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Marist Softball MAAC Championship Notes

Red Foxes Earn #1 Seed for First Time Since 2019

- Marist is 36-17 overall and went 17-6 in MAAC play. Marist was the only team in the MAAC to not drop a series to another conference team this season.
- This is Marist's fourth regular-season championship in program history. The Red Foxes also won the regular-season crown & earned the #1 seed in the championship in 2014, 2016, and 2019.
- This is Marist's third-highest win total in program history, trailing only 2016 (45) and 2017 (37).
- The Red Foxes had an 11-game winning streak from Feb. 23-March 9, their longest since 2016. Marist added a five-game winning streak in March, and had a six-game winning streak in April.
- MAAC: Marist went 3-0 vs. Quinnipiac (7-1W, 2-0W, 14-0W(5)), 2-1 vs. Niagara (7-5L, 3-2W, 6-1W), 2-1 vs. Mount St. Mary's (3-2L(8), 6-3W, 10-3W), 1-1 vs. Siena (2-1L, 10-2W(5)), 2-1 vs. Iona (6-2W, 1-0L(10), 7-1W), 3-0 vs. Saint Peter's (8-0(5), 12-8, 14-4(6)), 2-1 vs. Canisius (7-3(8)W, 7-3W, 6-4L) and 2-1 vs. Fairfield (16-5(6)W, 3-1W, 2-1L).
- **MAAC major awards:** Miah McDonald – Player of the Year, Anna Sidlowski – Rookie of the Year, Haley Ahr – Defensive Player of the Year, Kiley Myers – Co-Pitcher of the Year, Joe Ausanio – Coach of the Year
- **MAAC awards:** First Team All-MAAC – Haley Ahr, Alyssa Grupp, Miah McDonald, Kiley Myers, Maddie Pleasants, Peyton Pusey. MAAC All-Rookie Team – Anna Sidlowski, Samantha Rogers.
- **MAAC awards (13 total/12 weeks playing):** Anna Sidlowski – Rookie of the Week 2/20, 3/5, 3/19, 3/26 (co); Haley Ahr – Player of the Week 2/20, 3/5; Kiley Myers – Pitcher of the Week 2/20, 3/5, 4/9; Peyton Pusey – Player of the Week 2/27; Samantha Rogers – Rookie of the Week 3/12; Miah McDonald – Player of the Week 4/9, 4/30.
- **MAAC All-Academic Team (11):** Haley Ahr, Maddie Gore, Alyssa Grupp, Ronni Howard, Kaitlyn Husic, Miah McDonald, Lauren Morrell, Isabella Manory, Kiley Myers, Maddie Pleasants, Peyton Pusey.
- Marist has won MAAC Player of the Year in back-to-back years (Maddie Pleasants, 2023), has had six rookies of the year since 2016, including three straight (Claire Oberdorf, 2016; Caroline Baratta, 2018; Calista Phippen, 2019; Maddie Pleasants, 2022; Haley Ahr, 2023; Anna Sidlowski, 2024), and has won Defensive Player of the Year five times (Kyrsten Van Natta, 2016; Brittany Colombo, 2018; Caroline Baratta, 2021 and 2022; Haley Ahr, 2024).
- Marist has had nine games decided by the mercy rule this season, and has won all eight.
- Marist has played four extra-inning games: (12-11 L (8) at St. Mary's on March 16, 3-2 L (8) vs. Mount St. Mary's on April 6, 1-0 L (10) vs. Iona on April 20, 7-3 W (8) vs. Canisius on April 27.
- Marist went 17-5 in March (winningest month since going 20-1 in April 2016).
- Season highs: Runs – 16 (at Fairfield, May 3), Hits – 19 (at Saint Peter's, April 24).
- Marist has scored at least 10 runs in a game 11 times this season (10-1 record).
- Marist has had 10 shutouts this season, and seven additional games allowing just one run.
- As a team, Marist has hit 53 home runs this season. The program record is 54, set in 2016.

Possible Lineup

1-Peyton Pusey (3), CF – First Team All-MAAC. Ranks in the MAAC's top five in doubles (1st), walks (T-1st), runs (T-1st – tied for program's single-season record, stolen bases (3rd), average (4th). Hit in 15 straight from Feb. 18-March 12 (team's longest streak this year). 2nd Team All-MAAC '23, Had 20 multi-hit games in the regular season.

