

# Mustang News

Morrisville State College's Athletic News

February 8, 2012

## Morrisville State women to "Play 4Kay", Saturday, February 11



The Morrisville State College women's basketball team has joined the "Play 4Kay" team in an effort to raise breast cancer awareness and funds for the Kay Yow Cancer Fund in support of cancer research, Saturday, February 11, 2012 as they host Cazenovia College at 3 p.m.

Donations for the Mustangs efforts can be made online through their team page at [www.play4kay.org/morrisville](http://www.play4kay.org/morrisville).

The Kay Yow Cancer fund partnered with the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WCBA) and The V Foundation to be a part of finding an answer in the fight against women's cancers by raising funds for scientific research and unifying people for a common cause. Additional information on the organization can be found at [www.play4kay.org](http://www.play4kay.org).

As part of a continuing community service program within the athletic department, student-athletes are involved in a variety of service programs, benefiting both the campus and surrounding communities.

Last year the Mustangs were involved in more than 20 community service programs in the local and surrounding communities, logging over 1,200 hours

of service.

For additional information regarding the Play 4 Kay event, contact the women's basketball office at 315-684-6749.

## Morrisville State Men's Basketball remains undefeated with win over Keuka Storm, 83-53

*Release written by Courtney Cook, Sports Information Student Assistant*

Visiting Morrisville State College men's basketball remained undefeated netting their ninth conference win of the season Wednesday evening, in an 83-53 rout of host Keuka College in Keuka.

The Mustangs are now 12-7 overall and 9-0 in Northeastern Athletic Conference play (NEAC), while Keuka dropped to 5-13, 5-6 in the NEAC.

Mickey Davis (Syracuse, NY) led the charge for the Mustangs scoring 25 points in 29 minutes of play; adding six rebounds and one block on the evening. Kucjok Ater (Syracuse, NY) and Ryan Jameson (Greenwich, NY) each added nine points while Ater grabbed six boards and two blocks.

Teddy Tuggles led the Storm in both points and rebounds with nine and eight respectively while Connor Boyer added seven points. Joe Tortolon, Coty Paige and Joe Johnson all had one block for the Storm.

Morrisville State led 17-16 nine minutes in before posting an 11-1 run midway through the first half en route to a 43-23 lead at the half, shooting 16-for-31 from the floor (51.7 percent).

The Mustangs opened the second half on a 9-2 run in the first two minutes of the period, with all nine points from Davis, as Keuka struggled to come within striking distance.

Morrisville State out shot the Storm 49 to 26 percent on the night, nailing 10-of-24 from behind the arc, and capping off 11-of-14 from the free throw line.

## Morrisville State women fall 67-51 on the road at Keuka

The Morrisville State College women's basketball team got off to a slow start in the first half and was unable to recover as they fell 67-51 in North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) action to Keuka College Wednesday night in Keuka.

Morrisville State drops to 6-10 overall, 5-6 in NEAC play, while the Storm improve to 11-5, 9-3 in conference action.

Three netted double figures for the Mustangs, led by Dyshea Smiley (Harlem, N.Y.) with 12 points, nailing 4-of-6 from downtown. Smiley also added four assists and six steals in the Morrisville State efforts, while Nijee Scott (Bronx, N.Y.) added 11 points, leading the team with six rebounds, and stealing three. Nijah Townsend (Bronx, N.Y.) had 10 points.

Danielle Gravel led all scorers with 17 points on the night for the Storm, including three from behind the arc, while teammate Mariah Mouzon contributed 16 points and had a team high seven rebounds. Jessica Bandrowski had 10 points for Keuka, dishing out five assists.

Keuka raced out to an early 16-6 lead just six minutes in, and continued to dominate the Mustangs offensively as

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they held the 40-20 advantage after the first twenty, hitting 15-of-27 from the floor (55.6 percent) while Morrisville State converted just 9-of-28 shots (32.1).

In the second, Keuka quickly built up a 25 point lead, before Morrisville State rallied for a 10-0 run early on to cut the deficit to 15 in an attempt to make a comeback on the Storm.

Morrisville State's efforts fell short, however, as Keuka held on for the conference win.

## Morrisville State nets 6-5 overtime victory over SUNY Cortland

*Release written by Courtney Cook, Sports Information Student Assistant*

Morrisville State's Tom Longland (Dunnville, ONT) followed his own shot and tallied the game winning goal in the overtime period give the Mustangs a 6-5 State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) victory Friday night over visiting SUNY Cortland in Morrisville.

