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2019 Jersey Mike's Jamaica Classic GAME SCHEDULE



WELCOME!

Friday, November 22

11:30 a.m. ET
2 p.m. ET
4:30 p.m. ET
7 p.m. ET

Game #1 - Nicholls State vs. North Carolina A&T
Game #2 - Eastern Michigan vs. UMBC
Game #3 - Rhode Island vs. North Texas
Game #4 - Utah State vs. LSU

Sunday, November 24

12 p.m. ET
2:30 p.m. ET
6:30 p.m. ET
9 p.m. ET

Game #5 - North Carolina A&T vs. Eastern Michigan
Game #6 - LSU vs. Rhode Island
Game #7 - North Texas vs. Utah State
Game #8 - UMBC vs. Nicholls State

All times are EST. Venue opens at 10:45 AM each day.



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Welcome to Jamaica! We are proud to host the 2019 Jersey Mike's Jamaica Classic in our tourism capital of Montego Bay. As the venue of choice for this series of exciting collegiate basketball games, Jamaica as a destination aims to provide the highest level of hospitality, service and warm welcome for visitors, fans and university members – that same friendly and vibrant spirit that Jamaica is best known for all around the world.



As Jamaica's Minister of Tourism, I'm grateful for the teams that choose to come to our beautiful island as these momentous events provide our own communities with a special opportunity to watch teams at a collegiate level display supreme sportsmanship, dedication and respect for the game and other players. The teams and professionals we welcome to Jamaica are positive role models and inspiration for other athletes aiming to achieve that same success and we are thankful for the privileged opportunity to witness this.

During your time in Jamaica, we hope you get a chance to explore and uncover all that makes our destination one of the most coveted in the world. We offer turquoise waters, majestic Blue Mountains, cascading waterfalls and lush rainforests – in addition to world-class cuisine, our beloved reggae music and a plethora of activities from swimming, hiking and rafting to even bobsledding through the rainforest. It won't take long for you to understand and feel the undeniable vibe and rhythm of Jamaica.

On behalf of Jamaica, we wish all teams the best of luck and welcome to our home!

Hon. Edmund Bartlett, CD, MP





LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

As Jamaica's Minister of Sport, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our beautiful home, the organizers, players, coaches, family members and supporters of the 2019 Jersey Mike's Jamaica Classic College Basketball Tournament.

I am particularly pleased that now in its third staging, Jamaica continues to be the destination of choice for this tournament and that you have made Jamaica your home away from home.

In Jamaica we are serious about sport and as Minister I am committed to the development of all sport and at all levels. The staging of a basketball tournament of this magnitude in Jamaica sends a strong signal to the world that Jamaica is open for business and that we are indeed growing as a prime sport tourism destination.

Kudos to the organisers of the Jamaica Classic Tournament for not only staging a world class basketball event in Jamaica, but for recognising the value in giving back to the local communities and engaging the Jamaica Basketball Association through the hosting of various clinics for athletes, coaches and officials. The exposure to be gained from this partnership is invaluable and we expect continued benefits for the sport of basketball.

I wish for the participating teams a successful tournament and encourage you to enjoy as much of Jamaica as you possibly can during your time here, as well as a successful season as you return to United States to make your run to the NCAA Tournament.

Again, a warm welcome and let the games begin!

Hon. Olivia Grange, CD, MP
Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport



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The 2019 Jersey Mike's Jamaica Classic



The Jersey Mike's Jamaica Classic is proud to host another sizzling line up of 8 riveting collegiate basketball games in the beautiful island nation of Jamaica, home of famous Blue Mountains, turquoise waters, world-class cuisine and reggae vibe.

With over 57,000 feet of convention space, the host facility of the tournament, the Montego Bay Convention Center, houses the Jersey Mike's Jamaica Classic's multiple courts, bleacher seating, concessions and more. This state-of-the-art facility sits along the Rose Hall corridor of Montego Bay, minutes away from the team host hotels.

Returning to the CBS Sports Network for the third consecutive year, all eight games of the tournament's Championship round will be televised live from Montego Bay. CBS Sports Network recently announced its strongest College Basketball schedule to date, showcasing more games than ever before. Action includes conference and non-conference match-ups from the American Athletic Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic 10, Big 12, Big East, Big Ten, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Missouri Valley, Mid-American, Mountain West, NEC, Pac-12, Patriot League, SEC, Southland and West Coast Conference.

In addition to staging a world-class, international sporting event, the Jersey Mike's Jamaica Classic has committed to helping grow the game of basketball throughout the island country. Partnering with

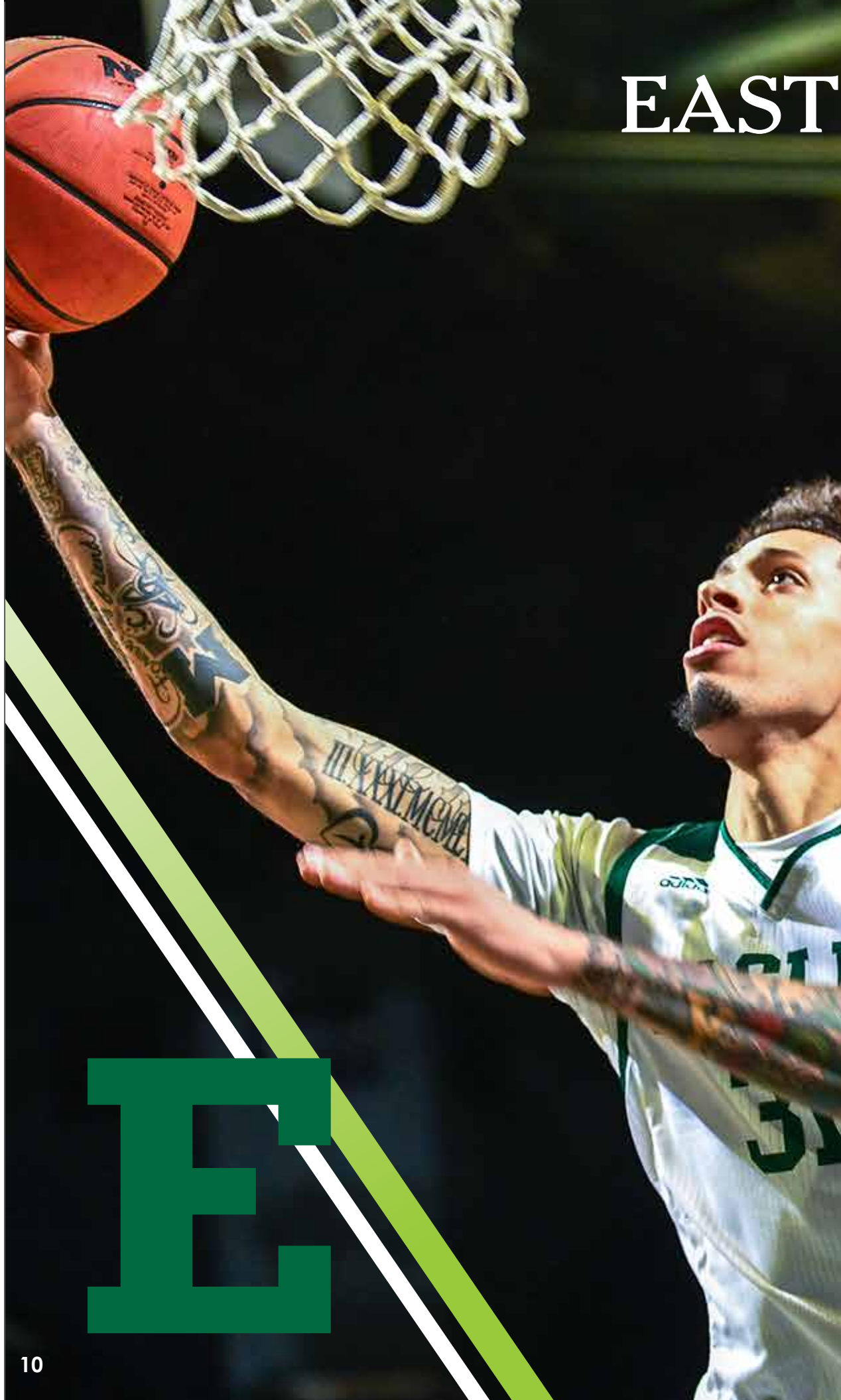
the Jamaica Tourist Board and Jamaica Ministry of Tourism, as well as the Ministry of Sport and the Jamaica Basketball Association (JABA), over 1,000 youth to date have participated in basketball skills clinics, received backpacks and schools supplies and been guests of the Jamaica Classic to watch the games, creating a once in a lifetime experience. Equipment and apparel, including basketballs, practice gear, goals, backboards and other items have been donated to JABA and other youth organizations, including the Boy's and Girl's Clubs of Montego Bay.

The first two editions of the Jamaica Classic served as springboards for teams that went on to experience post-season success. The Florida State Seminoles, champions of the inaugural Jamaica Classic, made a run to the Elite Eight of the 2018 NCAA Tournament. Last year, the South Florida Bulls used their experience in Montego Bay as the backbone of a season that saw them record a school-record 24 victories and take home the College Basketball Insider (CBI) Tournament championship.