2-Miah McDonald (11), 3B – MAAC Player of the Year, First Team All-MAAC. Program's single-season leader in HR (20), RBIs (69), hits (73), and is tied for first in runs scored (61); 3rd in NCAA in triples & total bases, 5th in NCAA in HR & RBI. 4th in program history in career 3B (12), 6th in RBIs (130), 6th in SB (45), T-4th in HR (29). 2nd in single-season program history with 158 assists (record of 164 is held by Caroline Baratta). Is two HR away from setting MAAC single-season record, two RBIs away from setting MAAC single-season record. Has 16 home runs in her last 28 games, with three two-homer games. Hit a walk-off grand slam in the 8th vs. Canisius, April 27. Hit .470 with 13 homers and 34 RBIs in 23 conference games. 1st Team All-MAAC '22, missed '23 w/shoulder injury.

3-Haley Ahr (10), 1B – 1st Team All-MAAC, MAAC Defensive Player of the Year. 21st in the NCAA in batting avg. Reached safely in 42/47 starts this year, w/hits in 40. 5 K/159 ABs (17th toughest hitter to strike out in NCAA). 49th in NCAA in RBIs. 20 multi-hit games & 15 multi-RBI games in regular season. Career: .402 avg., 98 RBIs. MAAC ROTY/1st Team All-MAAC '23.

4-Maddie Pleasants (15), DP – 1st Team All-MAAC, MAAC POTY '23. Has homered in five of her last 10 games. Has 23 RBIs in last 24 games. Had 11-game hitting streak from Feb. 23-March 9, hitting safely in all 11 games of Marist's winning streak. Had season-high five RBIs at Niagara 3/30. Ranks 61st in NCAA in toughest to strike out.

5-Alyssa Grupp (4), 2B – 1st Team All-MAAC. Hitting .378 on the season & .409 in MAAC play. Has reached safely in 42 of 47 starts this year. Had 11-game hitting streak (March 22-April 9). Went 24 games without striking out from March 13-April 24 (71 AB). Has 17 multi-hit games this season. Career .335 hitter. MAAC All-Championship Team last 2 years, 2nd Team All-MAAC in '22.

6-Sam Rogers (8), SS MAAC All-Rookie Team. Has started last 12 games: 9-37 (.243), 3 HR, 12 RBI, 9 R. Grand slam vs. Presbyterian on March 8 for her first career homer. Two-run single gave Marist lead for good at Saint Peter's, April 24. Has six games with 2+ RBIs (four since becoming starter).

7-Ronni Howard (18), LF Has 5 career HR, with 4 this season (including a grand slam vs. Quinnipiac, 3/22 & two three-run homers). Has also seen time at 3B. Has four multi-hit games this season. Six sacrifice bunts. One of the team's top pinch runners the last two seasons.

8-Isabella Manory (13), C Team hi 7 sacrifice bunts & 7 HBP. Has thrown out 8 of 29 potential base stealers (28%). Had 3 RBIs vs. FDU, 3/3 & at Fairfield, 5/3. Had .442 OBP last season. Was 3-for-7 with four RBIs & 2 doubles in last year's MAAC Championship, including game-winning squeeze bunt in 7th inning of winners' bracket final at Canisius. Twin sister Adriana plays at CCSU.

9-Sophia Recrosio (33), RF Grad transfer, played last 4 years at Canisius. Has four multi-hit games this season, with a season-high 3 hits vs. Houston Christian, 2/17.

Reserves

Kaitlyn Husic (34) Has 24 starts in the outfield, four home runs, and .459 slugging percentage this season. Has four home runs in 61 at bats.

Taylor Anderson (5) Appeared in 46 games. Is 9-for-9 on stolen base attempts this season.

Rowan Drew (55) Has 22 starts behind the plate, and usually catches game two of doubleheaders.

Lauren Morrell (7) Hit a 3-run homer vs. Lehigh 4/13. Has .409 slugging percentage in 22 at bats.

Anna Sidlowski (2) Has seen time in LF when not pitching, and is hitting .245 with nine RBIs in 49 at bats.

Maddie Gore (21) Has played in 98 career games, with 70 starts. Had an unassisted putout to end the 2023 MAAC championship game.

