

Head Coach's Name: Mary Beth Chambers

School Name: St. Rose High School

Nickname: Purple Roses

City: Belmar

State: NJ - New Jersey

Team Record: 26-4

About Us:

St. Rose Girls Varsity Basketball Team Profile

St. Rose Girls Varsity (Belmar, N.J.) returns to The Diamond State Classic for the third year in a row, but its first under new head coach, Mary Beth Chambers. The Purple Roses who return seven players from last season, including three starters, are looking to improve on their third place finish in last year's tournament. Ranked as high as 11th nationally by Max Preps last year, the Roses recorded an impressive 26-4 for the campaign. They won the Shore



Conference Championship, considered the toughest conference in the state, by defeating perennial powerhouse St. John Vianney 56-31 in the Finals. Their season ended in the South Jersey, Non-Public B semifinals against then No. 1 Rutgers Prep. St. Rose ended the year ranked 5th in the state.

Coach:

Head Coach, Mary Beth Chambers, an alumnus, comes to St. Rose after an illustrious AAU coaching career. Coach Chambers was a member of the 1977 State Champions St. Rose Girls Basketball Team. She is a member of the St Rose, King's College, and MAC Conference Halls of Fame. Coach Chambers' AAU teams have produced over 30 Division I scholarships over the past decade.

Seniors:

Mikayla Markham, a 5'7 Columbia University commit, averaged 11.2 PPG and 3.0 RPG as a Junior. Mikayla is a super quick point guard, who can hit the three off



the dribble or get to the rim through multiple defenders. She was named Second Team All-State (Non Public), Second Team All-Shore Conference (Asbury Park Press) and Second Team All-Shore Conference (Shore Sports Network). Mikayla was also a First Team election at the Diamond Classic the last two years, and was First Team at the prestigious OGBR Classic in the Country.

Lucy Thomas, a 6'0 Monmouth University commit, completed her junior season averaging 12.6 PPG and 9.7 RPG. Lucy is a power forward with great hands who will beat you inside, and then alo step out and hit the three. She was named Second Team All-State (Non Public), First Team All Shore Conference (Shore Sports Network), and Second Team All Shore Conference (Asbury Park Press).

Elizabeth (Lovin) Marsicano, a 6'1 St. Joseph's University commit, completed her junior season averaging 7.8 PPG and 8.1 RPG. Lovin is a highly skilled



center with high level ball handling skills and beautiful foot work in the post. She was named Third Team All Shore Conference (Shore Sports Network). Lovin was also First Team All Star in the Diamond Classic in 2015.

Ariana Dalia, a 5'10 power forward, completed her junior year averaging 5.8 PPG and 3.6 RPG.. Ari is a strong body inside who can defend much taller players. She can finish at the rim and also hurt you from outside. Ari is coming off a fantastic spring and summer AAU season where we saw her stock rise significantly.

Juniors:

Lauren Lithgow, a 5'9 shooting guard, completed her sophomore year averaging 6.0 PPG and 3.6 steals per game. Her strengths include her speed and long wingspan. She can shoot the three ball, and will also attack the basket. Lauren will play a huge role for the team this year on both offense and defense.



Sam Mikos, a 5'11 guard/forward combo, completed her sophomore year averaging 3.4 PPG and 3.9 RPG. Sam is our lock down defender and a tenacious rebounder. Her pressure defense has frustrated many skilled opponents in the Shore Conference. She will be called on this year to handle the toughest defensive assignments.

Maggie Stapleton, a 5'10 shooting guard, completed her sophomore year averaging 4.1 PPG and 2.3 RPG. Maggie's strength is her shooting ability, but she also sees the court very well. Her high basketball IQ will be valuable to the team this season.

Freshman:

Abby Antognoli, a 5'5" highly skilled Freshman PG with a superb handle and tremendous quickness which she uses to great effect at both ends of the court. She will be expected to provide energy and attitude off the bench this year.