Other notable participants in the annual event include Georgetown (Big East), Colorado State (Mountain West), Loyola Marymount (West Coast Conference), Miami (OH) (MAC), Tulane (American Athletic Conference) and Ohio (MAC). In addition, the 2018 tournament featured the Campbell Camels and Chris Clemons of the Big South, who finished his collegiate career as the third all-time leading scorer in NCAA Division I College Basketball history, trailing only LSU's 'Pistol' Pete Maravich and Portland State's Freeman Williams.



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EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

QUICK FACTS

Head Coach Rob Murphy
Alma Mater Central State, '96
Record at EMU 144-127
Carerr Record 144-127

Associate Head Coach Kevin Mondro
Alma Mater Detroit, '97

Assistant Coach Matt Cline
Alma Mater South Alabama, '11

Assistant Coach Jimmy Wooten
Alma Mater Arkansas State, '16

Director of Operations Andrew Kang
Alma Mater Eastern Michigan, '16

2018-19 Record 15-17
2017-18 Record/Finish 22-13, 2nd
Letterwinners Returning/Lost 9/3
Starters Returning/Lost 4/1
Newcomers 4

Location Ypsilanti, MI
Founded 1849
Nickname Eagles
Home Arena EMU Convocation Center





Derek Ballard Jr.
H:'6-8 | W: 235 | C: R-So.



Chris Barnes
H:'6-4 | W: 205 | C: R-Jr.



Thomas Binelli
H:'6-10 | W: 225 | C: Jr.



Shamar Dillard
H:'6-6 | W: 185 | C: Fr.



Marcus Gibbs
H:'6-0 | W: 147 | C: Fr.



Miles Gibson
H:'6-6 | W: 198 | C: Jr.



Ty Groce
H:'6-8 | W: 212 | C: R-Jr.



Chris James
H:'6-2 | W: 170 | C: Fr.



Jalen King
H:'6-10 | W: 205 | C: Jr.



Yeikson Montero
H:'6-5 | W: 195 | C: Jr.



Noah Morgan
H:'6-5 | W: 182 | C: Jr.



Luis Pacheco
H:'6-8 | W: 245 | C: Fr.



Damari Parris
H:'6-1 | W: 165 | C: Sr.



Jorden Peterson
H:'6-4 | W: 175 | C: R-So.



Darion Spottsville
H:'6-3 | W: 195 | C: Jr.



Boubacar Toure
H:'7-0 | W: 240 | C: R-Sr.

E Meet the Team

| # | Player | Pos. | Hometown HS Previous School |
|----|--------------------|------|---|
| 0 | Yeikson Montero | G | Santo Domingo, DR Redemption Christian Pensacola State |
| 1 | Chris Barnes | G | Compton, Calif. Compton Tulsa |
| 3 | Marcus Gibbs | G | Detroit, Mich. Martin Luther King Spire Institute |
| 4 | Damari Parris | G | PG County, Md. Evelyn Mack Academy Trinity Valley C.C. |
| 5 | Noah Morgan | G | Mount Vernon, N.Y. Mount Vernon Northwest Florida State |
| 10 | Darion Spottsville | G | Phoenix, Ariz. Shadow Mountain South Mountain C.C. |
| 12 | Shamar Dillard | G | South Bend, Ind. Spire Institute |
| 13 | Chris James | G | Long Beach, Calif. St. John Bosco |
| 20 | Jorden Peterson | G | Detroit, Mich. CMA |
| 21 | Boubacar Toure | C | Dakar, Senegal Phase One Academy Grand Canyon |
| 22 | Luis Pacheco | F | Jamesburg, N.J. Crestwood Prep |
| 23 | Thomas Binelli | F | Bologna, Italy Bergen Catholic Monroe College |
| 31 | Ty Groce | F | Ypsilanti, Mich. Lincoln |
| 32 | Miles Gibson | G/F | Richmond, Va. Milwood Northwest Kansas Tech |
| 33 | Derek Ballard Jr. | F | Southfield, Mich. Southfield-Lathrup |
| 45 | Jalen King | F | Pasco, Wash. Kings Academy |



Head Coach | Rob Murphy

The 2019-20 campaign will mark Head Coach Rob Murphy's ninth season at the helm of the Eastern Michigan University men's basketball program.

In nine seasons since arriving from Syracuse University, Murphy has made great strides at Eastern Michigan. Through his first eight seasons, he has accumulated a 144 wins, ranking second in the Division I era of EMU hoops behind Ben Braun (185 wins).

2017-18 saw the Eagles reach tremendous heights, finishing with an overall record of 22-13, an 11-7 mark in Mid-American Conference play, a trip to the MAC Tournament semi-finals, and an appearance in the CollegeInsider.com Tournament. The team's success was highlighted on the court by James Thompson IV, who was named All-MAC First Team, as well as All-MAC Defensive Team. Tim Bond was named the conference's MAC Defensive Player of the Year, while Elijah Minnie (3rd team), and Paul Jackson (Honorable Mention), also earned all-league honors. Thompson became just the third player to join the 1,000 point, 1,000 rebound club, while Bond became the all-time steals leader (238) and joined the 1,000 point club in his swan song.

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The 2016-17 season saw the Eagles finish 16-17 overall and 7-11 in Mid-American Conference play. Sophomore James Thompson IV highlighted a spectacular season on the court with an All-MAC Second Team nod to go along with Academic All-MAC and MAC Distinguished Scholar Athlete honors. Junior Tim Bond was named to the Mid-American Conference All-Defensive team for the second consecutive season, while senior Raven Lee set the new single-game scoring record with 50 points at Central Michigan (Feb. 28).

In the 2015-16 campaign, the Detroit, Mich. native helped James Thompson IV to earn the Mid-American Conference Freshman of the Year award. Thompson is just the EMU student-athlete to earn the award in men's basketball. Thompson was also named All-MAC Second Team after recording the third-most single season rebounds (352) in EMU history, along with the second-best single-season field goal percentage (.645) at Eastern, while Raven Lee nabbed All-MAC Honorable Mention accolades. Additionally, Tim Bond was named to the inaugural All-MAC Defensive Team after completing the season with the second-most steals (67) in a single season. As a team, Murphy's defensive philosophy continued to shine as the squad set a single season record in steals (312) and steals per game (9.5). In addition to its defensive prowess, the Eagles had an extremely successful offensive year as well, especially when it came to getting to the free throw line. EMU attempted the second-most free throws (854) in school history, while shattering the free throws made (616) record by 22 makes.

The Green and White saw its second-straight 20-or-more win season during the 2014-15 campaign as Murphy led the Green and White to a 21-14 mark on the year, capped by his second win over a Big Ten opponent when the Eagles knocked off the University of Michigan, Dec. 9, inside the Crisler Center in Ann Arbor, Mich. It was just the third time in EMU history that the Green and White have knocked off the Maize and Blue. In addition, Eastern made it to its second-straight postseason tournament when the Eagles qualified for the College Basketball Invitational (CBI). EMU held teams to a 38.6 field goal percentage, marking the 10th-best in NCAA Division I basketball during the 2014-15 season, while the Eagles saw one of its own make history for the second-straight season. Lee scored the second-most points in a single season by a sophomore when he totaled 586 points on the season. Not only did Lee garner that honor, but he became the 29th EMU student-athlete to reach the 1,000-point plateau. For his efforts during the 2014-15 season, Lee was named to the All-MAC Third Team after averaging 16.7 points per game, the most since Brandon Bowdry posted 19.9 points during the 2010-11 season. Thus far, Murphy has coached a trio of All-MAC Third Team award winners, in addition to a pair of All-MAC Honorable Mention student-athletes.

At the conclusion of the 2013-14 season after guiding the Eagles to a 22-15 record and the semifinals of the

Mid-American Conference Tournament, Murphy was named a finalist for the Ben Jobe Award. The Eagles' 22 victories were the most since the 1996-97 season and tied for fourth-most in EMU history. Under Murphy, EMU reached the second round of the CollegeInsider.com Tournament (CIT), marking the first time the Eagles had competed in postseason play since the 1997-98 season. During the historic season, the Eagles led the nation in field goal percentage defense behind the 2-3 zone Murphy implemented upon arriving at EMU. In addition to the team success, Murphy coached Da'Shonte Riley into becoming Eastern's first ever MAC Defensive Player of the Year during the 2013-14 campaign. Along with Riley's award, Karrington Ward was named All-MAC Third Team, while Lee scored the most points by an EMU freshman with 380.

In Murphy's second season at EMU, the Eagles registered a 47-44 victory against Purdue. It was the first time since the 1996-97 season that EMU had beaten a Big Ten opponent. During the 2012-13 campaign, the Eagles used their stingy defense to beat Northern Illinois, 42-25. In that contest, the Huskies scored just four points in the first half and



converted on 8-of-61 field goals, including holding NIU to just 1-of-33 3-pointers in the game. The Huskies 13.1 percent field goal percentage was the lowest in NCAA history since the shot clock was implemented. The season concluded with EMU winning two games in the MAC Tournament for the first time since the 1997-98 season to reach the quarterfinals.

