The 2010-11 Ball State women’s basketball season marks the third season under head coach Kelly Packard’s leadership. Packard boasts a 40-26 (.605) overall record at Ball State in her first two seasons. In her career, Packard has led the Cardinals to a Mid-American Conference West Division title (3rd in school history), the MAC Tournament Championship for the first time in school history, and Ball State’s first ever NCAA Tournament berth. Making the most of the first ever NCAA Tournament appearance, Packard led Ball State to a first round 71-55 win in 2009 over perennial women’s basketball powerhouse, the Tennessee Volunteers. With the historic win over Tennessee, Ball State secured a 12th straight victory, which currently stands as the longest winning streak in school history.

With tri-captains Ty’Ronda Benning, Suzanne Grossnickle, and Emily Maggart leading the way, the Cardinals are looking forward to continued success for the 2010-11 season. The captains applied and were nominated by their peers for their leadership positions. To receive the high honor of being named captain, the candidates were required to submit an essay highlighting their leadership qualities, undergo an interview with the coaching staff and were voted on by their peers.

The 2010-11 Ball State women’s basketball team features four seniors: Benning, Ebony Jackson, Shannon Kelsi, and Maggart.

“There is a perfect blend of different personalities among the senior class, both on and off the court,” said Packard. “Their variety is incredibly bountiful as they connect with and relate to their teammates in different ways. On the court, from a performance perspective, both Emily and Ty’Ronda exceed such high expectations from their teammates. They are looked to for both leadership and high productivity on the floor. Emily’s Presession All-MAC selection validates her career to this point and the expectation of an outstanding senior season. Ebony’s career has taken many unexpected twists and turns and we are delighted she will be able to compete for our season. Unfortunately, Shannon’s playing career was cut short due to back problems, but she remains an integral part of our team and will be core to our success.”

The junior class of Grossnickle, Amber Crago, and Megan Craft will add to the depth of leadership and experience of the senior class.

“Suzanne Grossnickle contributed in a limited fashion during her first two seasons at Ball State. With each year she has gained confidence and with her growth and maturity, we expect to see a much higher level of productivity. The fact her teammates and coaches elected her as captain speaks volumes about her leadership and maturity. Amber Crago saw a bit of action during her sophomore season and we expect that to progress. She has a great aptitude for the game and is one of our most vocal players on the court. Amber also brings a physical presence to the paint and we expect her to be a force inside.”

Packard also added Craft, a transfer from Vincennes University.

“Although Megan is a junior, she is a new face in the program. Megan has been everything I thought she would be when we were recruiting her to Ball State. She is an unbelievable teammate who came here to serve our program. Megan does everything we ask of her and her teammates wasted no time in ambushing her. She will play both the point and shooting guard for us as she shoots with incredible accuracy from the perimeter.”

The sophomore class of Chloe Barnes, Shane’ Jackson and Mercedes Miller return much more experienced and mature both on and on the court.

“Near the end of her rookie season, Shane’ Jackson was really starting to play like a sophomore. She was in some close games making critical plays down the stretch, including several double figure scoring performances. Most noticeably, Shane’ has come back this season with more confidence. She attacks the rim with such purpose and is one of our best defenders. She puts an incredible amount of defensive pressure on opponents and we expect to see great things from her on both ends of the floor. Mercedes Miller returned to campus prepared. In pre-season conditioning, she stood out from both a cardiovascular and physical standpoint. Her fitness level has positioned her to contribute on a much larger scale than she did in her freshman season. Chloe Barnes was limited throughout her freshman season due to injury. Chloe’s skill strength is her catch and shoot ability on the perimeter and her commitment to the fundamentals of the game.”

When speaking about the 2010-2011 freshmen class, Packard just simply smiles. Jazmin Hitches, Katie Murphy, Brandy Woody and Jordan Huber make up the freshmen class.

