games that she appeared in and hit an impressive .294. Nunemacher finished her career with 22 doubles and eight triples, while also contributing 60 runs batted in and 42 runs scored. A team captain a season ago, she helped lead the squad claim the Freedom Conference title and earn a berth in the NCAA Tournament. Jan, was named to the 2004 All-Freedom Conference first team, was a three-time NFCA All-America Scholar Athlete and was awarded the 2006 MASCAC Senior Scholar-Athlete Award for softball.

Player Bio's



#2 Kathy Dalton, So., Second Baseman
Neptune, NJ/St. Rose...Communications Major
Was a first team All-Freedom Conference selection last season...Hit .324 with nine doubles, two triples and two homeruns from her leadoff position in the Lady Colonels order...Finished the year with a .510 slugging percentage...Led Wilkes with 22 runs scored and eight stolen bases...Also had 11 runs batted in to her credit...Had a solid .946 fielding percentage.



#3 Sarah Elliott, So., Outfielder
Easton, PA/Easton...Business Major
Saw action in 29 games during her freshman season, including 20 as a starter...Ended the year with a .271 batting average that included three doubles, one triple and one homerun...Also contributed 11 runs scored and eight runs batted in...Was successful on all three of her steal attempts...Did not commit an error in 26 chances in the outfield.



#4 Katie Orr, Sr., Outfielder
Northumberland, PA/Shikellamy...Business Major
Returns for her fourth season after started 12 of the 23 games she appeared in a season ago...During her first three seasons she has started 66 games and played in 86 contests...She has a .202 career batting average with five doubles...Has successfully stolen 15 of 16 bases during her career and has an outstanding .978 career fielding percentage.



#5 Laurie Agresti, Sr., Pitcher
Harrisburg, PA/Central Dauphin East...Accounting Major
Three-time Freedom Conference Pitcher of the Year...Has compiled a 42-20 career record on the mound with a 1.01 ERA...Has a school-record 780 strikeouts during her career to rank eighth in the entire Division III list...Was a Regional All-American last season after going 15-6 with a 0.76 ERA...Had 241 strikeouts in 139 innings...Earned first team District Academic All-American honors.



#6 Sarah Plavchak, Jr., Pitcher
Highland, NY/Highland...Spanish Major
Returns for her third season as a member of the Lady Colonels squad...Has a career pitching record of 8-8 with two saves and a 3.67 earned run average...Went 7-7 during her freshman season with a 3.71 ERA, and was 1-1 with a 3.50 ERA a year ago...A started in 19 of the 25 games she has pitched in, she has struck out 50 hitters while walking only 15.



#7 Erin Plank, So., Catcher
Harrisburg, PA/Central Dauphin East...Nursing Major
Enjoyed a solid freshman season for the Lady Colonels...Played in 31 games and started 24 during her rookie season...Hit .239 with one double and one homerun...Drove in eight runs and scored seven runs. Was successful on both of her stolen base attempts...Threw out six of the 17 runners who attempted to steal off her.



#8 Amanda Michaud, So., Shortstop
Lewiston, ME/Lewiston...Pre-Physical Therapy Major
Played in 11 games during her freshman season, including five as a starter...Had a .133 batting average with two runs scored and one run batted in...Was solid defensively with a .917 fielding percentage...Is expected to see playing time at both shortstop and possibly second base for the Lady Colonels this spring.

Player Bio's



#9 Sarah Miller, Jr., Outfielder
Wyoming, PA/Bishop Hoban...Pharmacy Major
Will be returning from an injury that cut short her sophomore season...Has started 35 of the 42 games she has played in during her career at Wilkes...Has a .260 batting average with six doubles and one homerun...Has scored 14 runs for the Lady Colonels and has driven in 14 runs...Defensively she has accumulated a .949 fielding percentage...Was named to the MAC Academic Honor Roll.



#10 Colleen Labor, So., First Baseman/Pitcher
Aston, PA/Sun Valley...English Major
Played in 21 games during her freshman season and started five contests while mainly seeing time at first base...Hit .238 during her rookie campaign with three runs scored and one run batted in...Also pitched in two games for the Lady Colonels and did not allow a run...In three innings of work she gave up only one hit and struck out two.



#13 Shelley Pheiff, Sr., Outfielder
Bethlehem, PA/Saucon Valley...Business Major
A four-year member of the softball team who has started 64 of the 81 games she has played in during her first three seasons...During her career she has a .208 batting average with five doubles, one triple and one homerun...Has scored 24 times and has driven in 14 runs, while also successfully stealing 16 of 22 bases...Has committed only five errors during her career and has a .929 career fielding percentage.