After Murphy was hired on April 21, 2011, he and his staff worked tirelessly to implement his defensive philosophy and begin the process of reviving the EMU men's basketball program. During Murphy's inaugural season, 2011-12, the Eagles won Eastern's first-ever MAC West Division Championship.

For his efforts in leading the team to that West championship, Murphy was named MAC Coach of the Year and Co-Coach of the Year in the NCAA District 14 Division I ranks by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC).

Coach Murphy has been on the staff of two outstanding college basketball programs and was also a highly successful high school head coach in Detroit, leading Crockett to the Class B State Championship in 2000-01 and was the associate head coach on the staff of the Detroit Central High School team that won the Class A state title in 1997-98.

Murphy took over the EMU job with a strong understanding of high school basketball in the state of Michigan. He spent six years coaching in the Detroit Public School League (1996-2002), four as the head boys basketball coach at Detroit Crockett Technical High School.

A graduate of Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, Murphy was a two-year starter on the basketball team and the team's Defensive Player of the Year as a senior.

After graduating from Central State, Murphy returned to his hometown of Detroit to begin his coaching career at Detroit Central High School as the associate head coach in 1996-98. Central won the state Class A championship in 1997-98 after finishing runner-up in 1996-97.

Murphy then moved over to become the head boys basketball coach at Crockett H.S. and after his first team posted a 5-13 mark, the Rockets improved to win three consecutive Class B District titles and captured the state championship in 2000-01. His Crockett teams had a 64-27 record and he was named All-Metro Coach of the Year by the Detroit Free Press in 2000-01.

From Crockett, Murphy joined the Kent State University staff for two seasons, 2002-03 and 2003-04, and the teams turned in back-to-back 22-9 seasons on the way to two Mid-American Conference East Division crowns. Both teams were invited to the National Invitation Tournament (NIT).

After that successful two-year stint as an assistant for the Golden Flashes, Murphy joined Head Coach Jim Boeheim's Syracuse University men's basketball program as an assistant. During his seven years on the staff, the Orange recorded a 180-67 overall record and played in the post season every year, with five NCAA appearances and two NIT stops.

A native of Detroit, Murphy attended Mumford High School where he lettered in both football and basketball, earning All-State honors in football.

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LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

QUICK FACTS

Head Coach Will Wade
Alma Mater Clemson, '05
Career Record 134-65
Years as Head Coach 7th
Years at LSU 3rd

Assistant Head Coach Greg Heiar
Alma Mater Mount St. Claire, '00

Assistant Coach Bill Armstrong
Alma Mater UAB, '01

Assistant Coach Tasmin Mitchell
Alma Mater LSU, '10

Director of Operations Nelson Hernandez
Alma Mater Utah State, '13

2018-19 Record 28-7, 16-2 SEC (1st)
Letterman Returning/Lost 6/5
Starters Return/Lost 3/2
Newcomers 8

Location Baton Rouge, LA
Founded 1860
Nickname Fighting Tigers
Home Arena Pete Maravich Assembly Center





James Bishop
H:6-2 | W: 170 | C: Fr.



Courtese Cooper
H:6-8 | W: 210 | C: So.



Darius Days
H:6-6 | W: 225 | C: So.



Parker Edwards
H:6-3 | W: 195 | C: So.



Marshall Graves
H:6-4 | W: 195 | C: Sr.



Aundre Hyatt
H:6-5 | W: 225 | C: Fr.



Charles Manning Jr.
H:6-5 | W: 180 | C: So.



Skylar Mays
H:6-4 | W: 200 | C: Sr.



Javonte Smart
H:6-4 | W: 200 | C: So.



Caleb Starks
H:6-4 | W: 195 | C: Jr.



Marlon Taylor
H:6-5 | W: 210 | C: Sr.



Deshawn Thomas
H:6-10 | W: 235 | C: Jr.



Trendon Watford
H:6-9 | W: 230 | C: Fr.



Emmitt Williams
H:6-6 | W: 225 | C: So.



Meet the Team

| # | Player | Pos. | Hometown (Previous School) |
|----|-----------------|------|--|
| 0 | Darius Days | F | Raleigh, Fla. (IMG Academy) |
| 1 | Javonte Smart | G | Baton Rouge, La. (Scotlandville Magnet HS) |
| 2 | Trendon Watford | F | Birmingham, Ala. (Mountain Brook HS) |
| 3 | Parker Edwards | G | Mandeville, La. (Southeastern Louisiana) |
| 4 | Skylar Mays | G | Baton Rouge, La. (Findlay Prep) |
| 5 | Emmitt Williams | F | Fort Myers, Fla. (Oak Ridge HS) |
| 10 | James Bishop | G | Baltimore, Md. (Mount Saint Joseph's HS) |
| 11 | Charles Manning | G | Riverhead, N.Y. (Florida SouthWestern SC) |
| 12 | Marshall Graves | G | Ponchatoula, La. (University Lab School) |
| 14 | Marlon Taylor | G | Mount Vernon, N.Y. (Panola College) |
| 15 | Aundre Hyatt | F | Bronx, N.Y. (Miller School) |
| 20 | Caleb Starks | G | Lafayette, La. (LSU-Eunice) |
| 21 | Courtese Cooper | F | Elgin, Ill. (Triton College) (Elgin HS) |
| 24 | Deshawn Thomas | C | Dentsville, S.C. (Florida SouthWestern) |



Head Coach | Will Wade

Build a solid foundation for the LSU basketball program.
Check.
Recruit players that would work hard, play hard and be committed to the LSU program.
Check.
Change the mindset to believe in consistent winning.
Check.
Represent the University as coaches and players in a positive way both on and off the court.
Check.

Entering his third season as the head coach of the LSU Fighting Tiger basketball program, Coach Will Wade has been able to check all the boxes of program building that he set out to accomplish when he was named the 22nd head coach of the LSU program prior to the 2017-18 season.

This past season, Coach Wade, his staff and players put together a team that posted a 16-2 record in the Southeastern Conference, winning the 11th regular season title in school history and going on to advance to the NCAA Sweet 16.

But one sentence does not tell the story of the championship season, both on and off the court. How does a Coach and a team handle the worst possible tragedy, the death of a teammate? Not just a teammate, but a friend and a person known throughout the LSU community.

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Junior Wayde Sims was killed in the early morning of Sept. 28, just hours before what was to be the first team workout in preparation for the 2018-19 season.

Coach Wade and athletic staff met early that morning with the team and began the long process of reflection and recovery. Coach Wade met with the media in a press conference later that morning that was televised live on many outlets including the SEC Network. He was honest and frank about the situation and thoughts and memories of Sims. His ability to get out in front of the ongoing situation answered many questions and stopped growing speculation about the death.

The team dedicated the season to Wayde and his parents, which included former Tiger player Wayne Sims. Fingers showing Wayde's 44 number were displayed prominently and Coach Wade's mantra of "We'll be playing with six" in reference to Wayde watching and being with the Tigers sure seemed to be prophetic.

Time after time, the Tigers appeared to need a spark to stay alive for a win and things would turn around. LSU would go a perfect 9-0 in the league on the road, winning four overtime games and another at the buzzer. The Tigers would win 16 league games, one of their best overall 18-game league records.

As good as the players were in November when the season started, the team showed improvement from start to finish and that was all due to Coach Wade and his staff and the work that was put in on the court, in the video room, in scouting reports and so much more.

It was all part of the vision the coach has for the program. It's a vision to have "unwavering commitment to put the team first, to put the state first, to put our school first to represent all of these folks in a first-class fashion. We are going to be a hard-working team that represents this great university that represents this great state."

Frank William "Will" Wade said those words on March 20, 2017 when he was named the head coach at LSU. He came to LSU after a stellar two-year stint as the head coach at Virginia Commonwealth University and two years at UT-Chattanooga.

In two seasons at LSU, he is the first Tiger mentor to get the Tigers to post-season play in both of the first two seasons on

the job. He's been on the bench for 43 wins over two seasons and he is now one of just five LSU coaches to lead his team to an SEC Championship.

Through the first two seasons, the Tigers under Wade have posted wins that excited the LSU fan base, another item that can be put on the positive check list for the program.

So far in two seasons, LSU under Wade has posted 16 wins in the Quadrant I rankings in the NCAA RPI/now NET rankings. After five in 2018, Wade's Tigers posted 11 Q1 wins in 2019. This year that included at No. 4 NET ranked Kentucky, versus No. 9 Tennessee, No. 13 Auburn and at No. 21 Mississippi State.



The Tigers also had the ability to win in so many different ways. In the final seconds (at Kentucky, versus Tennessee and Maryland) and on the road in overtime (at Arkansas, at Missouri, at Mississippi State, at Florida). The 2019 Tigers became the first LSU squad to go 9-0 in the league on the road and ended the year tied for the longest road win streak in the country.

In two years, the Tigers have drawn four crowds that are in the top 12 single game attendances in the present seating configuration of the Pete Maravich Assembly Center. Fans are caring again about LSU basketball, not just because of wins, but because of what they have seen on the court.