“Jazmin, Brandy, Katie and Jordan share one crucial aspect of the game in common—competitiveness. Not one of them will back down from competition and hard work. Even before our first competition, they raised the level of our entire team. Hitchens is confident and versatile, playing both the guard and small forward positions. Katie Murphy is physical and provides an immediate presence on the boards. Brandy Woody is tough, smart, and exerts her will against an opponent. Jordan Huber is a confident spot up shooter with a quick release and a mature aptitude for the strategy of the game.”

In additon to the new faces among the players, there are also some new faces among Coach Packard’s coaching staff. Todd Steelman was named associate head coach and joins the staff after coaching at Clemson for the past five years. Former women’s basketball player Kelsey Corbin was promoted to assistant coach after serving as the director of women’s basketball operations for the past three seasons. And, joining the coaching ranks after a stellar career, Audrey McDonald has been named director of women’s basketball operations.

“The coaching staff changes and transitions have been seamless. Audrey played for me for two years and she understands my expectations without much explanation. Similarly, after watching two years of practices from her director of operations role, Kelsey has adjusted to her new role with ease. Associate head coach Todd Steelman meshed instantly in large part because of his humility and outgoing personality. It is evident Todd came to serve the Ball State women’s basketball program. Despite all the changes, it has been a very fluid transition.”

The 2010-11 Ball State women’s basketball schedule boasts four Indiana schools, including the season opener against Big Ten foe Indiana. Ball State will also host Missouri December 1 for the first time in school history. The highlight of the schedule includes a trip to Cancun for the Caribbean Classic in December.

“For the first time since I’ve been here, I have had control over our schedule. It has been my goal to keep important regional and in-state matchups. Another goal is to take a substantial trip every three to four years to give the student-athletes a unique travel experience. I am confident our trip to Cancun, Mexico, will be a highlight of their collegiate careers.”

For the first time in Packard’s career, Ball State opens MAC play on the road with a game at Toledo January 5. When asked to dissect the MAC opponents, Packard identified Bowling Green as the team to beat in the MAC.

“With their veteran roster and history of success, Bowling Green will be the top team in our conference. Toledo also has a talented and experienced team. The MAC West Division lost several players to graduation, which leads room for many newcomers. Aside from Toledo, the rest of the MAC West is unpredictable.”
The 2009 Road To Success

- Best overall record in Ball State women’s basketball program history 26-9
- Best home record in Ball State women’s basketball program history 14-1
- Best Mid-American Conference showing in program history 14-2
- Ball State’s RPI was 45
- The Cardinals won 12 straight games, tying the record for longest win streak in program history
- Since December 22, 2008, the Cardinals home game average attendance has exceeded 1,000 fans. Ball State’s best turnout was 1,527 in its last home game of the season against Northern Illinois, March 4, 2009
- The Cardinals earned the MAC West Division Championship for the third straight season

2009 NCAA Tournament

- First NCAA Tournament Berth
- First NCAA victory in program history with 71-55 win over Tennessee. It was also the first victory over a ranked opponent during the 2009 season
- Women’s basketball named Pontiac GMC Game Changing Performance for win over Tennessee
2009 MAC Honors

- Senior guard Porchia Green named Mid-American Conference Defensive Player of the Year
- Senior guard Porchia Green named First Team All-Mid American Conference
- Junior Forward Danielle Gratto named Third Team All-Mid American Conference
- Sophomore forward Emily Maggert named Third Team All-Mid American Conference
- Junior forward Danielle Gratto named Academic All-Mid-American Conference

2009 MAC Tournament Honors

- First Mid-American Conference Tournament Championship
- Sophomore Forward Emily Maggert named to the All-MAC Tournament Team
- Junior Forward Danielle Gratto Named ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District V
Maggert’s Milestones

No. 41 Emily Maggert

- BSU record for rebounds in a season (329 in 2009-10)
- Seventh all-time in career rebounds (687)
- Ninth all-time in career scoring (1,270)
- 10th all-time in career free throws made (273)
- Ranks ninth all-time in career field goals (477)
- 22 double-doubles for career
- Two-time preseason All-Mid-American Conference selection
- Second Team All-MAC 2010
- All-MAC Tournament Team 2009
- MAC Sixth Player of the Year 2008
- Third Team All-MAC 2008
WBB Top Of List In The Latest NCAA APR

- The Ball State University women’s basketball program topped the list of this year’s Academic Progress Rates for Division I.