#14 Alex Ingram, Jr., Outfielder
Chalfont, PA/Central Bucks West...Education Major
Has played in 56 games during her first two seasons at Wilkes, including 37 as a starter...During her career she has hit at a .278 clip with two doubles, one triple, 21 runs scored and six runs batted in...Has successfully swiped 17 of the 22 bases she has attempted to steal...Will likely make the move from right field to center field for the Lady Colonels this season.



#15 Kaitlyn Kormanik, So., Pitcher/Outfielder
Johnstown, PA/Richland...Biology Major
Saw time as both a pitcher and outfielder last season...Played 15 games in the outfield, including one as a starter and had a .400 average at the plate...Drove in four runs and scored eight times...Had a 2-1 record with a 5.25 earned run average on the mound for the Lady Colonels...Started three of the five games she pitched in and limited the opposition to a .254 batting average.



#16 Samantha Evanich, So., Pitcher/Third Baseman
Morrisville, PA/Conwell-Egan...Nursing Major
Earned first team All-Conference and Rookie of the Year honors last spring...Hit .304 as a freshman with three doubles and a school-record 14 homeruns...Had a team-leading 42 RBI's...As a pitcher she fashioned a 9-5 record with a 1.35 ERA...Was named MVP of the Freedom Conference Tournament and was selected to the NCAA East Regional All-Tournament Team.



#18 Nichole McCloskey, So., Outfielder
Whitehall, PA/Whitehall...Criminology Major
Started 14 of the 22 games that she appeared in during her freshman season...Hit at a .250 pace with four runs batted in and eight runs scored...Was successful on three of four stolen base attempts...A solid defender who committed just one error a year ago...Should be in the mix for additional playing time in the outfield this season.

Player Bio's



#24 Melissa Bracone, So., Third Baseman
Farmingville, NY/Sachem East...Psychology Major
Had a solid rookie season with the Lady Colonels squad...Started 34 of the 37 games she appeared in at third base and hit at a .293 clip...Cracked six doubles and four homeruns a season ago, while also driving in 19 runs and scoring 14 times...Had a .475 slugging percentage, a .346 on base percentage and a .947 fielding percentage.



#28 Alyssa Ciesla, Fr., Outfielder
Branchville, NJ/High Point...Education Major
Will vie for playing time in the outfield for the Lady Colonels this spring...Was a three-year letter winner during her high school softball career at High Point...Earned the team's Most Improved Player award...Also garnered two varsity letters as a member of the school's girl's soccer team.



#29 Alison Frantz, Fr., Catcher
Kunkletown, PA/Pleasant Valley...Undecided Major
Was a two-sport athlete at Pleasant Valley High School...Earned four varsity letters as a member of the softball team and picked up two varsity letters in field hockey...Was the Player of the Year during her senior season in field hockey...Hopes to attend graduate school and pursue a degree in physical therapy after graduating from Wilkes.



#32 Gina Stefanelli, Fr., Shortstop/Second Baseman
Wilkes-Barre, PA/Meyers...Pre-Pharmacy Major
Was a two-sport standout athlete at Meyers High School...Earned four varsity letters in softball and was named to the Wyoming Valley Conference all-star team as a senior...Also garnered three varsity letters as a member of the Mohawks volleyball team...Is expected to compete for a starting spot in the middle infield this season...Lists Alfonso Soriano as the sports star she admires the most.



#33 Julie Henry, Sr., First Baseman
Reading, PA/Muhlenberg...History Major
Is back for her fourth season as a member of the Wilkes softball team...During her career she has appeared in 94 games, including 84 as a starter...She has a .265 batting average over the course of her first three campaigns with four doubles, eight homeruns and 39 runs batted in...She has also accumulated an impressive .952 fielding percentage.



#44 Amanda Shingler, Fr., Catcher/Outfielder
Meshoppen, PA/Elk Lake...Nursing Major
Was a three-sport standout in softball, basketball and field hockey during his high school playing career...Helped her team win a District 2 softball title as a freshman...Could see playing time as both a catcher and outfielder during her freshman season...Named Derek Jeter as the sports star she admires most...Lists basketball as his favorite sport other than softball.



#51 Kerry Finnerty, So., Catcher
Old Forge, PA/Old Forge...Nursing Major
Returns for her second season as a member of the Lady Colonels squad...Saw action in 15 games during her rookie campaign, including five as a starter...Hit .261 a year ago with three runs batted in...Was solid defensively in her time behind the plate, logging a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage...Will be in the mix for the starting job behind the plate this spring.