The fans have seen the things that Coach Wade promised when he took the job – an energized staff that was integrated in the game making coaching decisions and alterations as needed; player that were working hard to enact a game plan and making big plays.

More than anything, LSU fans saw the advancement of returning players under Coach Wade and his staff and the way that the new player blended with the improved veterans.

Three member of last year's championship team – Tremont Waters, Naz Reid and Kavell Bigby-Williams – will go to NBA training camps. Waters was picked in the second round of the 2019 draft by Boston, while Reid has signed a contract with the Minnesota Timberwolves. Bigby-Williams has signed an Exhibit 10 deal with the Charlotte Hornets.

Skylar Mays will be the lead senior on this team and his two years with Coach Wade has shown the coaching ability of the staff with a solid player wanting to advance, improving in big steps each year. He was a second-team All-SEC selection

and was a first-team Academic All-American as selected by CoSIDA.

Waters was selected First Team All-SEC and the league's co-Defensive POY, while Mays was a second team choice. Reid was selected on the all-league freshman team.

Wade, one of the younger coaches in Division I, who will turn 36 on Nov. 26, has also proven to be one of the most energetic both in practices and games, and his players have responded in kind. Wade has also brought analytics and trends to his coaching practices at LSU and his ability to know situations and tendencies has proven beneficial to the Tigers in his first two seasons.

Wade has been out-and-about during his tenure speaking to his tipoff club and to student group making sure they feel a part of the program. He has also spoken to several business groups about leadership. Coach Wade has been seen on the night prior and on game day for football visiting with folks in the RV lots.

PRIOR TO LSU
The native of Nashville, Tennessee, directed VCU to a 51-20 record and two NCAA Tournament appearances in 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. The 2016 Rams advanced to the second round of the tournament, defeating seventh-seed Oregon State before losing to Oklahoma. Wade was the youngest head coach in the NCAA Tournament in 2016. In 2017, VCU lost to St. Mary's in the first round of the NCAA tourney.

The Rams were 28-8 over his two years in the Atlantic 10 Conference, posting 14-4 records both years. The team was 25-11 in 2016 and earned a share of the Atlantic 10 Conference regular season crown. The 2017 team won 26 games and finished second in the league, one-game behind Dayton.

Under his tutelage, guard Melvin Johnson earned First Team All-Atlantic 10 honors in 2015-16 while Je Quan Lewis represented VCU on the 2016-17 first team. Mo Alie-Cox was named to the A-10 Defensive Team in both 2016 and 2017.

Wade previously served at VCU as an assistant with the Rams under Shaka Smart from 2009-13. VCU was 113-37 during that time, reached three NCAA Tournament and won the 2012 Colonial Athletic Association Championship. He was part of the staff in 2011 when VCU advanced from the NCAA "First Four" all the way to the Final Four in Houston.

Wade is credited with being a key figure in four top non-power five recruiting classes in his four seasons at VCU.

Prior to becoming the head coach at VCU, Wade served as the head coach at Chattanooga for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 seasons.

His first Mocs squad went 18-15 in 2014, finishing 12-6 and second in regular season Southern Conference play. The 18 wins overall were the most by the program since 2008-

09 and the 12 wins in league games was the highest total since 2010-11. The team made the school's first postseason appearance since 2009 in the CIT.

Wade was honored with the Anton Foy Southern Conference Coach of the Year award for his efforts in 2014.

The Mocs won 22 games in 2015 and finished 15-3 in the league as Wade guided Chattanooga to its first 20-win season since 2004-05. He finished his two seasons there at 40-25 and 27-7 in league play. In the two seasons prior to his arrival, Chattanooga was 24-40 overall and 13-23 in SoCon play.

In his six years as a head coach, he has a combined record at Chattanooga, VCU and LSU of 134-65 and 78-27 in conference play with five post-season appearances.

Wade's reputation, where ever he has coached, is a person who is a tireless worker and relentless recruiter. Wade was VCU Head Coach Shaka Smart's first hire upon being named the head VCU coach in 2009.

That reputation was cemented prior to his arrival on the VCU campus. He served as an assistant to Tommy Amaker at Harvard in 2007-08 and 2008-09. Much like at VCU, he was Amaker's first hire. In their second year, the Crimson went 14-14, the first season of .500 or better in the program since 2001-02.

Wade's coaching start came at Clemson where he served as Director of Basketball Operations (2006-07) and Graduate Assistant (2005-06) after four seasons as a student manager (2002-05). There he worked for coaches Larry Shyatt (2002-03) and Oliver Purnell (2004-07).

In eight years on coaching staffs at Clemson, Harvard and VCU, the teams had a record of 177-97 with six postseason appearances (2005-13).

Wade is married to the former Lauren Deason, and the couple has one daughter, Caroline Elizabeth (2).





NICHOLLS

QUICK FACTS

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Head Coach | Austin Claunch |
| Alma Mater | Emory, '12 |
| Record at Nicholls | 14-17, 2nd |
| Career Record | Same |
| Associate Head Coach | Trevor Deloach |
| Alma Mater | UNC-Wilmington, '11 |
| Assistant Coach | Joey Brooks |
| Alma Mater | Notre Dame, '13 |
| Assistant Coach | Nick Bowman |
| Alma Mater | Eastern Kentucky, '10 |
| Director of Operations | Tevon Saddler |
| Alma Mater | Nicholls State, '18 |
| 2018-19 Record | 14-17 |
| Starters Returning/Lost | 2/3 |
| Letterwinners Returning/Lost | 9/5 |
| Newcomers (Freshmen/Transfer) | 1/5 |
| Location | Thibodaux, LA |
| Founded | 1948 |
| Nickname | Colonels |
| Arena | Broussard Court at Stopher Gym |





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Andre Jones
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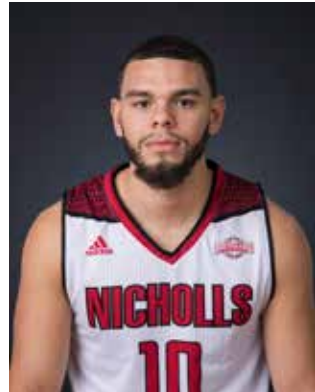
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Lorenzo McGhee
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Najee Garvin
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Ryghe Lyons
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Thomas Clement
H:'6-2 | W: 175 | C: Sr.



Tyrease Terrell
H:'6-4 | W: 165 | C: Fr.



Meet the Team

| # | Player | Pos. | Hometown HS Previous School |
|----|-------------------|------|---|
| 0 | D'Angelo Hunter | G | Louisville, Ky. Pleasure Ridge Park HS West Virginia |
| 1 | Jaylen Fornes | F | Pamlico County, N.C. Word of God UNC-Wilmington |
| 3 | Kevin Johnson | G | Thibodaux, La. E.D. White Catholic HS |
| 4 | Thomas Clement | G | Thibodaux, La. E.D. White Catholic HS Clarendon Coll. |
| 11 | Jeremiah Buford | G | Atlanta, Ga. Georgia Highlands HS |
| 13 | Andre Jones | G | Little Rock, Ark. Malvern HS Arkansas-Little Rock |
| 14 | Lorenzo McGhee | G | Decatur, Ga. Columbia HS Columbia State CC |
| 15 | Tyrease Terrell | G | Slidell, La. Northshore HS |
| 21 | Brandon Moore Jr. | G/F | Lancaster, Texas Lancaster HS Bossier Parish CC |
| 22 | Dexter McClanahan | G | Ellenwood, Ga. Woodland HS Savannah State |
| 23 | Elvis Harvey | F | South Bay, Fla. Oxbridge Academy Garden City CC |
| 24 | Najee Garvin | F | Lexington, S.C. White Knoll HS Charlotte |
| 25 | Abdul Alatishe | F | Houston, Texas Westside HS |
| 33 | Isaac Johnson | G | Minneapolis, Minn. Minneapolis North HS W. Illinois |
| 35 | Ryghe Lyons | F/C | Slidell, La. John Curtis HS |



Head Coach | Austin Claunch

Austin Claunch joined the Nicholls men's basketball coaching staff in June 2016 and was named the Colonels' 12th head coach on March 29, 2018.

Claunch spent the 2016 and 2017 seasons as an assistant, contributing heavily to the Colonels historic 2017-18 campaign that included the most wins (21) since 1995 and best Southland Conference record (15-3) since 1998.

"I am beyond excited to be named the next head basketball coach at Nicholls," Claunch said.

"The people of this university and all of Thibodaux have embraced me and treated me like family since the first day I arrived two years ago. I am ready to give the community a winning program built on enthusiasm, accountability and hard work. The foundation has been laid, and the future is extremely bright. I am truly humbled and honored to be leading our basketball program into the next phase."

At Nicholls as an assistant, Claunch was primarily responsible for guard development, specifically point guards, working daily with seniors Roddy Peters (SLC Newcomer of the Year, First Team), Jahvaughn Powell (All-SLC Defensive Team), Lafayette Rutledge (Single-season 3-point record holder) and Tevon Saddler (All-SLC Second Team). He was also the key recruiter for Kevin Johnson and Ryghe Lyons, who both started over 15 games as freshmen.

