

# REVIEW

TRIBE PRIDE MEANS AMBITION  
AND EVERYTHING THAT COMES  
ALONG WITH IT. TRIBE PRIDE IS  
PUTTING IN WORK AND PLAYING  
YOUR ROLE TO GET THE JOB  
DONE FROM EVERY ANGLE.

**RYE**  
**PYE**

**Benson Rakes In Awards**

Tiffany Benson was showered with accolades following the 2008-09 season, when she emerged as one of the top players in the region. The Colonial Athletic Association named her the Defensive Player of the Year, after she led the league and ranked eighth nationally with 11.5 rebounds per game, and ranked 14th in the NCAA with 2.7 blocks per game. Along with her defensive honor and a spot on the all-defensive team, Benson was also named to the All-CAA second team. State media were also impressed with her season, and she was awarded second-team All-Virginia accolades by the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, and the Virginia Association of Sports Information Directors.

**Kell Named First-Team All-Academic**

Weathering the adversity caused by a major knee injury halfway through her sophomore season, senior Dani Kell ended her career the way she started it with all-conference recognition. An all-rookie selection in 2005-06, Kell was named first-team All-Academic in 2008-09 after averaging 8.7 ppg and 6.2 rpg in the regular season, and more impressively, carrying a GPA greater than 3.2 as a marketing major in the Mason School of Business. She is the first Tribe athlete to earn first-team honors since **Sarah Stroh '07** following the 2006-07 campaign.

**Pye Earns All-Rookie Designation**

Taysha Pye became the latest honoree in a long and distinguished line of Tribe athletes last season when she was selected to the CAA All-Rookie team. The top-scoring freshman in conference play this season, and winner of three of the last five Rookie of the Week awards, Pye is the ninth freshman to earn all-rookie honors in coach Debbie Taylor's 10 years as head coach of the Tribe. All-time, she is the 17th W&M rookie named to the team since its inception following the 1986-87 season.

**Dial "00" To Be Amazed**

Taysha Pye appeared to be having a typical rookie season when everyone woke up on February 5, averaging 4.8 points in the first 20 games of the season. Beginning that night in Harrisonburg, however, the Bronx native lit up opposing defenses to the tune of 19.1 points per game over the final 11 games of the season, including 30 at home against James Madison on Feb. 26. Her 12.1 ppg average in conference play was the best among all freshman in the CAA, and garnered her a spot on the CAA All-Rookie team.

**Unified Award**

After averaging 23.5 ppg against James Madison and Towson in the final week of February, freshman Taysha Pye was named both the CAA Player and Rookie of the Week on March 2. It was the first time since Gabriela Marginean of Drexel on February 26, 2007 that a player won both awards in the same week.

**Pye Scores 30**

Freshman Taysha Pye shot 11-19 from the floor and 8-10 from the foul-stripe on Feb. 26 against James Madison, becoming the first Tribe player to score 30 points in 25 months. **Kyra Kaylor '07** was the last to accomplish the feat in January of 2007. Pye's 30 is the second-most ever by a freshman at the college, behind the 31 scored by **Angie Evans '91** in February of 1988 against James Madison.

**Iron Woman**

Courtney Portell played the full 45 minutes against UNC Wilmington on February 22, tied for the third-most minutes ever played in a single game at W&M.

1. Jessica Muskey	1-22-99 vs. VCU	48
2. Katie Averyt	1-22-99 vs. VCU	47
3. Courtney Portell	2-22-09 vs. UNCW	45
3. Jen Sobota	1-19-03 vs. JMU	45

**Tribe for Twenty**

Four Tribe players combined for 10 games of 20 points or more in 2008-09.

Points	Player	Date
30	Taysha Pye	2/26 (James Madison)
26	Taysha Pye	3/4 (at Old Dominion)
	Kelly Heath	2/1 (Georgia State)
24	Tiffany Benson	1/8 (Drexel)
23	Taysha Pye	2/22 (at UNCW)
	Taysha Pye	2/15 (George Mason)
	Tiffany Benson	1/11 (UNCW)
22	Kelly Heath	1/11 (UNCW)
	Janine Aldridge	1/4 (at Towson)
20	Taysha Pye	3/12 (vs. Hofstra)

**Wrecking the Records**

In 2008-09, the Tribe set 15 school records and two freshman marks. Five of those school records were set by the team, and Tiffany Benson accounted for nine of the 10 individual standards set.

