

## 2000-01 Purple Eagles Recap

Led by the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference's Player of the Year, the 2000-01 Niagara Purple Eagles earned their second MAAC regular season title in the past three seasons. The Purple Eagles posted a 15-13 record, 12-6 in the league. It was the fourth straight year that Niagara has had a winning record, the first time that has happened on Montage Ridge since Taps Gallagher led Niagara to six straight winning seasons from 1957-63.

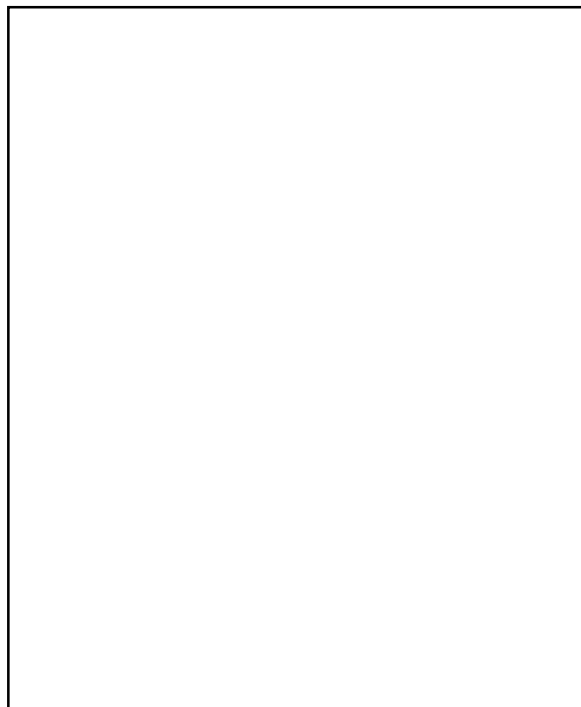
Stewart had a sensational senior season, leading the team in scoring (19.6) and tying for the team lead in rebounding (7.7). His best game of the year came at St. Peter's, where he hit all 17 of his free throws en route to a 34-point, nine-rebound effort in Niagara's 88-84 victory. Stewart scored 20 or more points 15 times during the season and notched five double-doubles.

Junior forward Michael Schmidt had a solid year in his first season with the Purple Eagles. A transfer from Texas A&M University, Schmidt averaged 14.8 points and 4.5 rebounds in earning Third Team All-MAAC honors. He hit a game-winning three-pointer at Manhattan, gaining MAAC Player of the Week honors. Schmidt did most of his damage from long range, hitting 81 three-pointers on the year, the second-best single-season mark in Niagara history. He scored a season-high 25 points in Niagara's win at Rider.

Junior point guard Daryl Greene was hampered by nagging injuries all season. Greene had tendinitis in his right foot and a turf toe injury on his left foot. The 6-1 southpaw led Niagara with 125 assists while averaging 10.6 points and 3.5 rebounds per game. He scored a season-high 27 points at Rider in Niagara's 93-84 victory.

Two freshman made key contributions for head coach Joe Mihalich. James "Mook" Reaves, a 6-8 forward, and Tremmell Darden, a 6-4 swingman, each played key roles for the Purple Eagles. Reaves averaged 9.3 points and tied Stewart for the team lead in rebounding (7.7). He scored a season-high 18 points versus Siena and grabbed 17 rebounds in Niagara's loss at Marist. Reaves was named to the MAAC All-Rookie team at the conclusion of the season. Darden averaged 8.4 points and 3.1 rebounds while starting 12 games as a freshman. His 16-point effort at Siena that helped clinch a tie for the MAAC regular season title propelled Darden to MAAC Rookie of the Week honors.

Junior forwards Shey Cohen and Christos Defoudis provided a boost for Niagara on the inside. Cohen, who started 19 games, averaged 4.4 points and 4.2 rebounds per game. He had a career game in Niagara's overtime loss at Niagara, contributing his first double-double with 14 points and 11 re-



*Niagara junior Luis Villafane*

bounds. Defoudis averaged 5.3 points and 3.1 rebounds per game. He notched 15 points on two occasions and had five double-digit scoring performances.

Sophomore point guard Rhossi Carron proved to be a valuable asset for Mihalich, stepping in for the injured Greene and providing steady play at the point. Carron scored in double-digits on three occasions, including 14 points in a home win over Marist.

Center Luis Villafane continued to provide a presence in the middle. The 6-10 sophomore was second on the team with 25 blocks and is now seventh on Niagara's all-time list with 60.

Niagara proved its mettle with a 7-2 record in MAAC road games. It was Niagara's performance on the road since joining the league in 1989. Niagara won seven of its past nine games to post a 12-6 league mark. The 12 league wins were the second-most in school history, behind 1998-99's 13-5 mark.

