

# Men's Basketball



A young core aided Wheaton's continued improvement in 2008–09, as the Lyons raised their win total for the second straight winter. The team produced its best defense in five years and an offense that was among Division III's top 22 in free throw percentage for the third straight season. Wheaton pushed out to an impressive 11–6 start before finishing 14–12. The Lyons' 16-point defeat of eventual NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 qualifier Salem State College proved to be their most significant victory. Wheaton went 6–6 in New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) play, taking third in a league that sent two squads to the NCAA Tournament.

Anthony Coppola '11 became the first underclassman in program history to twice earn NEWMAC All-Conference honors, as he recorded 18.9 points per game to come within 17 points of being the first Lyon underclassman to hit 1,000. Ryan Sasso '11 added 10.0 points per game, taking second in the league in three-point shooting and leading the squad in assists and steals. Anthony Weeks '12 made an immediate impact with 8.8 points and 3.4 rebounds while leading all NEWMAC freshmen in free throw shooting. In addition to providing 8.7 points and 4.2 rebounds, Jaxon Leo '10 led the league in free throw shooting, while Ben Stehle '10 turned in 7.3 points and 5.8 boards.

## 2009–10 Schedule

November 17	Emerson	A	7 p.m.
November 20	Lyndon State (Wheaton Tip-Off Tournament)	H	8 p.m.
November 21	Wheaton Tip-Off Tournament	H	1:30/3:30 p.m.
December 3	Roger Williams	A	7 p.m.
December 5	Bridgewater State	A	2 p.m.
December 8	Connecticut College	H	7 p.m.
December 10	Elms	A	7 p.m.
December 12	Salem State	A	2 p.m.
December 21	ECAC Holiday Festival (Lake Buena Vista, FL)	A	TBA
December 23	ECAC Holiday Festival (Lake Buena Vista, FL)	A	TBA
January 6	WPI*	H	5:30 p.m.
January 9	Clark*	H	1 p.m.
January 13	Springfield*	A	7 p.m.
January 16	Babson*	H	2 p.m.
January 20	Coast Guard*	H	7 p.m.
January 23	MIT*	A	TBA
January 26	Tufts	H	7 p.m.
January 28	Worcester State	A	7 p.m.
January 30	Springfield*	H	1 p.m.
February 3	Clark*	A	5:30 p.m.
February 6	WPI*	A	1 p.m.
February 10	Babson*	A	8 p.m.
February 17	MIT*	H	5:30 p.m.
February 20	Coast Guard*	A	1 p.m.
February 24	NEWMAC Tournament—First Round	TBA	7 p.m.
February 27	NEWMAC Tournament—Semifinal Round	TBA	1/3 p.m.
February 28	NEWMAC Tournament—Final Round	TBA	12 p.m.

\* NEWMAC Game



Jaxon Leo '10

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Head coach  
**Brian Walmsley**

Entering his 13th season as head coach of the Wheaton men's basketball program, Brian Walmsley has compiled a 184–140 record in his tenure. Walmsley currently has

the most wins in program history and is well on his way to becoming the second men's or women's hoops coach in school annals with 200 victories.

In 2008–09, Walmsley led the Lyons to a third-place finish in the highly competitive NEWMAC. The prior season, he guided a young squad to Wheaton's ninth NEWMAC Tournament semifinal round appearance in 10 seasons. Walmsley led the 2005–06 team to the program's second straight Eastern College

Athletic Conference (ECAC) Tournament title.

Walmsley's teams have strung together seven of Wheaton's top nine single-season victory totals in the 20-year history of the program. In 1999–2000, the Lyons captured their first NEWMAC regular-season championship. In his tenure at Wheaton, Walmsley has witnessed six 16-plus-win seasons and six ECAC Tournament bids.

Away from his coaching responsibilities, Walmsley serves on the NCAA

Tournament regional selection committee. He has also directed the Basketball Dimensions summer camp at Wheaton since 1998. A former assistant director of the Rising Star Basketball School in Waltham, Walmsley traveled to Tel Aviv, Israel, in 1997, where he was co-director of the adidas-Israel Basketball Camp.

Before coming to Wheaton, Walmsley spent six years with Division I Harvard University as an assistant men's basketball coach. He played a significant role in

helping guide the team to its most successful season in 51 years, as the 1996–97 squad tied for the runner-up spot in the Ivy League.

A 1988 Bentley College graduate with a bachelor's degree in finance, Walmsley began his coaching career at his alma mater, where he was assistant coach for three years. As an undergraduate at Bentley, Walmsley was a team captain and most valuable player, and the school's Outstanding Senior Male Athlete.

## Men's Basketball Quick Facts

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### 2008–09 Overall (NEWMAC)

14–12 (6–6)

### 2009 Athletic Awards

NEWMAC All-Conference Anthony Coppola

### 2009 Academic Awards

NEWMAC All-Academic Jon Lecznar

### Records

Team wins, season 21, 2004–05  
Team points, game 112, 11/18/05 & 2/8/92  
Team points, season 2,362, 2004–05  
Points, game 40, Will Hawkins (12/8/92)  
Points, season 594, Will Hawkins (1989–90)  
Points, career 1,935, Chris Sullivan (1989–93)  
Rebounds, game 21, Scott Mahan (3/8/03)  
21, Mahlon Williams (12/4/92)  
Rebounds, season 266, Scott Mahan (2002–03)  
Rebounds, career 939, Mahlon Williams (1991–95)  
Assists, game 13, Sean Kelly (3/4/06)  
Assists, season 183, Sean Kelly (2005–06)  
Assists, career 566, Sean Kelly (2002–06)  
Blocks, game 8, Frankie Whall (1/27/01)  
Blocks, season 58, Scott Mahan (2002–03)  
Blocks, career 139, Frankie Whall (2000–04)  
Steals, game 9, Mahlon Williams (1/28/95)  
Steals, season 100, Sean Kelly (2005–06)  
Steals, career 267, Sean Kelly (2002–06)

### Major Conference Awards

Anthony Coppola NEWMAC Rookie of the Year (2008)

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### Wheaton

Location Norton, Massachusetts  
Founded 1834  
Enrollment 1,550  
Colors Blue & white  
President Ronald A. Crutcher  
Athletic Director Chad Yowell



### Wheaton at a glance

- Four-year, private liberal arts college located in Norton, Mass.
- 35 miles from Boston and 20 miles from Providence, R.I.
- A student body of 1,550 students
- Student-faculty ratio of 10:1 and average class size between 15 and 20
- Cross-registration opportunities with nearby Brown University
- 45 study abroad programs
- Over 40 academic majors and 50 minors
- More than 80 student clubs and organizations

### Admission & Financial Aid

- No fee for online application.
- Submission of standardized test scores (SAT or ACT) is optional.
- The comprehensive fee for 2009–10 is \$49,440.
- Wheaton offers both merit and need-based financial aid.
- Approximately 60 percent of students receive some form of financial aid.
- The Evelyn Danzig Haas Athletic Center is one of the finest NCAA Division III athletic facilities in New England with 102,000 square feet of space with a field house, gymnasium and indoor pool.
- Elsewhere on campus, Wheaton has an impressive \$20 million arts building, National Science Foundation-funded digital imaging center, and state-of-the-art library and language labs.
- The Balfour-Hood Campus Center houses campus activities, as well as a café, pub, game room and fitness center.
- Wheaton's unique Connections program links courses across academic disciplines, allowing students to explore diverse areas of knowledge and approach topics from multiple perspectives.

### Fall Application Deadlines

Early Decision I: November 15  
Early Decision II: January 15  
Regular Decision: January 15

### Questions?

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