**Free Throws Attempted (Game)**

18	Taysha Pye (2/15 vs. GMU)
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**Blocks (Game)**

7	Tiffany Benson (11/20 vs. NSU)
8	Tiffany Benson (1/11 vs. UNCW)
9	Tiffany Benson (2/22 at UNCW)

**Blocks (Season)**

85	Tiffany Benson
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**Block Average (Season)**

2.7	Tiffany Benson
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**Block Average (Career)**

2.2	Tiffany Benson
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**Offensive Rebounds (Season)**

170	Tiffany Benson
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**Total Rebounds (Season)**

357	Tiffany Benson
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**Blocks (Career)**

210	Tiffany Benson
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**Freshman Three-Pointers Made (Season)**

55	Janine Aldridge
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**Freshman Three-Pointers Made (Season)**

155	Janine Aldridge
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**Margin of Victory**

60	11/20 vs. Norfolk State
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**Most Turnovers Forced**

37	11/20 vs. Norfolk State
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**Blocks (Season)**

135	
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**Three-Pointers Attempted (Season)**

619	
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**Defensive Rebounds (Season)**

819	
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**Great Weekend, Part 2**

Kelly Heath seems to have a natural affinity for the last weekend in January, setting career highs in scoring on either January 31 or February 1 each of the past two years. As a sophomore, she scored 25 at home in a win over UNC Wilmington on January 31, 2008, and 367 days later, bettered that mark with a 26-point effort at home in a win over Georgia State (February 1, 2009).

**NCAA Rankings**

In the final NCAA rankings (April 7), the Tribe earned top-100 billing in three team categories and Tiffany Benson earned three top-100 rankings individually.

**NCAA Top-100 Rankings**

Team		
49.	3-Point Field Goals Per Game	6.3
55.	Blocked Shots Per Game	4.4
74.	Field-Goal Percentage Defense	37.7%

**Individual**

	Rebounds Per Game	
8.	Tiffany Benson	11.5
	Blocks Per Game	
14.	Tiffany Benson	2.7
	Field Goal Percentage	
70.	Tiffany Benson	47.8%

**All-Tournament Honors**

Tiffany Benson was named to the New Mexico all-tournament team over Thanksgiving, averaging 13 ppg, 8 rpg, and 3 bpg. Benson also earned MVP honors at the Saint Peter's College Holiday Classic, recording double-doubles in each game and averaging 15.5 ppg, 13.5 rpg, and 5 bpg. Janine Aldridge earned a spot on the SPC all-tournament team, averaging 9.5 ppg, 5 rpg, 3.5 spg, and 2.5 apg.

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### 2008-09 W&M Women's Basketball William and Mary Season Box Score All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	14-17	8-5	3-10	3-2
CONFERENCE	6-12	5-4	1-8	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	8-5	3-1	2-2	3-2