The MAAC Tournament proved to be a heartbreaker for the Purple Eagles as Canisius downed Niagara, 72-70, with a last-second basket. Despite the disappointing end, it was another building block for the Purple Eagles. With four straight winning seasons, two MAAC regular season titles in three years, and two MAAC Players of the Year in three years, the Purple Eagles are proving to be a force in the MAAC and look to continue to do so for years to come.



# 2000-01 Statistics

Player	G/GS	FGM-FGA	PCT	3PTA-		FTM-FTA	PCT	REBS/AVG.	PF-DQ	AST	BLK	TO	STL	PTS/AVG
				3PTM	PCT									
Demond Stewart	27/26	162-418	.388	41-142	.289	165-234	.705	207/7.7	102-9	46	19	79	47	530/19.6
Michael Schmidt	28/26	147-344	.427	81-209	.388	39-60	.650	127/4.5	80-5	74	13	82	40	414/14.8
Daryl Greene	25/21	82-246	.341	41-130	.315	57-72	.792	87/3.5	37-0	125	69	1	28	266/10.6
James Reaves	27/15	94-221	.425	3-4	.750	61-195	.642	207/7.7	86-6	22	34	45	13	252/9.3
Tremmell Darden	28/12	84-180	.467	9-36	.250	59-88	.670	87/3.1	80-6	18	10	42	18	236/8.4
Christos Defoudis	28/11	56-119	.471	8-29	.276	27-37	.730	87/3.1	59-1	18	13	12	8	147/5.3
Shey Cohen	25/19	38-77	.494	1-6	.167	32-46	.696	105/4.2	78-0	14	4	31	20	109/4.4
Rhossi Carron	26/8	32-82	.390	14-47	.298	25-31	.806	16/0.6	39-0	42	0	30	16	103/4.0
Luis Villafane	28/1	12-23	.522	0-0	.000	4-13	.308	46/1.6	43-1	8	25	16	6	28/1.0
Tomas Kukla	16/1	2-20	.200	2-17	.118	1-3	.333	10/0.6	6-0	2	1	1	2	7/0.4
Paul de Wet	5/0	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	4-4	1.000	4/0.8	3-0	1	0	3	0	6/1.2
Rauly Leino	2/0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	1/0.5	0-0	0	0	0	0	2/1
Larry Johnson	9/0	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	0-6	.000	7/0.8	2-0	0	0	0	1	11/1
<b>TEAM</b>								<b>91</b>				<b>5</b>		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>712-1739</b>	<b>.409</b>	<b>200-622</b>	<b>.322</b>	<b>475-691</b>	<b>.687</b>	<b>1082/38.6</b>	<b>615-28</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>2099/75.0</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>755-1631</b>	<b>.463</b>	<b>141-398</b>	<b>.354</b>	<b>486-706</b>	<b>.688</b>	<b>1037/37.0</b>	<b>576-21</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>2137/76.3</b>

## Per-Game Averages

PLAYER	FGM	FGA	3-POINT		FT	FTA	PTS	REBS	AST	TO	BLK	STL	MIN
			FGM	FGA									
Demond Stewart	6.0	15.5	1.5	5.3	6.1	8.7	19.6	7.7	1.7	2.9	0.7	1.7	33.4
Michael Schmidt	5.3	12.3	2.9	7.5	1.4	2.1	14.8	4.5	2.6	2.9	0.5	1.4	34.7
Daryl Greene	3.4	9.8	1.6	5.2	2.3	2.9	10.6	3.5	5.0	2.8	0.0	1.1	33.9
James Reaves	3.5	8.2	0.1	0.1	2.3	5.8	9.3	7.7	0.8	1.7	1.3	0.5	26.7
Tremmell Darden	3.0	6.4	0.3	1.3	2.1	3.1	8.4	3.1	0.6	1.5	0.4	0.6	22.0
Christos Defoudis	2.0	4.3	0.3	1.0	1.0	1.3	5.3	3.1	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.3	15.2
Shey Cohen	1.5	3.1	0.0	0.2	1.3	1.8	4.4	4.2	0.6	1.2	0.2	0.8	18.9
Rhossi Carron	1.2	3.2	0.5	1.8	1.0	1.2	4.0	0.6	1.6	1.2	0.0	0.6	15.4
Luis Villafane	0.4	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	1.0	1.6	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.2	8.2
Tomas Kukla	0.1	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	5.3
Paul de Wet	0.2	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.8	1.2	0.8	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	3.2
Rauly Leino	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
Larry Johnson	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.0
<b>Purple Eagles</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>62.1</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>75.0</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>----</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>58.3</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>76.3</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>----</b>