The Mustangs are now 4-16-1, 3-9-1 in SUNYAC play while the Red Dragons dropped to 5-15-1, 3-8-1 SUNYAC.

Morrisville State had the lead 3-1 after the first period with Geoff Matzel (Chittenango, NY), Curtis Renaud (Carlisle, ONT) and Jamie Nelson (Stratford, ONT) each posting scores; Renaud and Nelson's on power plays.

In both the second and third periods Cortland State out scored the Mustangs 2-1 with Chris Kaleta posting the game tying goal with 9:17 remaining in the third for Red Dragons.

The Mustangs began the overtime

period on a power play and with 3:01 remaining, Longland scooped the puck into the back of the net for the win, with Todd Hosmer (Scarborough, ONT) and Jonathan Cristini (Mississauga, ONT) earning the assists.

Chris Azzano (Oshawa, ONT) recorded the win between the pipes for the Mustangs with 32 saves. Jeff Molner had 47 saves in net for the Red Dragons.

## Ater records collegiate best en route to 76-67 victory over Gallaudet

Sophomore forward Kucjok Ater (Syracuse, N.Y.) recorded a collegiate best 25 points as the Morrisville State College men's basketball team collected a 76-67 victory over visiting Gallaudet University in North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) action Saturday afternoon in Morrisville.

Morrisville State improved to 13-7 overall, and remain untouched in conference play with a 10-0 record. Gallaudet drops to 10-10 overall, 7-4 in NEAC action.

Ater came off the bench to lead all scorers, adding 12 rebounds for the double-double, hitting an astounding 11-of-14 from the floor. Ater also recorded an assist and game high three steals. Mickey Davis (Jamesville, N.Y.) had 17 points and 15 rebounds in the win, while Hodges Sneed (Syracuse, N.Y.) and Kyle Gordon (Riverhead, N.Y.) each added eight. Andrew Lucio (Solvay, N.Y.) and Brandon Hanks (Syracuse, N.Y.) combined for 11 assists.

Four were in double figures for the Bison, led by Brandon McMillan with

17 points. Jocus Houston added 12, while Tony Tatum and Layton Seeber contributed 11 and 10, respectively.

Both teams got off to a slow until the Mustangs posted back to back scores to jump out to a seven point lead with just under 10 minutes remaining in the first en route to a 37-28 advantage at the half.

In the second, Morrisville State increased their lead to as many as 19 with 9:35 to go, but Gallaudet chipped away and cut the lead to just six with 3:04 to go as McMillan drained one from downtown to cut it to 70-64.

After Hanks hit two free throws to regain a nine point advantage for the Mustangs, Houston converted a three point play for Gallaudet with just over



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30 seconds to go in the contest, but Morrisville State was able to secure the win, as Lucio hit 3-of-4 from the free throw line.

## Morrisville State College women's basketball holds off Gallaudet University 64, 48

*Release written by Courtney Cook, Sports Information Student Assistant*

Sophomore forward Nijah Townsend (Bronx, NY) led to the Morrisville State College to victory Saturday afternoon over visiting Gallaudet University Bison in Northeastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) action, netting a collegiate best 29 points in the 64-48 final.

The Mustangs are now 7-12, 6-6 NEAC while the Bison dropped to 5-14, 3-10 NEAC.

Townsend had a double-double adding 15 rebounds on the day while also having three assists in 34 minutes of play. Nijee Scott (Bronx, NY) knocked down seven points to go with six assists, two steals and 11 rebounds. Both Tierra Hollins-Hill (Bronx, NY) and Jennel Paul (Brooklyn, NY) chipped in eight points.

Britny Latham led Gallaudet with 19 points shooting 50 percent from behind the arc on 5-of-10 trey's. Stephanie Weiss also chipped in eight points to go with five assists. Claire Tucker added five points in the Bison efforts.

Morrisville State led by one point going into half time 23-22 and came into the second half having a 40 percent field goal percentage and scoring 41 points, including a 9-0 run to pull away and

seal the victory.

## Hosmer scores lone goal in 8, 1 loss to Oswego State

*Release written by Courtney Cook, Sports Information Student Assistant*

Todd Hosmer (Scarborough, ONT) scored the lone goal for Morrisville State Saturday night in State University of New York Athletic Conference action against #2 Oswego State.

The Oswego State Lakers scored four unanswered goals in the first period with Paul Rodrigues scoring three. Chris Azzano (Oshawa, ONT) had seven saves in the period for the Mustangs.