- Women’s Basketball received a perfect 1,000 APR while the national average was 966. The grading requirements were based on the 2008-09 academic school year.

Former Cardinal Kate Endress is one of only two student-athletes at Ball State to earn Academic All-America of the Year accolades. She is one of just eight student-athletes in all sports at Ball State over the past 33 years to earn First Team Academic-All-America honors twice in a career.

Kelsey Corbin

In 2006-07 former Cardinal and now current assistant coach Kelsey Corbin was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District Second Team and named to the All-MAC squad.

Danielle Gratton

In 2008-09 Danielle Gratton was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District V Team with a 3.91 grade-point average on Ball State’s 4.0 scale and garnered Academic All-Mid-American Conference honors.
Caribbean Classic Enters its Fifth Year in Cancun
The Caribbean Classic will kick off its fifth year at the Moon Palace Resort in Cancun, Mexico in December 2010.

The tournament will feature from four NCAA DI women’s basketball teams and will be played December 20 and 21, 2010.

Illinois State, Ball State, Nevada and Alabama-Birmingham are the teams headlining the event.

The Caribbean Classic is run by Fort Collins, Colo.-based Triple Crown Sports, which also organizes men’s college basketball tournaments in Cancun. Triple Crown coordinates the Preseason and Postseason Women’s NIT as well.

Destination: Cancun, Mexico
Cancun, with its perfect blend of natural reserves, archaeological sites and tourism attractions has evolved in recent years to become a unique tropical paradise. The island stretches 14 miles along the west coast of the Yucatan Peninsula in the state of Quintana Roo. Its beautiful beaches of white sand, bathed by the unparallel turquoise Caribbean Sea, are famous world wide.

Visitors can enjoy an array of activities; from exploring the Mayan ruins and shopping, to enjoying an incredible underwater world, diving or snorkeling, the options are endless. The nightlife is unlike any other. With a variety of restaurants, bars and discos to choose from Cancun has everything to offer to people of all ages to make the dream of an unforgettable vacation come true.

Schedule and Location Information
The Cardinals will face Alabama-Birmingham (UAB) Dec. 20 at 3:30 p.m. Ball State is 1-1 against Alabama Birmingham with the Cardinals winning their last contest over UAB, 77-68, in 2001-02. Ball State’s second contest will be played against Nevada Dec. 21 at 1 p.m. This will be the first meeting between the two schools.

Follow the Cardinals on this exciting journey at http://www.tccollegesports.net/fanpackages.asp?eventid=16 and ballstatesports.com.
Front Row Left to Right: Jordan Huber, Brandy Woody, Emily Maggert, Shannon Klei, Ty'Ronda Benning, Ebony Jackson, Megan Craft and Chloe Barnes. Middle Row: Preston Reid (Student Manager), Audrey McDonald (Director of Operations), Kelsey Corbin (Assistant Coach), Kelly Packard (Head Coach), Todd Steelman (Associate Head Coach), Lindsay Shade (Assistant Coach) and Hollin Bolden (Student Manager).
Back Row: Mercedes Miller, Katie Murphy, Amber Crago, Suzanne Grossnickle, Jazmin Hitchens, Shanee Jackson.

