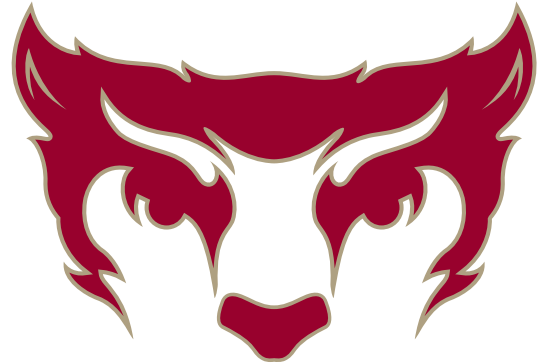


WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2023-24 GAMEDAY PROGRAM

UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND



AT



WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY

**Megan River
(Senior, Guard)**



Saturday, February 10 • 4 p.m.

Northwest Conference Game • A Night of Hope

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2023-24 Women's Basketball Roster – The Loggers

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
0	Paige Oh	G	5' 3"	Fy.	Honolulu, Hawaii (Iolani School)
2	Sarah Skaggs	G	6' 0"	Fy.	Bellevue, Wash. (Sammamish High School)
3	Grace Pytynia-Hillier	G	5' 3"	Sr.	Portland, Ore. (Cleveland High School)
4	Emme Eisenman	G	5' 7"	Jr.	Davis, Calif. (Davis High School)
5	Katie Minnehan	G	5' 9"	Sr.	Woodinville, Wash. (Woodinville High School)
11	Jordyn Reverman	G	5' 8"	Sr.	Portland, Ore. (Beaverton High School)
12	Paige Gerhart	G	5' 9"	Sr.	Danville, Calif. (San Ramon Valley High School)
13	Cayton Smith	G	5' 7"	Fy.	Portland, Ore. (Oregon Episcopal School)
14	Natalia Sefair-Lopez	G	5' 4"	Fy.	Sammamish, Wash. (Eastlake High School)
15	Sophie Nilsson	G	6' 0"	Sr.	Alameda, Calif. (Saint Joseph Notre Dame HS)
20	Kennedy Brown	G	5' 3"	Sr.	Tigard, Ore. (Tigard High School)
22	Ayana Peterson-Henry	F	6' 1"	So.	Santa Clarita, Calif. (Verduga Hills High School)
23	Claire Thompson	G	5'11"	Fy.	Santa Cruz, Calif. (Santa Cruz High School)
24	Katie Anderson	G	5'10"	Fy.	Bellevue, Wash. (Sammamish High School)
30	Addison Reardon	G	5' 9"	Jr.	Lake Oswego, Ore. (Lakeridge High School)
32	Autumn Hill	G	6' 2"	Fy.	View Park, Calif. (Marlborough High School)

Head Coach: Casey Kushiya (7th year) **Assistant Coaches:** Jolene LaMay, Chad Songy

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16-6, 10-3 NWC



Carolyn Ho (Sr., Guard)



Elyse Waldal (Jr., Forward)

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY

2023-24 Women's Basketball Roster – The Bearcats

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Lecia Sincere	G	5' 6"	Jr.	Bremerton, Wash. (Central Kitsap High School)
2	Jaydin Lutu	G	5' 4"	Fy.	Beaverton, Wash. (Beaverton High School)
4	Megan River	G	5' 7"	Sr.	Tumwater, Wash. (A.G. West Black Hills High School)
5	Jasmine Shigeno	G	5' 5"	Sr.	Brush Prairie, Wash. (Hockinson High School)
10	Peyton Gardner	G	5' 6"	So.	Bend, Ore. (Bend High School)
11	Kaitlin Imai	G	5' 8"	So.	Santa Cruz, Calif. (Scotts Valley High School)
12	Carolyn Ho	G	5' 9"	Sr.	Parker, Colo. (Ponderosa High School)
21	Addie Hiler	F	6' 0"	Fy.	Boise, Idaho (Bishop Kelly High School)
22	Danielle Morgan	F	5' 9"	Sr.	Lompoc, Calif. (Lompoc HSI/California Lutheran)
23	Syd Shoemaker	F	5'10"	Fy.	Reno, Nev. (Robert McQueen High School)
24	Maggie Sawyer	G	5' 8"	So.	Boise, Idaho (Borah High School)
30	Emma Floyd	F	5'10"	So.	Camano Island, Wash. (Stanwood High School)
33	Elyse Waldal	F	5'10"	Jr.	Snohomish, Wash. (Glacier Peak High School)
34	Ashley Collins	P	6' 0"	Sr.	Chino Hills, Calif. (Chino Hills High School)
42	Ava Kitchin	P	6' 1"	Sr.	Redmond, Ore. (Redmond High School)