Pitchers

Kiley Myers (31) MAAC Co-Pitcher of the Year, First Team All-MAAC. Is second in the MAAC in innings pitched, third in ERA and strikeouts, tied for third in wins, and fourth in batting average against. Had a career-high 12 Ks vs. Canisius on April 27. Has won her last four decisions. Earned her 300th career K on April 7 vs. Mount St. Mary's, and has 343 in her career (sixth all-time at Marist). Is seventh in program history with 38 career wins. Pitched career-high 10 innings vs. Iona in game two, April 20. Has a 19-5 record against MAAC opponents the last two seasons. Went 8-1 with a 1.54 ERA and one save in March.

Anna Sidlowski (2) MAAC Rookie of the Year, MAAC All-Rookie Team. Fourth in the MAAC in ERA, T-third in wins, sixth in batting average against. Season-high seven Ks vs. Mount St. Mary's, April 8. Returned April 27 vs. Canisius after missing two weeks with a lower-body injury, and did not allow a hit in 5.1 innings of relief to earn the win in that game. Went 7-1 with a 1.13 ERA in March, and did not allow a run in five consecutive starts.

Maddie Pleasants (15) Pitched a two-hitter and three-hitter while earning victories in the Iona series. Is 3-0 in starts against MAAC opponents with 23 strikeouts in 20.2 innings pitched. Had a season-high eight strikeouts vs. Iona on April 20.

Isabella Milazzo (12) transferred in mid-year from St. Rose and struck out the side in the fifth vs. Quinnipiac on March 24. She pitched a complete game in the regular-season finale at Fairfield on May 4, allowed just three hits and one earned run.

Coaching Staff

- **Joe Ausanio** is in his 16th year as head coach. He was one of three coaches named to the MAAC 40th anniversary team in 2020. He led Marist to NCAA Tournament appearances in 2013 and 2016 plus regular-season titles in 2014, 2016, 2019 and 2024. He is a four-time MAAC Coach of the Year (2011, 2016, 2019, 2024). His career record is 431-380. He earned his 400th career win vs. Gardner-Webb on Feb. 24, and coached his 800th game against Iona on April 20. Ausanio played 10 seasons of pro ball as a reliever, including 1994 & 1995 with the New York Yankees. He will make visits to the circle (along with Kristin Erb) and coach third base.

- **Kristin Erb** is in her third season as an assistant coach. Prior to her arrival at Marist, Erb was an assistant coach at Coastal Carolina for 10 seasons. She was a standout pitcher at Lock Haven University, posting a record of 168-18 while being named a two-time National Player of the Year, three-time National Pitcher of the Year, and four-time All-American. Erb and Ausanio will make visits to the circle.
- **Caroline Baratta** is in her second season as an assistant coach. Baratta played shortstop at Marist from 2018-22. She is the program's all-time hits leader with 241, was the first player at Marist in 20 years to be a four-time First Team All-MAAC selection, and the first in MAAC history to be named the conference's Defensive Player of the Year twice. Baratta coaches first base.

Championship History

- Marist has won four MAAC championships in its history: 2006, 2013, 2016, and 2023.
- Under head coach **Joe Ausanio**, Marist has made four championship rounds. Marist won in 2013, 2016, and 2023, and came in second in 2019.
- As a #1 seed, Marist won the championship in 2016, was second in 2019, and was third in 2014.
- Marist has reached the conference tournament for eight straight seasons, and 12 of the last 13.
- MAAC championships finishes in fields of at least six: 2014 – third, 2015 – did not qualify, 2016 – won, 2017 – third, 2018 – third, 2019 – second, 2021 – third, 2022 – fourth, 2023 – first.

