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Gaels Defeat Zags in Overtime Thriller



Jackie Nared had 27 points in the win. She leads the WCC in points per game. Photos Tod Fierner

Saint Mary's women's basketball opened up its WCC campaign with an overtime win against No. 21 Gonzaga. The Gaels (11-1) came from down five points at half to tie it at 72-each at the end of regulation. In overtime, SMC put up nine points to edge Gonzaga by one point, 78-79.

The Gaels have had luck against the Zags (10-2) in Moraga as of late, winning last year as well.

Senior guard Jackie Nared led Saint Mary's in scoring. She recorded 27 points, going 10-for-20 from the field and 6-for-9 from behind the arc. Nared added nine rebounds.

Senior forward Danielle Mauldin added another 24 points. Her 23 rebounds helped the Gaels make a comeback.

Nared and Mauldin have been essential to the team's success this season. Nared leads the WCC in scoring.

Mauldin is tied for second in the conference in scoring, and she is leading the WCC in rebounds per game, averaging 13.7. The team is well rounded, though. Junior guard Kate Gaze leads the conference in assists per game.

The Gaels took on University of Portland on Dec. 30 after the press deadline. C. Mitchell



Danielle Mauldin had 24 points and 23 rebounds in the win. She leads the WCC in rebounds per game.



Kate Gaze plays a pivotal role in the Gaels' success. She leads the WCC in assists per game.

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