Head Coach: Peg Swadener (12th year)

Assistant Coach: Sarah Hedgepeth (15th year)

Assistant Coach: Grace Barry (2nd year)

Assistant Coach: Ashley Corral (8th year)

PLAYERS TO WATCH



#4 - Megan River

River is averaging 7.3 points, 2.3 rebounds, 2.7 assists, and 1.3 steals per game. She is 13 of 16 on free throws this season for 81.3%. In her career, she has made 80.8% of her free throws (97 of 120). River has scored a total of 548 points while playing in 67 games with 41 starts. She earned a career-high 23 points on Jan. 21, 2023 against Whitman. Earlier this year, she supplied 8 assists versus George Fox in a 75-67 win on Jan. 20.

**Senior,
Guard**



#33 - Elyse Waldal

Waldal tops Willamette in scoring and ranks sixth in the NWC with 12.6 points per game. She leads WU with 45 3-point baskets. She is first in the NWC with a field goal shooting percentage of 41.7%. Waldal hit a 3-point shot at the buzzer to send the Bearcats to a 50-47 win against Pacific on Feb. 6. She is averaging 4.4 boards per game to go with 1.5 assists per contest. She set a career high by scoring 23 points versus Whittier on Nov. 12.

**Junior,
Forward**



WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY BEARCATS

2023 Willamette Women's Basketball Schedule

Overall: 14-8 Northwest Conference: 11-2

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME/RESULT
Nov. 8	Bushnell University	Salem, Ore.	73-62 L
Nov. 12	Whittier College	Salem, Ore.	55-52 W
Ken Schumann Classic			
Nov. 17	vs. Mary Hardin-Baylor (Texas)	Forest Grove, Ore.	86-49 L
Nov. 18	vs. Chapman University (Calif.)	Forest Grove, Ore.	71-55 L
Colorado College Tournament			
Nov. 24	vs. Concordia Wisconsin	Colorado Springs, Colo.	61-54 L
Nov. 25	vs. Illinois Tech	Colorado Springs, Ore.	91-58 W
Dec. 1	at Whitworth University*	Spokane, Wash.	77-71 W
Dec. 2	at Whitman College*	Walla Walla, Wash.	66-61 W
Dec. 8	Oregon Tech	Salem, Ore.	66-60 L
Dec. 17	at University of Portland#	Portland, Ore.	83-40 L (Exhib.)
Dec. 19	vs. Trinity University (Texas)	Tacoma, Wash. (at PS)	89-66 W
Dec. 30	Western Oregon University	Salem, Ore.	57-41 L
Jan. 5	Linfield University*	Salem, Ore.	66-49 W
Jan. 6	at Pacific Lutheran University*	Tacoma, Wash.	62-47 W
Jan. 9	at Pacific University*	Forest Grove, Ore.	75-64 L (2OT)
Jan. 12	at University of Puget Sound*	Tacoma, Wash.	70-62 W
Jan. 20	George Fox University*	Salem, Ore.	75-67 W
Jan. 22	at Lewis & Clark College*	Portland, Ore.	71-58 W
Jan. 26	Whitman College*	Salem, Ore.	67-62 W
Jan. 27	Whitworth University*	Salem, Ore.	66-47 W
Feb. 2	Pacific Lutheran University*	Salem, Ore.	72-70 W
Feb. 3	at Linfield University*	McMinnville, Ore.	78-71 L
Feb. 6	Pacific University*	Salem, Ore.	50-47 W
Feb. 10	University of Puget Sound*	Salem, Ore.	4 p.m.
Feb. 16	at George Fox University*	Newberg, Ore.	6 p.m.
Feb. 17	Lewis & Clark College*^	Salem, Ore.	4 p.m.
Feb. 23	NWC Tournament Semifinals	TBA	TBA
Feb. 24	NWC Tournament Championship	TBA	TBA

Home games played at Cone Field House

* Northwest Conference game

Exhibition game

^ Senior Night

All times are Pacific Time



Head Coach Peg Swadener



Ava Kitchin (Sr., Post)



Kaitlin Imai (So., Guard)