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Claunch's impact at Nicholls was immediately felt as it was his scout that helped the Colonels knock off Boston College 79-73 on Nov. 11, 2016. He worked closely with Riley on offensive and defensive schemes and game plans. Claunch created, orchestrated and conducted all basketball camps for the Colonels over the past two years.

Claunch came to Nicholls after spending a season as Assistant Video Services Director for Clemson men's basketball. Claunch spent three seasons with the Tigers overall, having previously served as a graduate manager from 2013-15. Prior to his time with Clemson, Claunch spent the 2012-13 season as the Director of Player Development for George Mason University.

Claunch was part of a Clemson staff that saw the Tigers improve by 10 wins over their previous season, compiling a 23-13 overall record. Clemson advanced to the NIT semifinals for the first time since 2007 and won 10 ACC games as well.

He helped Jaron Blossomgame to First Team All-ACC honors and the ACC's Most Improved Player award. The 6-7 forward raised his points-per-game average from 13.1 to 18.7 and his 3-point field goal percentage from 28% to 45% during his junior season. Claunch also helped K.J. McDaniels to a First Team All-ACC junior season. The 6-6 forward was named ACC Defensive Player of the Year and declared early for the 2014 NBA Draft.

At George Mason, Claunch worked under former Georgia Tech Head Coach Paul Hewitt. He assisted in all areas of individual workouts and practice, in addition to helping

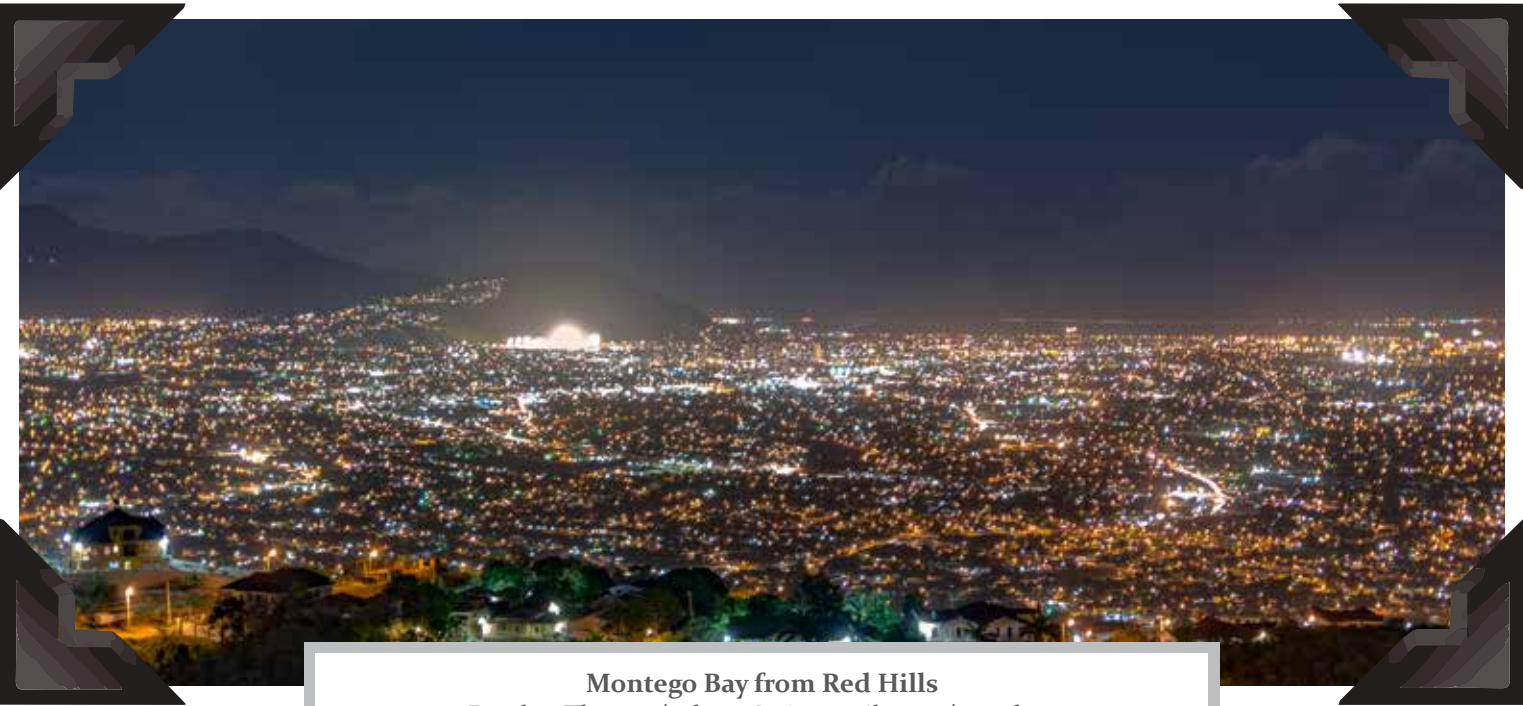
with film breakdown and exchange, scouting reports, academic scheduling and updating the team's recruiting database.

Claunch has assisted with various summer camps over the past several years. Each summer from 2007 to 2011, he worked with former NBA player and longtime Head Coach John Lucas at his camps in Houston, Texas. He also interned in the summer of 2010 with Joe Abunassar and Impact Basketball. From 2008-10, Claunch assisted his father's 15U and 16U Adidas Houston Select Basketball Club teams.

Claunch was a four-year starter and two-time captain at Emory University on the Division III level from 2008-12. He ranks first in Emory history in career assists (580), assists per game (5.8) and minutes played (3,132). Claunch is also second in free throw percentage (.877). He was also a three-time All-Conference First Team player at Emory, and a member of the University Athletic Association's 25th Anniversary Team. Claunch set the school's three best single-season assist totals over each of his final three seasons.

He played high school basketball at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in Houston, Texas, and was a three-year starter and two-time team captain. Claunch was also a two-time all-district selection and led Strake Jesuit to the 2008 district crown as a senior. He was a two-time recipient of the Strake's Kenneth McGregor Award, based on his leadership and dedication on and off the court.

The Houston native earned his undergraduate degree in political science, with a minor in religion, from Emory in 2012. Claunch obtained a master's degree in human resource development from Clemson in August 2015



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QUICK FACTS

Head Coach Jay Joyner
Alma Mater S.C. State, 1996
Record at A&T 47-62 (4th season)
Career Record Same

Associate Head Coach Willie Jones
Alma Mater S.C. State '03

Assistant Coach Ahmad Dorsett
Alma Mater George Mason '00

2018-19 Record 19-13
MEAC Record/Conference Finish 13-3/2nd
Starters Returning/Lost 1/4
Letterwinners Returning/Lost 6/9
Newcomers 9

Location Greensboro, N.C.
Founded 1891
Nickname Aggies
Home Arena Ellis F. Corbett Sports Center





Fred Cleveland, Jr.
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Webster Filmore
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Devin Haygood
H:'6-8 | W: 180 | C: GR



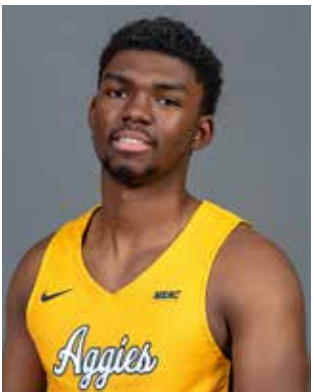
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Shayne Scruggs
H:'6-7 | W: 210 | C: FR



Meet the Team

| # | Player | Pos. | Hometown / Previous School |
|----|---------------------|------|--|
| 0 | Andre Jackson | G | Charlotte, N.C./Manatee-Sarasota |
| 1 | Brandon Barron | G | Alpharetta, Ga./Alpharetta |
| 2 | Fred Cleveland, Jr. | G | Chicago, Ill./Lea Catholic |
| 3 | Shayne Scruggs | F | Lansing, Mich./Liberty Heights Athletic Institute |
| 4 | Jibril McCormick | G | Charlotte, N.C./Hough |
| 5 | Ed Ferguson | F/G | Baltimore, Md./Saint Francis Academy |
| 11 | Tyler Maye | G | Farmville, N.C./VCU/Farmville Central HS |
| 12 | Kwe Parker | G | Fayetteville, N.C./U of Tennessee/Wesleyan Christian |
| 13 | Kameron Langley | G | Greensboro, N.C./Southwest Guilford |
| 14 | Harry Morrice | C | United Kingdom/Beckley Preparatory School |
| 15 | Darius Maddox | G | Lusby, Md./Greensboro College/Patuxent |
| 21 | Ronald Jackson | F | Clay County, Fla./Hillsborough JC |
| 23 | Devin Haygood | F | Ypsilanti, Mich./Youngstown St./Lincoln HS |
| 24 | Elijah Joyner | G | Greensboro, N.C./Piedmont Classical |
| 25 | Webster Filmore | F | Charlotte, N.C./Phillip O. Berry Academy |
| 35 | Tyrone Lyons | F/G | Amityville, N.Y./St. Anthony's |



Head Coach | Jay Joyner

Jay Joyner was announced as the head men's basketball coach at North Carolina A&T hours before the Aggies faced Coppin State in a Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Basketball Championship Tournament game on March 7, 2016. Joyner was named interim head coach weeks earlier on Jan. 29, 2016 after the resignation of Cy Alexander.