The Mustangs put on a defensive effort in the second period only allowing one goal by Oswego as Colin Breen (Waterloo, ONT) recorded 26 saves between the pipes in the second period.

The only goal for Morrisville came in the third period from Hosmer, with the assist coming from Alex Tillaart (Ashburn, ONT) and Tom Longland (Dunnville, ONT) while the Lakers had an additional three goals to seal the deal.

Breen recorded the loss in net for the Mustangs recording 35 total saves.

All proceeds from the game event went towards the battle of Multiple Sclerosis.

The Mustangs next play next Saturday February, 11 against Manhattanville College at the Clinton Arena in Clinton, NY.

## Morrisville State men top Harrisburg in 77-68 conference thriller

In a thriller of a contest, the Morrisville State College men's basketball team converted six straight free throws in the closing seconds to hand the visiting Penn State Harrisburg Nittany Lions a 77-68 North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) loss Sunday afternoon in Morrisville.

Morrisville State bumped their record to 14-7 overall and remain undefeated in conference play at 11-0, while the Nittany Lions fell to 17-5 overall, dropping their first contest of the season in NEAC play (10-1).

Kucjok Ater (Syracuse, N.Y.) led all scorers on the day, hitting 6-of-9 from the floor and 9-of-11 from the free throw line for a best 21 points, while adding 11 boards. Three additional teammates posted double figures in the victory, including Brandon Hanks (Syracuse, N.Y.) with 16, adding 13 rebounds, three steals and five assists in the double-double performance. Mickey Davis (Jamesville, N.Y.) posted 15 points, adding six rebounds, four assists and three steals, while teammate Hodges Sneed (Syracuse, N.Y.) tallied 11 points and grabbed five boards.

Four tallied double digits for the Nittany Lions, led by William Doyle with 17, who hit five from behind the arc. Steve Jones added 13 points and led Harrisburg on the glass with eight boards, also stealing three. Kenton Alston and Jordan Gatchell each contributed 10 in the loss.

Morrisville State got off to a slow start, managing just four points in the first four minutes of the contest, until Ater hit a lay-up to spark a 12-0 run over the next two minutes to claim the 16-8 advantage over the Nittany Lions.

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The Mustangs maintained the narrow lead, until Doyle nailed his fourth three of the half to tie the contest at 32 with 1:45 showing on the clock. In a chaotic final 10 seconds of the first, Harrisburg posted a five point halftime lead, converting two free throws on a bench technical, and Doyle a three and the buzzer to send the contest into the break with a 37-32 score.

Harrisburg and Morrisville State played to a back and forth second half until 3:40 to go when Andrew Lucio (Solvay, N.Y.) nailed one from downtown to give the Mustangs the 67-66 lead.

With 54 seconds to go, Doyle converted two free throws to cut the Morrisville State lead to three, but the Mustangs pulled away in the final 36 seconds, as Davis hit both free throws and Ater 4-of-4 from the charity stripe, securing the conference win.

Morrisville State hit 27-of-57 from the floor and 18-of-23 from the free throw line in the contest, holding Harrisburg to just 34.7 percent from the floor in the contest, while controlling the glass 49-36 in the contest.

## Morrisville State women fall short in 65-62 final to Harrisburg

The Morrisville State College women's basketball team made a second half comeback attempt, but fell short Sunday afternoon as visiting Penn State Harrisburg edged the Mustangs for the 65-62 North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) victory.

Morrisville State drops to 7-13 overall, 6-7 in NEAC play, while Harrisburg improves to 14-6, 12-1 in conference play.

Sophomore forward Nijah Townsend (Bronx, N.Y.) tallied 26 points and gathered 10 rebounds to lead all scorers on the day, while two additional Mustangs posted double figures, including Jennel Paul (Brooklyn, N.Y.) with 17 and Nijee Scott (Bronx, N.Y.) with 10. Scott added seven assists and seven rebounds to the Morrisville State efforts.

Stephanie Yetter paced Harrisburg with 14 points, adding eight rebounds, as teammate Dortehea Dixon added 12 points, four assists and three steals. Monet Cunningham netted 11 points for the Nittany Lions, dishing out four assists while Brittany Guerre rounded out top team scorers with 10 points, five assists.

Morrisville State battled back from a seven point deficit in the first half to claim the 31-30 lead at the break, and got off to a slow start in the second as Harrisburg raced out to a 13 point advantage with less than nine minutes to go in the contest.