## ***2000-01 Game Results***

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>ATT.</u>	<u>HIGH SCORER</u>	<u>HIGH REBOUNDER</u>
11-17	at Buffalo	W, 80-76	5,547	Stewart - 21	Defoudis - 8
11-21	ALBANY	W, 74-66	1,447	Schmidt - 20	Reaves - 15
11-25	at St. John's	L, 92-59	6,008	Stewart - 20	Reaves - 7
11-27	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	W, 79-61	1,503	Stewart - 15	Greene - 10
12-2	\$ vs. Ohio	L, 77-64	5,300	Greene - 15	Stewart - 10
12-4	ST. BONAVENTURE	L, 67-63	2,400	Two with - 13	Stewart - 14
12-7	* at Canisius	W, 80-77	1,486	Stewart - 32	Two with - 7
12-9	at Marshall	L, 82-70	6,029	Two with - 20	Two with - 9
12-21	at Colgate	L, 73-60	470	Stewart - 16	Reaves - 9
12-28	* at Iona	L, 100-90 (OT)	1,720	Stewart - 26	Cohen - 11
12-30	at Syracuse	L, 95-69	16,579	Stewart - 22	Two with - 6
1-3	* at Fairfield	W, 88-84	2,130	Stewart - 34	Stewart - 9
1-5	* ST. PETER'S	W, 76-69	1,431	Stewart - 24	Reaves - 9
1-7	* SIENA	W, 104-83	1,299	Stewart - 29	Reaves - 9
1-10	* FAIRFIELD	L, 84-82 (2OT)	1,173	Reaves - 16	Reaves - 8
1-13	* at Marist	L, 59-56	2,890	Stewart - 17	Reaves - 17
1-15	* at Loyola	W, 60-57	729	Stewart - 24	Reaves - 11
1-20	* RIDER	L, 90-83	1,537	Schmidt - 20	Stewart - 7
1-25	* at St. Peter's	W, 88-84	1,065	Stewart - 34	Stewart - 9
1-27	* at Rider	W, 93-84	1,228	Greene - 27	Reaves - 10
2-2	* at Manhattan	W, 81-78	1,750	Stewart - 20	Stewart - 9
2-8	* MARIST	W, 68-60	1,678	Schmidt - 15	Reaves - 9
2-10	* IONA	L, 70-64	2,400	Stewart - 20	Reaves - 12
2-16	* MANHATTAN	W, 90-80	1,838	Stewart - 24	Stewart - 8
2-18	* LOYOLA (HSBC)	W, 69-67 (OT)	3,215	Stewart - 23	Stewart - 12
2-21	* CANISIUS	L, 85-70	2,029	Stewart - 16	Stewart - 12
2-24	* at Siena	W, 69-65	10,284	Schmidt - 20	Reaves - 12
3-3	^ vs. Canisius	L, 72-70	6,859	Greene - 24	Schmidt - 9

HOME GAMES IN ALL CAPS

HSBC - HSBC Arena

\* - Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Game

& - Game played in Halifax, Nova Scotia

^ - MAAC Tournament (held at Pepsi Arena, Albany, NY)

### **NIAGARA'S RECORD:**

Overall: 15-13	MAAC: 12-6 (1st)
Home: 7-5	Away: 8-6
Gallagher: 6-5	Neutral: 0-2
HSBC: 1-0	



## ***2000-01 TEAM HIGHS***

	<u>NIAGARA</u>	<u>OPPONENTS</u>
<b>Points</b>	104 vs. Siena (Jan. 7)	100 - Iona (Dec. 28)
<b>Rebounds</b>	51 vs. Iona (Feb. 10)	47 - St. Peter's (Jan. 5)
<b>FG</b>	35 - Siena (Jan. 7)	37 - St. John's (Nov. 25)
<b>FGA</b>	79 - Rider (Jan. 20)	69 - Siena (Feb. 24)
<b>FT</b>	33 - St. Peter's (Jan. 25)	29 - Iona (Dec. 28)
<b>FTA</b>	43 - Iona (Dec. 28)	36 - three times
<b>3PT FG</b>	13 - Siena (Jan. 7)	12 - Siena (Jan. 7)
<b>3PT FGA</b>	36 - St. John's (Nov. 25)	22 - Siena (Feb. 24)
<b>Assists</b>	22 - Siena (Jan. 7)	24 - twice
<b>Blocks</b>	8 - twice	11 - Syracuse (Dec. 30)
<b>Steals</b>	13 - Iona (Dec. 28)	13 - St. John's (Nov. 25)
<b>Turnovers</b>	22 - Marist (Feb. 8)	23 - Iona (Dec. 28)
<b>Best FG%</b>	.552 (32-58) vs. Rider (Jan. 27)	.607 (37-61) - St. John's (Nov. 25)
<b>Best FT%</b>	.938 (15-16) vs. Siena (Feb. 24)	.889 (8-9) - Marist (Feb. 8)
<b>Best 3PT%</b>	.667 (10-15) vs. Manhattan (Feb. 16)	.636 (7-11) - Iona (Dec. 28)