Under Joyner, the Aggies closed out the 2015-16 regular season with a 5-4 record overall and a 5-3 mark in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

After a tough season in his first full season as the Aggies head coach, Joyner first spearheaded one of the best turnarounds in Division I history before following up with a 19-win season that included a second-place finish in the MEAC during the 2018-19 season.

The Aggies 13-3 record in the MEAC in 2018-19 marked the first time the program has finished second since the 1992-93 season and it was the most conference wins the Aggies have accumulated since the 1987-88 season. Joyner also led the Aggies to 39 wins from 2017-2019. Those are the most wins over a two-year period since the Aggies won 50 games from 1986-88.

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Joyner accomplished another feat that had not been achieved in a long time when he was named coach of the year in the MEAC following the 2017-18 season. He became the first N.C. A&T men’s basketball coach to earn the award since

Don Corbett received it after the 1987-88 season. He was also named the National Association Basketball Coaches District 15 coach of the year.

He was rewarded because the Aggies improved 17 games from the 2016-17 season to the 2017-18 season coming one game shy of tying UTEP’s 18-game improvement in 2003-04. The Aggies finished 20-15 (.571) in 2017-18 marking the Aggies first 20-win season in five years and just the third in the past 30 years. The Aggies also put together their best winning percentage since the 1991-92 season. Their 18 regular-season wins were the most since ‘91-92.

Joyner led the Aggies to their first MEAC tournament win in five seasons when the Aggies won twice in the 2017-18 conference tournament. Their No. 4 seed in the tournament was the school’s highest seeding since 2009. Joyner also led the Aggies to their first undefeated season at home in 30 seasons as the Aggies went 12-0 at Corbett Sports Center. In fact, the Aggies have won 17 straight games at home against conference foes under Joyner’s leadership.

The 2017-18 season saw the Aggies break the school single-season record for points (2,623). The following season, point guard Kameron Langley broke the school’s single-season assists record (208).

Before becoming N.C. A&T’s head coach, Joyner furthered his longtime relationship with Alexander as he served as the Aggies associate head coach (2012-16) under Alexander. Previously Joyner had played for Alexander as a student-athlete at S.C. State. He also worked with Alexander as an assistant prior to N.C. A&T. Alexander even served on Joyner’s staff at Columbia State Community College.

As the Aggies associate head coach, Joyner took the lead in the Aggies recruiting efforts. In his first season with the Aggies program, the Aggies won the MEAC title, won its first-ever NCAA tournament game and won 20 games for the first time in 25 years. Before coming to Greensboro, Joyner spent three seasons as the head men’s basketball coach at Columbia State Community College, a two-year school in Middle Tennessee. Joyner led the Chargers to a 61-23 record and two Tennessee Community College Athletic Association regular-season titles.

In 2012, the Charges made their first national tournament appearance in 34 years. The 2011-12 team went 23-8 and finished the season ranked sixth in the nation. Joyner earned the 2011-12 National Junior College Athletic Association District 7 Coach of the Year honor and was named the TCCAA Coach of the Year in 2010 and ‘12.

Joyner spent the 2008-2009 season as an assistant coach

for the Cumberland University men’s basketball program, a National Association Intercollegiate Athletics institution, in Lebanon, Tenn. He helped the Bulldogs to an NAIA National Championship Tournament appearance with a 26-6 record. Prior to finding success in Tennessee, Joyner gained experience working in the Big East. Joyner served as the director of player development for Rutgers University (2006-08), and spent two seasons developing and managing the Scarlett Knights’ mentoring program. He worked with each student-athlete to help enhance their athletic performance, handled NCAA compliance documentation for student-athletes, served as the campus liaison for recruits and assisted with scheduling.

His coaching career began in Tennessee, where he served as the assistant coach at Columbia State Community College for the 2005-06 season, helping guide the Chargers to the conference championship game under head coach Malcolm Montgomery.

Joyner got his professional start in athletics in 2003, where he served as the administrative assistant/assistant strength coach for the men’s basketball program at Tennessee State under Alexander. Before making the jump to collegiate athletics, Joyner was an assistant boys basketball coach at Centennial High School in Franklin, Tenn., for the 2002-03 season.

Joyner’s familiarity with the Aggies comes from his playing career with S.C. State from 1993-96. He was part of the Bulldogs’ 1995-96 championship team under Alexander. After leaving S.C. State, he competed professionally overseas.

Joyner holds a bachelor’s degree in physical education from Middle Tennessee State. He is a native of Amityville, N.Y. He and his wife have three children.



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UMBC

QUICK FACTS

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Head Coach | Ryan Odom |
| Alma Mater | Hampden-Sydney '96 |
| Career Record | 96-58/5 Seasons |
| Record at UMBC | 67-37/3 Seasons |

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| Assistant Coach | Nate Dixon |
| Alma Mater | UNCW '94 |

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| Assistant Coach | Matt Henry |
| Alma Mater | Trinity '01 |

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| Assistant Coach | Bryce Crawford |
| Alma Mater | Ohio State '11 |

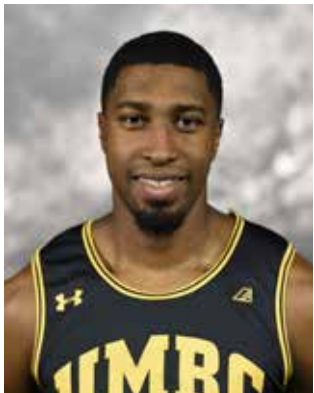
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| 2018-19 Record | 21-13 |
| 2017-18 America East Record/Finish | 11-5/3rd |
| Letterwinners Returning/Lost | 8/7 |
| Starters Returning/Lost | 3/2 |
| Newcomers | 6 |

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| Location | Baltimore, MD |
| Founded | 1966 |
| Nickname | Retrievers |
| Home Court | UMBC Event Center |

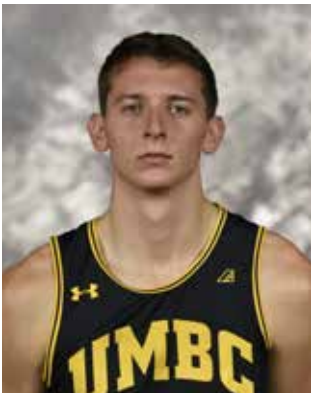




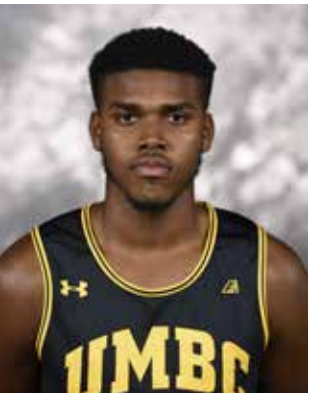
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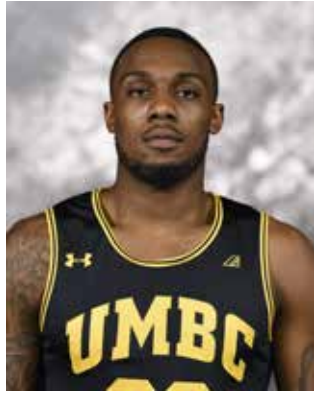
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Dimitrije Spasojevic
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Marcel Thompson
H:'6-3 | W: 190 | C: Jr.



Meet the Team

| # | Player | Pos. | Hometown / Previous School |
|----|----------------------|------|---|
| 0 | Keondre Kennedy | G | Atlanta, Ga./North Clayton/Labette CC |
| 1 | L.J. Owens | G | Annapolis, Md./Severn School/William & Mary |
| 2 | Darnell Rogers | G | Baltimore, Md./Indian Land (SC)/New Mexico JC |
| 3 | K.J. Jackson | G | Missouri City, Texas/Temple College |
| 5 | Jack Schwietz | G | Frisco, Texas/Findlay Preparatory Academy |
| 11 | R.J. Eytle-Rock | G | London, England/Barking Abbey |
| 12 | Brandon Horvath | F | West River, Md./Southern |
| 13 | Marcel Thompson | G | Baltimore, Md./Baltimore Polytechnic/South Plains College |
| 22 | Ricky Council II | G | Durham, N.C./Moravian |
| 23 | Max Curran | F | Hooksett, N.H./Pembroke Academy |
| 25 | Nathan Johnson | F | Adel, Iowa/Sunrise Christian Academy |
| 30 | Daniel Akin | F | London, England/Barking Abbey |
| 32 | Dimitrije Spasojevic | F | Vrsac, Serbia/Gimnazija Cacak/East Carolina |
| 33 | Arkel Lamar | F | Bridgeport, Conn./St. Thomas More |



Head Coach | Ryan Odom

In April of 2016, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) Director of Athletics Tim Hall announced the hiring of Ryan Odom as the ninth head men's basketball coach in school history. It's safe to say that the marriage has worked out quite well for a growing #RetrieverNation, in addition to positively impacting the pride of the Baltimore metropolitan and Mid-Atlantic regions. In his second year at the helm, Odom and his staff brought the program and the university to a place that even the most ardent Retriever supporter would have thought was impossible. In a six-day span, UMBC won an America East Conference title at prohibitive favorite Vermont and followed up by engineering the first victory for a No. 16 seed over a No. 1 seed in NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament history. UMBC overwhelmed the tournament's top overall seed, Virginia, 74-54, in Charlotte, N.C., earning an ESPY nomination for the "Best Moment" of the year.