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Associate Head Coach:  Todd Steelman (John Brown University 89’) First Season  
Assistant Coaches:  Lindsay Shade (Davidson 04’) Third Season, Kelsey Corbin (Ball State 07’) First Season  
Director of Basketball Operations:  Audrey McDonald (Ball State 09’) First Season
Head Coach Kelly Packard

THE PACKARD FILE

- 2009 WBCA MAGGIE DIXON ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
- USA TODAY ESPN TOP 25 COACHES POLL MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE VOTER

COACHING CAREER
HEAD COACH 74-38, COLLEGE 41-27
BALL STATE
2010-11: 1-1
2009-10: 14-17
2008-09: 26-9
MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP
NOAA TOURNAMENT SECOND ROUND
MAC WEST DIVISION TITLE
COLORADO CHILL
2005-06: 16-4 NWBL CHAMPIONSHIP (COLORADOAN COACH OF THE YEAR)
2004-05: 18-8 NWBL CHAMPIONSHIP

ASSISTANT COACH COLORADO STATE (99-49)
1998-99: 33-3 NCAA SWEET SIXTEEN NO. 3 NATIONAL RANKING
1997-98: 24-6 NCAA TOURNAMENT SECOND ROUND
1996-97: 21-7
1995-96: 13-14
1991-92: 8-19

PLAYING EXPERIENCE
1986-1990 ANDERSON UNIVERSITY
Finished playing career as the school’s all-time leading scorer and rebounder. Inducted into the Anderson Hall of Fame, October 2002.
2009-10: Started 27 games . . . Ranked third on the team in scoring (9.8) . . . Averaged 3.1 rebounds while totaling 93 assists and 36 steals . . . Scored a career best 22 points in the Cardinals 86-80 victory at home against Illinois State . . . Managed double digit scoring in 15 contests . . . Had a season high four steals in Ball State’s first round Mid-American Conference Tournament win at home over Western Michigan, while also tallying 13 points . . . Tallied four straight double digit scoring games in Ball State’s last four games of the season.
2009-10: Saw limited action due to an injury.

Indiana University: Spent the 2007-08 season with the Hoosiers . . . Scored four points in five minutes against Penn State . . . Grabbed five boards at Wisconsin while tying a career-best with eight points and two assists against Michigan State . . . Collected a career-high six rebounds in IU’s win over Northwestern . . . Had a career night in IU’s win over Purdue, scoring eight points . . . Chipped in six points on a pair of 3-pointers off the bench against No. 21 Florida State.
2009-10: Competed in 22 games . . . helped Ball State to an 84-62 victory over Buffalo after a 16-point personal best performance, which included 4-of-6 shooting from behind the arc . . . averaged 3.0 points per game and 1.0 rebound . . . started seven games while playing 263 minutes.
2009-10: Named Preseason All-MAC for the third straight season . . . Earned 2010 Second Team All-MAC . . . Two-time MAC Player of the Week . . . Broke the BSU record for rebounds in a season with 329 . . . ended the year ranked seventh all-time in rebounds (681), ninth on Ball State’s all-time scoring list (1,270), 10th all-time in free throws made (273) and ninth all-time in field goals (477) . . . Maggert has 22 double-doubles for her career . . . Led the team in scoring, averaging 17.0 points per game and in rebounds averaging 10.6 boards per contest . . . Tallied a career high 26 points at Butler . . . scored in double figures 27 time.
VINCENNES UNIVERSITY: Averaged 9.7 points per game and 6.2 assists per game (8th in the nation) last season at Vincennes University. Owned a 51 percent field goal mark from the three-point arc. Craft’s 3-point field goal percentage was ranked third in the nation. Ranked ninth in the nation in free throw percentage at 84 percent. Named All-American Honorable Mention.


2009-10: Saw action in 24 games last season. Tallied a season high six points on the road at Duquesne and Ohio. Pulled down a season best six rebounds at Duquesne. Scored four points on three occasions. Averaged 2.0 points per game and 1.5 rebounds. Played a total of 158 minutes.
2009-10: Scored first three points of her career in the Cardinals season opener at Michigan . . . Talled a season high six points after hitting two treys in Ball State’s win at North Dakota . . . Played in 11 games, averaging 1.5 points per game and 0.8 rebounds.