Championship Field

- Marist vs. the championship field in 2024 (cumulative 7-4 record):
 - #2 Niagara (2-1, away) – Marist won the series, 2-1. Niagara took the first game, 7-5, before Marist won game two, 3-2, and game three, 6-1.
 - #3 Rider – did not play.
 - #4 Canisius (2-1, home) – Marist won the first game, 7-3, in eight on a Miah McDonald walk-off grand slam. The Red Foxes also won the second game, 7-3, before Canisius won the final game, 6-4.
 - #5 Iona (2-1, home) – Marist won the first game, 6-2, but fell 1-0 in 10 innings in game two. The Red Foxes took the third game, 7-1.
 - #6 Siena (1-1, away) – Siena took game one, 2-1, but Marist won game two by a score of 10-2 in five innings. The third game was rained out and not made up.
- Marist championship history vs. the field:
 - Marist is 3-0 all-time against Niagara.
 - The Red Foxes previously defeated the Purple Eagles in 2008, 2013, and 2019.
 - The teams have never met in a MAAC final.
 - Marist is 2-0 all-time against Rider.
 - The Red Foxes previously defeated the Broncs in 2006 and 2022.
 - The teams have never met in a MAAC final.
 - Marist is 4-5 all-time against Canisius.
 - Marist defeated Canisius twice in the 2023 championship, including in the final.
 - Canisius defeated Marist in the 2008 championship final.
 - Marist is 3-3 all-time against Iona.
 - The Gaels won the first three meetings, but Marist won the last three (2017, 2019, 2023).
 - The teams have never met in a MAAC final.
 - Marist is 1-1 against Siena.
 - Marist prevailed in 2018, while Siena won the last meeting in 2022.
 - The teams have never met in a MAAC final.

2024 Marist Softball Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	B/T	Hometown/Last School
2	Anna Sidlowski	P/OF	5-6	Fr.	R/R	Chadds Ford, PA/Garnet Valley
3	Peyton Pusey	OF	5-6	So.	L/L	Bear, DE/Red Lion Christian Academy
4	Alyssa Grupp	UTIL	5-3	Sr.	L/R	Jacksonville, FL/Atlantic Coast
5	Taylor Anderson	OF	5-0	Fr.	L/R	Lawrenceville, GA/Archer
7	Lauren Morrell	UTIL	5-6	Jr.	L/R	Castle Rock, CO/Castle View
8	Samantha Rogers	IF	5-7	Fr.	R/R	Southington, CT/Southington
10	Haley Ahr	IF	5-8	R-So.	R/R	Union Beach, NJ/St. John Vianney
11	Miah McDonald	IF	5-7	Sr.	R/R	Camp Hill, PA/Cedar Cliff
12	Isabella Milazzo	P	5-6	Jr.	R/R	Valatie, NY/College of Saint Rose
13	Isabella Manory	C	5-5	So.	R/R	Simi Valley, CA/Royal
15	Maddie Pleasants	P/INF	5-9	Jr.	R/R	Rhodesdale, MD/Cambridge-South Dorchester
18	Ronni Howard	UTIL	5-5	Jr.	R/R	Fredericksburg, VA/Courtland
21	Maddie Gore	IF	6-0	Jr.	R/R	Newton, NJ/Newton
22	Stella Blanchard	P	6-0	Fr.	R/R	Southington, CT/Southington
31	Kiley Myers	P	5-9	Gr.	R/R	Latrobe, PA/Greater Latrobe
33	Sophia Recrosio	OF	5-4	Gr.	L/R	Weirton, WV/Linsly
34	Kaitlyn Husic	OF	5-5	Jr.	R/R	Tipp City, OH/Tippecanoe
55	Rowan Drew	C	5-6	Fr.	R/R	Villa Park, CA/Villa Park

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Joe Ausanio, 16th season (Jacksonville University, '88)

Assistant Coaches: Kristin Erb, third season (Lock Haven University, '10), Caroline Baratta, second season (Marist College, '21, '23M)

Pronunciation Guide

2 Anna SIDLOWSKI – sid-LAU-ski (middle syllable sounds like “loud”)

3 Peyton PUSEY – PEW-zee

4 Alyssa GRUPP – grup

11 MIAH McDonald – MY-uh

12 Isabella MILAZZO – Muh-lah-zo

13 Isabella MANORY – MAN-or-ee

25 Haley AHR – Are

33 Sophia RECROSIO – Reh-crow-see-o

34 Kaitlyn HUSIC – HEW-sick

55 ROWAN Drew – ROW-en

Head Coach Joe AUSANIO – Uh-SAHN-ee-o

Assistant Coach Caroline BARATTA – Buh-RAH-tuh

2024 Marist College Softball Overall Statistics (as of May 4, 2024)

Overall Record: 36-17 **Conf:** 17-6 **Home:** 9-5 **Away:** 17-6 **Neutral:** 10-6