The Retrievers won a school-record 25 games (25-11) and Odom earned the 2018 Hugh Durham Award as the nation's top mid-major coach. Baltimore multi-media entity, Press Box tabbed Odom, along with graduate student guard Jarius Lyles as Sportspersons of the Year.

In the wake of UMBC's unprecedented success, two staff members - Griff Aldrich (Longwood) and Eric Skeeters (Delaware State) - earned Division I head coaching positions in the spring of 2018. Despite those departures, and the losses of Lyles, senior guards K.J. Maura and Jourdan Grant, along with season-ending injuries to starters Daniel Akin

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and Max Curran, Odom and his revamped coaching staff led UMBC back to the America East Championship game in 2018-19.

The 2018-19 Retrievers (21-13, 11-5, third America East) set a program record by winning 20 or more games in three consecutive seasons. Odom has compiled a three-year mark of 67-37 at UMBC and a four-year head coaching record of 96-58. The North Carolina native has led three of the top four win-producing teams in school history.

After finishing 7-25 in 2015-16, the new Retriever mentor led UMBC (21-13) to its first winning season since 2007-08, when the Retrievers went to the NCAA Tournament. UMBC finished the year as the nation's third-most improved team, with a +13.0 mark, behind only Minnesota and UCLA. Odom's team posted three wins in the CIT and became the first America East team to triumph in three games in a postseason tournament.

Odom earned the 2017 Joe B. Hall Award, which is presented annually to the top first-year coach in Division I.

The only similarities between the 2016-17 and 2018-19 teams were in the win-loss column. Odom's first squad outscored its foes, averaging 81.1 points per game, finishing 25th in the nation in scoring offense. The most recent edition allowed 64.0 points per contest, currently (March 25) ranked 25th in the country in that category.

Odom served as head men's basketball coach at Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.) University for the 2015-16 season. The Bears (21-10) advanced to the NCAA Division II Regional Finals for the first time in school history and won 20 games in a season for the first time in eight years. Lenoir-Rhyne improved by 10.5 games from the previous campaign, led the nation in 3-point field goals made per game (12.4), and finished ninth in the country in scoring at 90.1 points per

game. Prior to earning the position at Lenoir-Rhyne, Odom coached at UNC Charlotte, 2010-15. The 49ers earned a bid to the NIT in 2013. In May of 2014, the Durham, N.C. native was elevated to associate head coach and on January 6, 2015, Odom was named interim head coach at Charlotte for the remainder of the season.

Odom led the 49ers to eight victories (8-11) as mentor and coached Torin Dorn to Conference USA Freshman-of-the-Year honors and Pierria Henry to third-team all-league accolades.

Prior to his tenure in Charlotte, Odom spent seven years on the coaching staff at Virginia Tech as an assistant and was part of a Hokies' team that earned a berth to the NCAA Division I Tournament in 2007 and beat Illinois in the first round.

Odom was also an assistant coach at American (2000-03), UNC Asheville (1999-00), and Furman (1997-99), and served one year as an administrative assistant at South Florida (1996-97).

Odom graduated from Hampden-Sydney in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in economics and was a four-year starting point guard on the men's basketball team. He served as team captain his senior season and led Hampden-Sydney to an 80-30 record during his playing career, including two berths in the NCAA Division III Tournament. In addition, Odom finished his career as the school's all-time leader in three-pointers made and placed fourth in assists.

Ryan is the son of Dave Odom, who retired in 2008 as the head coach at South Carolina. The elder Odom earned SEC Coach of the Year honors 2004 and ACC Coach of the Year honors in 1991, 1994 and 1995, while at Wake Forest University. Odom, his wife, Lucia, and their son Owen reside in Annapolis. Their older son, Connor, attends Oak Hill (Va.) Academy and competes in boys' basketball.



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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

QUICK FACTS

Head Coach Grant McCasland
Alma Mater Baylor '99

Associate Head Coach Ross Hodge
Alma Mater Texas A&M-Commerce '03

Assistant Coach Jareem Dowling
Alma Mater Maryland Eastern Shore '05

Assistant Coach Matt Braeuer
Alma Mater Wichita State '08

Director of Operations Andy Schmitt
Alma Mater Illinois '13

2018-19 Overall Record 21-12
Starters Returning/Lost 3/2
Returns/Lost 9/6
Newcomers 5

Location Denton, TX
Founded 1890
Nickname Mean Green
Home Arena The Super Pit





Shakeem Alcindor
H:'6-8 | W: 228 | C: So.



Thomas Bell
H:'6-6 | W: 186 | C: Jr.



DJ Draper
H:'6-0 | W: 172 | C: R-Sr.



Deng Geu
H:'6-8 | W: 201 | C: Gr.



Umoja Gibson
H:'6-1 | W: 168 | C: R-Sr.



Javion Hamlet
H:'6-4 | W: 191 | C: R-Jr.



Jalen Jackson
H:'5-11 | W: 175 | C: Fr.



Karston Miller
H:'6-3 | W: 215 | C: Fr.



Abdul Mohamed
H:'6-7 | W: 190 | C: R-Jr.



JJ Murray
H:'6-1 | W: 175 | C: R-Jr.



James Reese
H:'6-4 | W: 169 | C: Jr.



Jahmiah Simmons
H:'6-4 | W: 210 | C: R-Jr.



Zachary Simmons
H:'6-10 | W: 235 | C: Jr.



Roosevelt Smart
H:'6-3 | W: 184 | C: Sr.



Larry Wise
H:'6-5 | W: 194 | C: R-Fr.



Meet the Team

| # | Player | Pos. | Hometown / Previous School |
|----|------------------|------|--|
| 0 | James Reese | G | Eastover, SC / Odessa College |
| 1 | Umoja Gibson | G | Waco, TX/ University HS |
| 2 | Roosevelt Smart | G | Chicago, IL/ New Mexico JC |
| 3 | Javion Hamlet | G | Memphis, TN/ Northwest Florida State College |
| 4 | Jalen Jackson | G | San Antonio, TX/ Wagner HS |
| 5 | Abdul Mohamed | F | Ottawa, Ontario/ Gillette College |
| 10 | Jahmiah Simmons | F | Saint Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands/ Arkansas St. |
| 11 | JJ Murray | G | Rowlett, TX / Eastfield College |
| 13 | Thomas Bell | F | Cahokia, IL/ Kaskaskia College |
| 20 | Karston Miller | G | Buford, Georgia, Buford HS |
| 22 | Larry Wise | G | Waxahachie, TX/ Waxahachie HS |
| 23 | Deng Geu | F | Sioux Falls, SD/ North Dakota State |
| 24 | Zachary Simmons | F | Abilene, TX/ Cedar Hill HS |
| 35 | Shakeem Alcindor | F | Saint Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands/ Link Year Prep |
| 55 | DJ Draper | G | Bedford, TX/ Birdville HS |



Head Coach | Grant McCasland

North Texas men's basketball head coach Grant McCasland has taken the Mean Green program to new heights in just two years at UNT.

Since his arrival to Denton on March 13, 2017, the Dallas-Forth Worth native who has over 18 years of college coaching experience mostly all in the state of Texas, has led the Mean Green to back-to-back 20-win seasons, a College Basketball Invitational championship and set a number of program records.

In his first season at UNT, the Mean Green more than doubled their win total from the previous season. Sophomore guard Roosevelt Smart, who McCasland recruited to North Texas, set the single-season scoring record with 742 points and demolished the school record for three pointers in a season with 133. The Mean Green capped McCasland's first season by winning the 2018 College Basketball Invitational, the program's first national postseason tournament championship.

After leading UNT to a 20-win season in 2017-18 (the program's first 20-win season since 2011-12), McCasland and the Mean Green began the 2018-19 season with a 16-1 record. The program's best start ever. From the start of the CBI tournament through the Mean Green's first 17 games of the 2018-19 season, UNT was just one of four teams that had won

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21 of its last 23 games. The Mean Green concluded its second season under McCasland by posting 21 wins, its most wins in a season since the 2010-11 season.

In two seasons under McCasland, UNT has had three players named to an all-conference honor. In 2018-19, redshirt freshman guard Umoja Gibson was named to the league's all-freshman team after he set the Conference USA freshman record for three pointers with 99.