##	Player	GP-GS	TOTAL			3-PTS		REBOUNDS			PF-FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts-Avg	
			Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def							Tot-Avg
15	Benson, Tiffany	31-31	968-31.2	165-345	.478	0-0	.000	43-165	.261	170-187	357-11.5	112-5	37	98	85	30	373-12.0
00	Pye, Taysha	31-7	598-19.3	104-257	.405	1-2	.500	97-146	.664	62-69	131-4.2	50-3	55	89	2	43	306-9.9
12	Kell, Dani	31-31	960-31.0	98-300	.327	28-116	.241	42-62	.677	56-131	187-6.0	74-1	65	81	14	43	266-8.6
03	Heath, Kelly	31-3	530-17.1	101-247	.409	21-51	.412	26-39	.667	20-68	88-2.8	32-0	31	61	3	23	249-8.0
30	Aldridge, Janine	31-20	688-22.2	88-220	.400	55-155	.355	11-15	.733	23-49	72-2.3	39-0	46	47	5	27	242-7.8
02	Portell, Courtney	31-31	979-31.6	69-214	.322	59-181	.326	19-27	.704	27-65	92-3.0	47-0	61	59	0	26	216-7.0
24	Oblinger, Katy	24-24	718-29.9	32-115	.278	24-90	.267	14-20	.700	4-58	62-2.6	44-1	89	68	1	32	102-4.3
23	Moller, Lindsey	8-6	131-16.4	9-24	.375	0-0	.000	9-12	.750	5-7	12-1.5	14-0	7	17	0	6	27-3.4
34	Aadland, Lauren	29-0	447-15.4	31-84	.369	4-10	.400	20-28	.714	31-74	105-3.6	64-2	20	50	24	17	86-3.0
35	Flynn, Courtney	16-0	91-5.7	2-7	.286	0-0	.000	9-13	.692	5-16	21-1.3	24-1	0	9	0	3	13-0.8
21	Gland, Aleia	6-0	27-4.5	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2-4	6-1.0	2-0	1	2	0	2	4-0.7
14	Barton, Robyn	19-2	113-5.9	5-21	.238	2-14	.143	0-1	.000	3-4	7-0.4	7-0	7	13	1	2	12-0.6
TEAM										46-87	133-4.3		5				
<b>Total</b>		<b>31-31</b>		<b>705-1835</b>	<b>.384</b>	<b>194-619</b>	<b>.313</b>	<b>292-530</b>	<b>.551</b>	<b>454-819</b>	<b>1273-41.1</b>	<b>509-13</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>1896-61.2</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>31-31</b>		<b>725-1924</b>	<b>.377</b>	<b>148-475</b>	<b>.312</b>	<b>326-509</b>	<b>.640</b>	<b>487-811</b>	<b>1298-41.9</b>	<b>506-6</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>1924-62.1</b>

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total
William and Mary	894	990	12	1896
Opponents	882	1024	18	1924

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##	Player	GP-GS	TOTAL			3-PTS		REBOUNDS			PF-FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts-Avg	
			Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def							Tot-Avg
15	Benson, Tiffany	18-18	586-32.6	97-208	.466	0-0	.000	25-110	.227	100-122	222-12.3	71-3	23	59	48	18	219-12.2
00	Pye, Taysha	18-5	383-21.3	71-165	.430	0-0	.000	75-109	.688	46-44	90-5.0	32-2	32	49	0	23	217-12.1
03	Heath, Kelly	18-1	324-18.0	64-153	.418	16-38	.421	14-21	.667	14-43	57-3.2	19-0	22	35	2	18	158-8.8
30	Aldridge, Janine	18-17	433-24.1	53-139	.381	37-100	.370	6-9	.667	13-26	39-2.2	24-0	31	30	4	13	149-8.3
12	Kell, Dani	18-18	593-32.9	54-176	.307	15-70	.214	25-37	.676	35-75	110-6.1	49-1	37	43	10	23	148-8.2
02	Portell, Courtney	18-18	604-33.6	38-128	.297	33-108	.306	13-16	.813	14-41	55-3.1	28-0	37	33	0	17	122-6.8
24	Oblinger, Katy	13-13	393-30.2	20-65	.308	15-49	.306	3-6	.500	1-24	25-1.9	32-1	44	38	0	17	58-4.5
34	Aadland, Lauren	16-0	221-13.8	11-34	.324	0-3	.000	6-10	.600	16-41	57-3.6	29-0	13	32	3	6	28-1.8
35	Flynn, Courtney	12-0	74-6.2	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	6-8	.750	3-13	16-1.3	18-1	0	5	0	2	10-0.8
14	Barton, Robyn	9-0	39-4.3	1-6	.167	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	0-4	4-0.4	3-0	4	4	0	0	2-0.2
TEAM										20-44	64-3.6		5				
<b>Total</b>		<b>18-18</b>		<b>411-1079</b>	<b>.381</b>	<b>116-372</b>	<b>.312</b>	<b>173-326</b>	<b>.531</b>	<b>262-477</b>	<b>739-41.1</b>	<b>305-8</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>1111-61.7</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>18-18</b>		<b>446-1135</b>	<b>.393</b>	<b>84-274</b>	<b>.307</b>	<b>210-318</b>	<b>.660</b>	<b>279-496</b>	<b>775-43.1</b>	<b>301-5</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>1186-65.9</b>

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total
William and Mary	542	557	12	1111
Opponents	543	625	18	1186

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William and Mary Season Schedule/Results & Leaders