Scott cut the Harrisburg lead to three on a lay-up with 5:01 to go, but the Nittany Lions responded with a three to reclaim the six point advantage.

Tierra Hollins-Hill (Bronx, N.Y.) nailed a three to again bring the Mustangs to within three, and Scott added two quick scores to make it a one point game with 3:20 remaining on the clock.

With 10 seconds remaining on the clock, Harrisburg forced a costly Morrisville State turnover, in which Dixon converted both free throws for the three point lead with eight to go.

A three-point attempt by Scott at the buzzer hit off the back of the rim as Harrisburg held on for the conference win.

## Ater earns NEAC Player of the Week Honors



The North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) announced its student-athlete of the week selections, naming Morrisville State men's basketball forward, Kucjok Ater (Syracuse, N.Y./Bishop Grimes) its player of the week for the week ending February 5.

Ater led Morrisville State to three conference victories last week, posting averages of 18.3 points, 9/7 rebounds, an assist, a steal and 1.3 blocks per game, while shooting 73 percent from the floor (19-for-26) and 81 percent (17-for-21) from the free throw line, keeping the Mustangs undefeated in conference action at 11-0.

Ater exploded over the weekend, posting a game and career-best 25 points on 11-of-14 shooting from the field, while grabbing 12 rebounds (eight offensive) and three steals in the 76-67 victory over Gallaudet Saturday.

On Sunday, he posted 21 points and pulled down 11 boards to keep Morrisville State atop the conference in a 77-68 victory over Penn State Harrisburg, handing the Nittany Lions their first conference loss. On the day, Ater hit 6-of-9 from the floor, in addition to 9-of-11 from the free throw line, which included going 4-for-4 in the closing seconds of the contest to seal the win.

Ater is second on the team in points per game (12.7) and leads the team with 6.7 rebounds per game for the Mustangs, while shooting a conference best 58.2 percent from the floor.

The sophomore is majoring in

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individual studies at Morrisville State. He is the son of Persikila Depmac of Syracuse.

### Three Morrisville State field hockey student-athletes earn SUNYAC All-Academic honors

The State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) announced its 2011 Fall SUNYAC All-Academic Team and Commissioner's List, naming Morrisville State College field hockey student-athletes Rebecca Meyer (Morrisville, N.Y.), Julia Key (Newark Valley, N.Y.) and Alexis Tinnirello (West Islip, N.Y.) to its All-Academic Team.

To be eligible for SUNYAC All-Academic team recognition the nominated student-athlete must have a fall semester grade point average of 3.3 or higher.

Meyer started all 18 games for the Mustangs at forward and was second on the team in scoring this season, tallying four goals and four assists for 12 team points, earning All-SUNYAC Second Team honors.

The graduate of Morrisville-Eaton Central is majoring in criminal justice at Morrisville State. She is the daughter of Nancy Pistley and Ed Meyer of Morrisville.



Key appeared in 17 games for Morrisville State this season, starting three at defense.

The graduate of Newark Valley Central is majoring in criminal justice at Morrisville State. She is the daughter of Karen and Steve Key of Newark Valley.

Tinnirello appeared in 17 games for the Mustangs at defense this season, starting 16, while posting two defensive saves.



The graduate of West Islip High is majoring in food service administration at Morrisville State. She is the daughter of Irene and Alex Tinnirello of West Islip.

### Morrisville State men falter, suffer 82-62 setback to Wells

The Morrisville State College men's basketball team had their 11 game conference win streak snapped Tuesday night, as they suffered an 82-62 setback to North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) rival Wells College in Aurora.

Morrisville State fell to 14-8 overall, dropping their first loss in NEAC action (11-1). Wells improved to 11-11 overall, 8-4 in conference play.

Dave Foltz led all scorers on the night, recording 29 points on 10-of-15 shooting from the floor including 5-of-7 from behind the arc. Foltz also posted four rebounds and four steals in the victory for Wells, while teammate Terry Harrison chipped in 23 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Andre Sawyer added 11 points and had 10 rebounds to round out top scoring for the Express.

Brandon Hanks (Syracuse, N.Y.) had 13 points to lead the Mustangs in scoring, hitting three from downtown,

while adding seven rebounds to his tallies as Kucjok Ater (Syracuse, N.Y.) posted 12 points, five rebounds, four blocks and two steals in Morrisville State's efforts.