## ***2000-01 INDIVIDUAL HIGHS***

	<u>NIAGARA</u>	<u>OPPONENTS</u>
<b>Points</b>	34 - Demond Stewart (twice)	32 - Kevin Houston, St. Bona, Dec. 4
<b>Rebounds</b>	17 - James Reaves vs. Marist (Jan. 13)	17 - Brian Carroll, Loyola, Feb. 18
<b>FG</b>	12 - Demond Stewart vs. Fairfield (Jan. 3)	12 - Kevin Houston, St. Bona., Dec. 4
<b>FGA</b>	27 - Demond Stewart vs. Iona (Feb. 10)	20 - Tamar Slay, Marshall, Dec. 9
<b>FT</b>	17 - Demond Stewart vs. St. Peter's (Jan. 25)	12 - J.R. VanHoose, Marshall, Dec. 9
<b>FTA</b>	21 - Demond Stewart vs. Loyola (Feb. 18)	14 - J.R. VanHoose, Marshall, Dec. 9
<b>3PT FG</b>	6 - Demond Stewart vs. Siena (Jan. 7)	6 - Scott Knapp, Siena, Jan. 7
<b>3PT FGA</b>	13 - Daryl Greene vs. St. John's (Nov. 25)	9 - by two players
<b>Assists</b>	10 - Daryl Greene vs. Buffalo (Nov. 17)	12 - Omar Cook, St. John's, Nov. 25
<b>Blocks</b>	6 - James Reaves vs. Albany (Nov. 21)	5 - by two players
<b>Steals</b>	5 - Demond Stewart vs. St. John's (Nov. 25)	7 - Pat Campolieta, Colgate, Dec. 21
<b>Minutes</b>	45 - Daryl Greene vs. Fairfield (Jan. 10)	45 - John Reimold, Loyola, Feb. 18

**Biggest Margin of Victory:** 21 vs. Siena (Jan. 7)

**Biggest Margin of Defeat:** 33 vs. St. John's (Nov. 25)

**Longest Winning Streak:** four games

**Longest Losing Streak:** four games



# Purple Eagle Tidbits

## Niagara's Record When:

Leading at halftime .....	9-2
Trailing at halftime .....	5-10
Tied at halftime .....	1-1
Overtime .....	0-2
NU shoots 50% or better .....	5-1
NU shoots between 40-49.9% .....	7-3
NU shoots under 40% .....	3-9
Opponents shoot over 50% or better .....	6-6
Opponents shoot between 40-49.9% .....	6-6
Opponents shoot under 40% .....	3-1
NU outrebounds opponent .....	10-5
Opponents rebound NU .....	5-7
Tied in rebounds .....	0-1
NU scores 59 or less .....	0-2
NU scores 60-69 .....	4-5
NU scores 70-79 .....	3-2
NU scores 80-89 .....	5-3
NU scores 90 or more .....	3-1
Opponents score 59 or less .....	1-1
Opponents score 60-69 .....	6-1
Opponents score 70-79 .....	3-5
Opponents score 80-89 .....	5-2
Opponents score 90 or more .....	0-4
NU has 10+ steals .....	3-3
NU shoots better than 70% FT .....	10-3
NU at home .....	7-5
NU at neutral sites .....	0-2
NU on the road .....	8-6
NU at the Gallagher Center .....	6-5
NU at Marine Midland Arena .....	1-0
Games by 5 or less .....	8-4
Games by 6-10 points .....	5-3
Games by 11 points or more .....	2-6

## Individual Game Leaders:

- Led team in scoring: Stewart (19), Schmidt (6), Greene (3), Reaves (1)
- Led team in rebounding: Reaves (13), Stewart (12), Greene (2), Cohen (1), Defoudis (1), Schmidt (1)
- Led team in assists: Greene (19), Schmidt (8), Stewart (3), Carron (2)
- Led team in steals: Stewart (12), Schmidt (9), Greene (6), Cohen (5), Darden (3), Carron (1), Reaves (1), Villafane (1)
- 15 points or better: Stewart (22), Schmidt (13), Greene (5), Reaves (4), Defoudis (2), Darden (1)
- 20 points or better: Stewart (15), Schmidt (6), Greene (2)
- 30 points or better: Stewart (3)
- 40 points or better: none
- Double-figure scoring: Stewart (24), Schmidt (22), Greene (13), Reaves (13), Darden (11), Defoudis (4), Carron (3), Cohen (1)
- Double-figure rebounding: Reaves (5), Stewart (5), Cohen (1), Greene (1), Schmidt (1)
- Double-figure assists: Greene (1)
- Double-doubles: Stewart (5), Reaves (3), Cohen (1), Greene (1), Schmidt (1)

Number of games includes ties

	<u>Margin of Victory</u>																
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17+</u>
<i>Niagara</i>	0	1	3	4	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Opponents</b>	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	2