All games

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTEND
11-14-08	2 p.m.	vs Morgan St.	48-70 L	239
11-15-08	12 p.m.	at UNC Asheville	W 62-50	341
11-20-08	7 p.m.	NORFOLK ST.	W 98-38	286
11-23-08	2 p.m.	DELAWARE ST.	W 54-41	231
11-28-08	7:20 p.m.	at New Mexico	51-68 L	7667
11-29-08	5 p.m.	vs Butler	W 53-50	7773
12-4-08	7 p.m.	HOWARD	W 80-55	178
12-6-08	4 p.m.	at Richmond	47-63 L	443
12-19-08	6 p.m.	HAMPTON	59-72 L	243
12-29-08	7:30 p.m.	at St. Peter's	W 60-51	648
12-30-08	5 p.m.	vs NJIT	W 58-46	401
1-4-09	2 p.m.	* at Towson	W 61-60	482
1-8-09	7 p.m.	* DREXEL	W 63-57	115
1-11-09	2 p.m.	* UNCW	W 59-55	192
1-15-09	7 p.m.	* at VCU	52-69 L	586
1-18-09	2 p.m.	* at Hofstra	45-55 L	1085
1-22-09	7 p.m.	* OLD DOMINION	48-66 L	604
1-25-09	2 p.m.	* at Northeastern	55-59 L	321
1-29-09	7 p.m.	* VCU	61-75 L	315
2-1-09	2 p.m.	* GEORGIA ST.	W 82-68	214
2-5-09	7 p.m.	* at James Madison	57-73 L	1557
2-8-09	1 p.m.	* at Drexel	74-76 Lot	621
2-11-09	7 p.m.	* at Delaware	51-62 L	806
2-15-09	12 p.m.	* GEORGE MASON	W 74-63	401
2-19-09	7 p.m.	* NORTHEASTERN	58-68 L	326
2-22-09	2 p.m.	* at UNCW	66-70 Lot	575
2-26-09	7 p.m.	* JAMES MADISON	72-73 L	376
3-1-09	2 p.m.	* TOWSON	W 61-50	421
3-4-09	7 p.m.	* at Old Dominion	72-87 L	3142
3-12-09	5 p.m.	vs Hofstra	W 63-62	2112
3-13-09	5 p.m.	vs VCU	52-72 L	2666

\* - Conference game

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William and Mary Team Superlatives

All games

William and Mary - TEAM GAME SUPERLATIVES

<b>Points</b>	98	NORFOLK STATE (11-20-08)
	82	GEORGIA STATE (2-1-09)
	80	HOWARD (12-4-08)
	74	GEORGE MASON (2-15-09)
	74	at Drexel (2-8-09)
<b>FG Made</b>	34	NORFOLK STATE (11-20-08)
	33	HOWARD (12-4-08)
<b>FG Att.</b>	74	HOWARD (12-4-08)
	69	NORTHEASTERN (2-19-09)
<b>FG Pct</b>	.519 (28-54)	GEORGIA STATE (2-1-09)
	.500 (34-68)	NORFOLK STATE (11-20-08)
<b>3FG Made</b>	11	GEORGIA STATE (2-1-09)
	10	at Drexel (2-8-09)
	10	OLD DOMINION (1-22-09)
	10	at Towson (1-4-09)
	10	NORFOLK STATE (11-20-08)
<b>3FG Att.</b>	27	OLD DOMINION (1-22-09)
	26	HOWARD (12-4-08)
<b>3FG Pct</b>	.524 (11-21)	GEORGIA STATE (2-1-09)
	.476 (10-21)	at Drexel (2-8-09)
<b>FT Made</b>	20	NORFOLK STATE (11-20-08)
	19	at St. Peter's (12-29-08)
<b>FT Att.</b>	33	at St. Peter's (12-29-08)
	29	TOWSON (3-1-09)
	29	NORFOLK STATE (11-20-08)
<b>FT Pct</b>	.800 (8-10)	HAMPTON (12-19-08)
	.750 (18-24)	at Drexel (2-8-09)
<b>Rebounds</b>	50	vs Morgan State (11-14-08)
	49	at UNC Asheville (11-15-08)
	21	at UNC Wilmington (2-22-09)
	20	at Towson (1-4-09)
	20	NORFOLK STATE (11-20-08)
<b>Steals</b>	20	NORFOLK STATE (11-20-08)
	13	at Delaware (2-11-09)
<b>Blocks</b>	10	at UNC Wilmington (2-22-09)
	10	NORFOLK STATE (11-20-08)
<b>Turnovers</b>	8	HOWARD (12-4-08)
	13	DREXEL (1-8-09)
	13	GEORGE MASON (2-15-09)
	13	TOWSON (3-1-09)
<b>Fouls</b>	8	DREXEL (1-8-09)
	12	HOWARD (12-4-08)
	12	UNC WILMINGTON (1-11-09)
	12	TOWSON (3-1-09)