2009-10: Played in 30 games . . . Averaged 2.9 point per contest, 2.1 rebounds while totaling 28 assists and 29 steals . . . Started as a true freshman in the Cardinals season opener at Big Ten foe Michigan . . . Chipped in a personal best 10 points in wins over Central Michigan and Western Michigan . . . Season high six rebounds at home versus Northern Arizona and at North Dakota State . . . Played a total of 414 minutes last year.

2009-10: Saw action in 26 games . . . Averaged 1.2 points per contest . . . Scored first collegiate basket in the Cardinals season opener at Michigan . . . Chipped in a personal best six points against SIU Edwardsville . . . Played a total of 150 minutes.
**High School:** Attended Incarnate Word Academy... Averaged 17.5 points, 5.0 rebounds, 3.5 steals and 6.0 assists as a senior... Gatorade Missouri Player of the Year... Post-Dispatch Player of the Year... All-metro team and all-state... two-time MVP... Tourney and MVP in Tourney of Champions... Helped Incarnate Word Academy to win state while also being crowned tourney champions... Also letterwinner in track and field... Played for club team St. Louis Red Knights.

**High School:** Attended Ben Davis High School... Totaled 254 points, 49 steals, 49 rebounds and nine blocks as a senior... Helped team to an overall record of 58-0 in career Helped Ben Davis to win the state championship and a ranking of third in the nation as a senior... Academic All-Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference all four years... All-Country... All-State... Indiana Class 5A All-Star... Battle at the Big Burn Academic Team... Member of the National Honor Society... Played for club team GymRats.

**High School:** Attended Peoria Richwoods High School... Averaged 12.5 points and 9.0 rebounds as a senior... All-conference along with all-area honors all four years... MVP at the state championships... All-tournament team recipient at the Sterling Tournament... Member of the State Farm All-Star team... Played for club team PTPlayers.

**High School:** Attended Western Boone High School... Combined for 436 points, 133 steals, 147 assists and 201 rebounds as a senior... Indiana All-Star... All-conference... MVP of Sugar Creek Classic... Helped Western Boone win sectionals... Earned academic honors... Three-year letter winner in soccer and four-year letter winner in track... Played for the club team Mohr Magic.
HOME COURT ADVANTAGE WORTHEN ARENA
Head Coach Kelly Packard’s Record 24-6 (2008-present)

- In 2008-09 the posted their best home record in Ball State women’s basketball history at 14-1
Ball State Women’s Basketball Graduates Who Have Played Professionally

- Former Ball State women’s basketball standout Tamara Bowie signed a free agent contract with the Minnesota Lynx of the Women’s National Basketball Association (WNBA) in 2008. She is currently retired from the sport and resides in Ponce, Puerto Rico.

  - She is the Cardinals’ all-time leading scorer at 2,091 career points, which ranks seventh all-time in Mid-American Conference history. Bowie was a two-time MAC Player of the Year recipient (2001-02 & 2002-03) becoming the only Cardinal to win the award multiple times. She was named Kodak/WBCA Honorable Mention All-America three times during her career as well as First Team All-Region three times.

  - She spent the 2007-08 season in Israel, playing with Hapoel Tel Aviv. She played in 13 of her team’s 21 games last season and averaged 24.9 points and 12.5 rebounds per game. Bowie was originally drafted in the 2003 WNBA draft by the Washington Mystics with the 36th selection.

- Former Ball State women’s basketball standout Porchia Green is currently playing professionally overseas in Thessaloniki, Greece for the team Paok. The 2010-11 season marks Green’s second year playing professional basketball. Last year Green played for a team in Finland where they won the Finish Cup and were league runner-ups. She was player of the month for the month of November in 2009 and First Team All-Foreigner. Green averaged 18.0 points per game and 8.0 rebounds last season.

  - A two-time First Team All-MAC selection, Green was also the 2009 MAC Player of the Year.

Players In The Pros
2010-11 Opponents