All games Sorted by Batting Avg

#	Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
10	Ahr, Haley	.428	53-47	159	29	68	14	0	8	49	106	.667	14	4	5	1	.475	4	0	5-7	278	34	4	.987
3	Pusey, Peyton	.398	53-51	176	61	70	16	3	4	18	104	.591	25	1	27	0	.473	1	0	19-24	53	4	4	.934
11	McDonald, Miah	.380	53-53	192	61	73	11	7	20	69	158	.823	9	2	17	2	.406	4	0	17-18	54	158	17	.926
4	Grupp, Alyssa	.378	51-49	148	26	56	8	2	0	18	68	.459	18	5	9	0	.459	1	3	13-14	79	91	6	.966
15	Pleasants, Maddie	.355	52-52	169	22	60	10	0	8	40	94	.556	24	0	8	1	.431	2	1	5-5	36	15	2	.962
18	Howard, Ronni	.273	46-36	88	28	24	3	0	4	17	39	.443	13	3	22	0	.385	0	6	7-8	33	63	5	.950
33	Recrosio, Sophia	.271	43-40	118	15	32	3	0	0	6	35	.297	7	0	14	1	.312	0	3	3-3	45	3	1	.980
13	Manory, Isabella	.244	40-31	90	16	22	2	0	0	11	24	.267	7	7	18	1	.346	0	7	6-6	184	17	1	.995
2	Sidlowski, Anna	.245	41-32	49	7	12	3	1	0	9	17	.347	1	0	10	1	.255	1	2	2-3	14	28	2	.955
7	Morrell, Lauren	.182	21-9	22	7	4	0	1	1	4	9	.409	3	0	10	0	.280	0	0	0-0	3	0	1	.750
34	Husic, Kaitlyn	.180	39-24	61	11	11	1	2	4	9	28	.459	8	0	11	0	.271	1	0	1-2	30	1	1	.969
8	Rogers, Samantha	.179	39-23	78	13	14	2	0	4	19	28	.359	10	0	19	0	.273	0	0	1-1	23	38	5	.924
5	Anderson, Taylor	.170	46-17	47	12	8	0	0	0	6	8	.170	4	0	16	0	.235	0	0	9-9	11	0	0	1.000
55	Drew, Rowan	.159	29-22	63	4	10	4	0	0	3	14	.222	6	0	15	1	.232	0	0	1-2	93	9	4	.962
21	Gore, Maddie	.094	25-13	32	4	3	1	0	0	2	4	.125	8	0	9	0	.275	0	1	0-1	125	2	0	1.000
Totals		.313	53-53	1492	316	467	78	16	53	280	736	.493	157	22	210	8	.383	14	23	89-103	1061	482	56	.965
Opponents		.248	53-53	1371	176	340	48	8	22	156	470	.343	129	11	272	8	.316	7	31	42-51	1048	386	79	.948

LOB: Team (338), Opp (309) **DPs Turned:** Team (18), Opp (18) **IBB:** Team (0), Opp (4)

All games Sorted by Earned Run Avg

#	Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	B/AVG	WP	HP	BK	SFA	SHA
31	Myers, Kiley	2.14	15-6	30	24	19	4-0	3	160.1	142	61	49	28	141	20	3	11	.233	1	6	0	3	14
2	Sidlowski, Anna	2.18	15-4	21	15	12	4-1	0	109.0	104	41	34	34	62	11	2	4	.246	12	2	0	1	5
15	Pleasants, Maddie	4.31	6-6	14	13	3	0-0	0	65.0	74	57	40	48	57	12	2	6	.281	7	2	0	1	9
12	Milazzo, Isabella	5.79	0-1	10	1	1	0-1	0	19.1	20	17	16	19	12	5	1	1	.263	0	1	0	2	3
Totals		2.75	36-17	75	53	35	10	3	353.2	340	176	139	129	272	48	8	22	.248	20	11	0	7	31
Opponents		5.19	17-36	109	53	13	4	4	349.1	467	316	259	157	210	78	16	53	.313	32	22	0	14	23

PB: Team (3), Drew (3), Totals (3), Opp (4) **Pickoffs:** Team (0), Totals, Opp (0) **SBA/ATT:** Totals (84-102), Drew (21-22), Manory (21-29), Myers (18-20), Pleasants (9-10), Sidlowski (9-15), Milazzo (6-6)