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William and Mary Player Highs

All games

William and Mary - INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

<b>Points</b>	30	Pye, Taysha vs JMU (2-26-09)
	26	Pye, Taysha at ODU (3-4-09)
	26	Heath, Kelly vs GSU (2-1-09)
	24	Benson, Tiffany vs Drexel (1-8-09)
	23	Pye, Taysha at UNCW (2-22-09)
	23	Pye, Taysha vs GMU (2-15-09)
	23	Benson, Tiffany vs UNCW (1-11-09)
<b>FG Made</b>	12	Benson, Tiffany vs Drexel (1-8-09)
	11	Pye, Taysha vs JMU (2-26-09)
<b>FG Att.</b>	19	Pye, Taysha vs Hofstra (3-12-09)
	19	Pye, Taysha vs JMU (2-26-09)
<b>FG Pct</b>	.750 (12-16)	Benson, Tiffany vs Drexel (1-8-09)
	.667 (10-15)	Heath, Kelly vs GSU (2-1-09)
	.667 (6-9)	Benson, Tiffany vs NJIT (12-30-08)
	.667 (6-9)	Heath, Kelly vs NSU (11-20-08)
<b>3FG Made</b>	6	Aldridge, Janine at Towson (1-4-09)
	5	Portell, Courtney at Drexel (2-8-09)
<b>3FG Att.</b>	11	Portell, Courtney at Del. (2-11-09)
	9	Portell, Courtney vs JMU (2-26-09)
	9	Portell, Courtney at Drexel (2-8-09)
	9	Aldridge, Janine vs ODU (1-22-09)
	9	Portell, Courtney at VCU (1-15-09)
	9	Aldridge, Janine at Towson (1-4-09)
<b>3FG Pct</b>	.667 (6-9)	Aldridge, Janine at Towson (1-4-09)
	.667 (4-6)	Portell, Courtney vs Drexel (1-8-09)
<b>FT Made</b>	13	Pye, Taysha vs GMU (2-15-09)
	10	Pye, Taysha at Drexel (2-8-09)
<b>FT Att.</b>	18	Pye, Taysha vs GMU (2-15-09)
	16	Pye, Taysha vs Towson (3-1-09)
	16	Benson, Tiffany at JMU (2-5-09)
<b>FT Pct</b>	.833 (10-12)	Pye, Taysha at Drexel (2-8-09)
	.800 (8-10)	Pye, Taysha vs JMU (2-26-09)
	.800 (8-10)	Pye, Taysha vs NSU (11-20-08)
<b>Rebounds</b>	18	Benson, Tiffany vs N'eastern (2-19-09)
	17	Benson, Tiffany at Hofstra (1-18-09)
	17	Benson, Tiffany vs UNCW (1-11-09)
<b>Assists</b>	10	Oblinger, Katy vs Howard (12-4-08)
	8	Oblinger, Katy vs Drexel (1-8-09)
<b>Steals</b>	6	Pye, Taysha vs NSU (11-20-08)
	5	Pye, Taysha at UNCW (2-22-09)
	5	Oblinger, Katy at Del. (2-11-09)
	5	Oblinger, Katy at N'eastern (1-25-09)
	5	Aldridge, Janine vs NJIT (12-30-08)
<b>Blocks</b>	9	Benson, Tiffany at UNCW (2-22-09)
	8	Benson, Tiffany vs UNCW (1-11-09)
<b>Turnovers</b>	7	Pye, Taysha at UNCW (2-22-09)
	7	Benson, Tiffany at JMU (2-5-09)
	7	Benson, Tiffany at Richmond (12-6-08)
	7	Kell, Dani vs Morgan State (11-14-08)
<b>Fouls</b>	5	13 times