Both teams played even in the beginning of the first half, until Wells broke out with an 18-4 run over a five minute span midway through the period for the 30-14 lead, which proved to be a deficit the Mustangs were unable overcome.

After trailing 52-34 at the break, Morrisville State quickly put points on the board as Hanks drained a three just nine seconds in, but a scoring drought over the next four minutes found the Mustangs trailing once again by 18. Wells went on to lead by as many as 26 in the second half.

Wells held the 46 to 39 percent advantage in shooting from the floor, holding Morrisville State to its second lowest scoring total of the season, forcing 22 Mustang turnovers.

Morrisville State returns to the court Saturday, hosting Cazenovia at 1 p.m. in the STUAC Gymnasium.

### Morrisville State women net 61-52 victory over Wells

Four tallied double figures as the Morrisville State College women's basketball team handed host Wells College a 61-52 North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) defeat Tuesday night in Aurora.

Morrisville State improves to 8-13 overall, 7-7 in conference play, while Wells fell to 6-15 overall and 4-9 in the NEAC.

Dyshea Smiley (Harlem, N.Y.) paced the Mustangs with 14 points, hitting 5-of-7 from the floor, including 3-of-5

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from beyond the arc, while dishing out five assists. Jennel Paul (Brooklyn, N.Y.) and Nijah Townsend (Bronx, N.Y.) each added 12, Townsend adding nine rebounds, as Tierra Hollins-Hill (Bronx, N.Y.) contributed 11.

Ashley Roser was the lone Wells College player to net double figures, leading the Express efforts with 19 points and 10 rebounds, adding five blocks and four assists.

Both teams got off to a slow start in the first half, managing a combined 41 points as Morrisville State held the 25-16 lead at the break.

In the second, Wells climbed to within six with 5:29 to go on the clock, but Morrisville State got four straight points from Paul and a three from Smiley to regain the 11 point advantage and eventual win over the Express.

Morrisville State shot 52 percent from the floor, including 5-of-10 from downtown. Wells struggled from the floor, converting just 16-of-56 shots (29 percent).

The Mustangs return to the court Thursday, hosting SUNY Canton at 7 p.m. in the STUAC Gymnasium.

## Morrisville State hockey raises \$3,000 for Multiple Sclerosis



The Morrisville State College men's ice hockey team, together with the Morrisville community, raised more than \$3,000 Saturday in the battle against Multiple Sclerosis for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The MS Society helps to get each person challenged by the disease moving through research, advocacy, education, along with programs and services that help those living with MS move their lives forward.

This terrible disease has touched the hearts of the Morrisville State College community as well as hockey program, both within our families and among our friends. All proceeds from the contest against Oswego were donated to the society, including gate admission, 50/50 ticket and other raffle sales, along with general donations. Morrisville State also sported special black jerseys with the "Fighting MS" orange ribbon logo, which were auctioned off and collected an additional \$1188 for the society towards the \$3,070 total.

As part of a continuing community service program within the athletic department, student-athletes are involved in a variety of service programs, benefiting both the campus and surrounding communities.

Last year the Mustangs were involved in more than 20 community service programs in the local and surrounding communities, logging over 1,200 hours of service, and raised more than \$9,000 for charitable organizations.

## Morrisville State hockey to skate in Clinton, in Youth Hockey Fundraiser

The Morrisville State College men's

ice hockey team will take the show on the road Saturday, playing the NCAA match-up against Manhattanville College at the Clinton Arena in a Youth Hockey Organization Fundraiser.

Proceeds from gate receipts, raffles, and auctions will benefit the Clinton Youth Hockey Organization.

Face-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. and admission is \$5 per person. Children wearing their youth hockey jersey will be admitted to the contest free of charge.

Already this season, the Mustangs have joined forces with the Special Olympics, offered Skate with the Mustang sessions, and recently raised more than \$3,000 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

In 2010-11 Morrisville State student-athletes were involved in more than 20 community service programs in the local and surrounding communities, logging over 1,200 hours of service.

## Upcoming Action

### Thursday, February 9

Women's Basketball vs. Canton 7 p.m.

### Saturday, February 11

Western Equine Show - Morrisville 9 a.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Cazenovia 1 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. Cazenovia 3 p.m.

Hockey vs. Manhattanville ^ 7 p.m.

*^ game held at the Clinton Arena*

### Tuesday, February 14

Men's Basketball @ Cobleskill 5 p.m.

Women's Basketball @ Cobleskill 7 p.m.