McCasland also helped North Texas break multiple team records in most points scored (2,828), total rebounds (1,451) and three-pointers made (302). Individually, Ryan Woolridge broke the school record for most assists with 221, breaking a mark that was set back in 1976-77. Zachary Simmons took down the school record for field goal percentage at 66.2 as just a freshman in 2017-18.

McCasland came to UNT from Arkansas State where he was the head coach for one season. In that year, the Red Wolves made a 10-win improvement, which was the second-best turnaround in Division I basketball that year.

Prior to Arkansas State, McCasland spent five seasons as an assistant coach at Baylor, helping lead the Bears to NCAA Tournament appearances in 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2016. The Bears also won their first-ever postseason title in program history in 2013, capturing the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) championship.

Before Baylor, he spent two seasons as head coach at Midwestern State and led the program to back-to-back Elite Eight appearances in the NCAA Division II Tournament.

McCasland's roots as a head coach are at the junior college level.

In his early 20s, McCasland got his first assistant coaching job at Northeastern JC in Sterling, Colorado, where he not only served as a coach but was a resident assistant at the school's dorms. After just two seasons at Northeastern, McCasland earned a head coaching at Midland College, he was just 27 years old.

Despite being young and having to cover a variety of duties including team bus driver, McCasland guided the Chaparrals to the 2007 National Junior College Athletic Association national championship. He coached against legendary college coaches such as Mark Adams who had over 25 years of head coaching experience at the time and still led Midland to win four games in four days at the national tournament to win the title. He had six guys on the team go on to earn division one scholarships. . McCasland Prior to Midwestern State, McCasland spent where he won a NJCAA National Championship at Midland College in 2007. McCasland also has head coaching experience at the junior college level, leading Midland College to the 2007 NJCAA national championship.

McCasland often tells his team that the "toughest team always wins" and the head coach embodies that motto. A 5-foot-9 walk-on at Baylor, the 1999 graduate earned his spot on the Bears by being the ultimate competitor. McCasland earned Academic All-Big 12 honorable-mention honors as a senior. He graduated from Baylor with a degree in entrepreneurship and management and received his master's degree from Texas Tech in 2001.

At Tech, he served as the Director of Basketball Operations under James Dickery. At Tech, McCasland met his wife CeCe, who was a former soccer player for the Red Raiders. Grant and Cece have four children: daughters Amaris and Jersey and sons Jett and Beckett.



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THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

QUICK FACTS

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Head Coach | David Cox |
| Alma mater | William & Mary, '95 |
| Record at school | 18-15 |
| Career Record | 18-15 |

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Assistant Coach | TJ Buchanan |
| Alma Mater | Rhode Island, '15 |

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|------------------------|----------------|
| Assistant Coach | Austin Carroll |
| Alma Mater | American, '14 |

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| Assistant Coach | Kevin Sutton |
| Alma Mater | James Madison, '88 |

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|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Director of Operations | Ryan McCloskey |
| Alma Mater | Florida, '16 |

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| 2018-19 Overall Record | 18-15 |
| 2018-19 Conference Record/Finish | 9-9/8th |
| Lettermen Returning/Lost | 6/3 |
| Starters Returning/Lost | 5/0 |

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|-----------------|--------------|
| Location | Kingston, RI |
| Founded | 1892 |
| Nickname | Rams |
| Arena | Ryan Center |





Eric Dadika
H:'6-0 | W: 175 | C: SR



Jeff Dowtin
H:'6-3 | W: 180 | C: SR



Jordan Green
H:'5-9 | W: 160 | C: SR



Gregory Hammond
H:'6-5 | W: 190 | C: FR



Jermaine Harris
H:'6-8 | W: 220 | C: SO



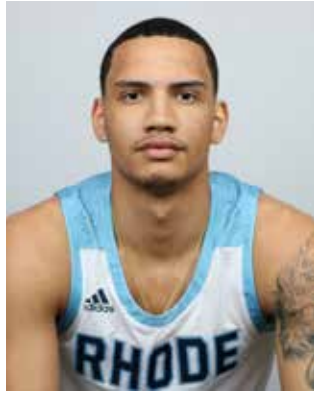
D.J. Johnson
H:'6-7 | W: 185 | C: Jr



Cyril Langevine
H:'6-8 | W: 225 | C: SR



Mekhi Long
H:'6-7 | W: 190 | C: FR



Tyrese Martin
H:'6-6 | W: 195 | C: SO



Fatts Russell
H:'5-10 | W: 165 | C: JR



Jeremy Sheppard
H:'6-1 | W: 165 | C: JR



Dana Tate
H:'6-7 | W: 210 | C: SO



Jacob Toppin
H:'6-7 | W: 180 | C: FR



Antwan Walker
H:'6-9 | W: 230 | C: R-SO



Meet the Team

| # | Player | Pos. | Hometown Previous School |
|----|-----------------|------|---|
| 0 | Jermaine Harris | F | Upper Marlboro, Md. Rock Creek Christian |
| 1 | Fatts Russell | G | Philadelphia, Pa. Imhotep Charter |
| 2 | Jeremy Sheppard | G | Richmond, Va. John Marshall |
| 4 | Tyrese Martin | G | Allentown, Pa. Massanutten Military Academy |
| 5 | Antwan Walker | F | Washington, D.C. Hargrave Military Academy |
| 10 | Cyril Langevine | F | East Orange, N.J. The Patrick School |
| 11 | Jeff Dowtin | G | Upper Marlboro, Md. St. John's College |
| 12 | Dana Tate | F | Boston, Mass. MacDuffie School |
| 13 | Eric Dadika | G | Milltown, N.J. Spotswood |
| 15 | Mekhi Long | F | Bryans Road, Md. Bishop MacNamara |
| 20 | Jordan Green | G | Bronx, N.Y. Millbrook School |
| 21 | Jacob Toppin | F | Ossining, N.Y. Woodstock Academy |
| 22 | Gregory Hammond | G | New Orleans, La. Sophie B. Wright |
| 23 | D.J. Johnson | F | Brooklyn, N.Y. Williston State |



Head Coach | David Cox

David Cox was named the 20th head coach in Rhode Island men's basketball history on Wednesday, April 4.

Despite inheriting a team that had lost six seniors who went on to play professional basketball, Cox led Rhode Island to an 18-15 record, including a 9-9 mark in Atlantic 10 action. He was named as one of 12 national finalists for the 2019 Joe B. Hall Award, which is presented annually to the top first-year coach in Division I. The Rams advanced to the A-10 semifinals, upsetting top-seeded VCU in the quarterfinals. Junior forward Cyril Langevine earned Second Team All-Conference honors and a spot on the league's All-Defensive Team. Junior Jeff Dowtin was named to the Academic All-Conference Team.

Cox was appointed as the head coach after he spent four seasons as an assistant coach on Dan Hurley's staff with the Rams. The final two of those seasons were spent as the team's associate head coach. Cox joined the Rhody staff in May, 2014 after spending the previous four seasons as an associate head coach at Rutgers.

"This is an important transition period for our basketball program, and we did our due diligence to make sure we hired the right person for the job," Rhode Island Director of Athletics Thorr Bjorn said. "David's professionalism and leadership ability earned him the position. I am thrilled to continue to build the Rhode Island basketball brand by partnering with a wonderful coach, mentor and teacher."

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Since Cox came to URI in May of 2014, the Rams have made two NCAA Championship appearances and one NIT appearance, advancing to the second round all three times. Rhode Island also claimed the program’s first Atlantic 10 regular season title in 2018 and its second conference tournament title in 2017. Rhody has won 91 games since Cox joined the staff, the most ever in a four-year stretch in program history.

“This is a dream come true. Navigating the landscape of coaching at the collegiate level has been a long, hard journey,” Cox said. “I was blessed to have made it here four years ago, and to have had the opportunity to work with people like President Dooley and Thorr Bjorn, while building this program to where it is now. I am extremely excited, blessed and humbled to be able to lead this program to new heights.”

In November of 2017, Cox was ranked as the No. 23 assistant coach in the country by LockDraft.com. Over his first three seasons with the Rams, the team has gone 65-35 with a pair of postseason appearances. In 2016-17, Rhode Island made its first NCAA Championship appearance since 1999, upsetting Creighton in the opening round before falling just short against eventual Final Four participant Oregon in the second round. In Cox’ first season in Rhode Island, the Rams went to the 2015 NIT and made it to the second round.

During his time at URI, Cox has been instrumental in the recruitment of Indiana transfer Stanford Robinson, Jeff Dowtin, Michael Tertsea and Fatts Russell. He was the primary recruiter for three members of the 2018 class - Jermaine Harris, Brendan Adams and Tyrese Martin. That class was ranked as a top 25 class nationally.

While at Rutgers, Cox was the Scarlet Knights’ associate head coach, helping the program recruit the 15th-best class in 2011. He served as the interim head coach for a three-game stint in December 2012, guiding RU to a 3-0 record.

From 2007-10, Cox served as an assistant at Georgetown, helping to guide the Hoyas to a trio of post-season appearances. In 2007-08, Georgetown compiled a 28-6 overall record en route to winning the Big East Championship and earning a

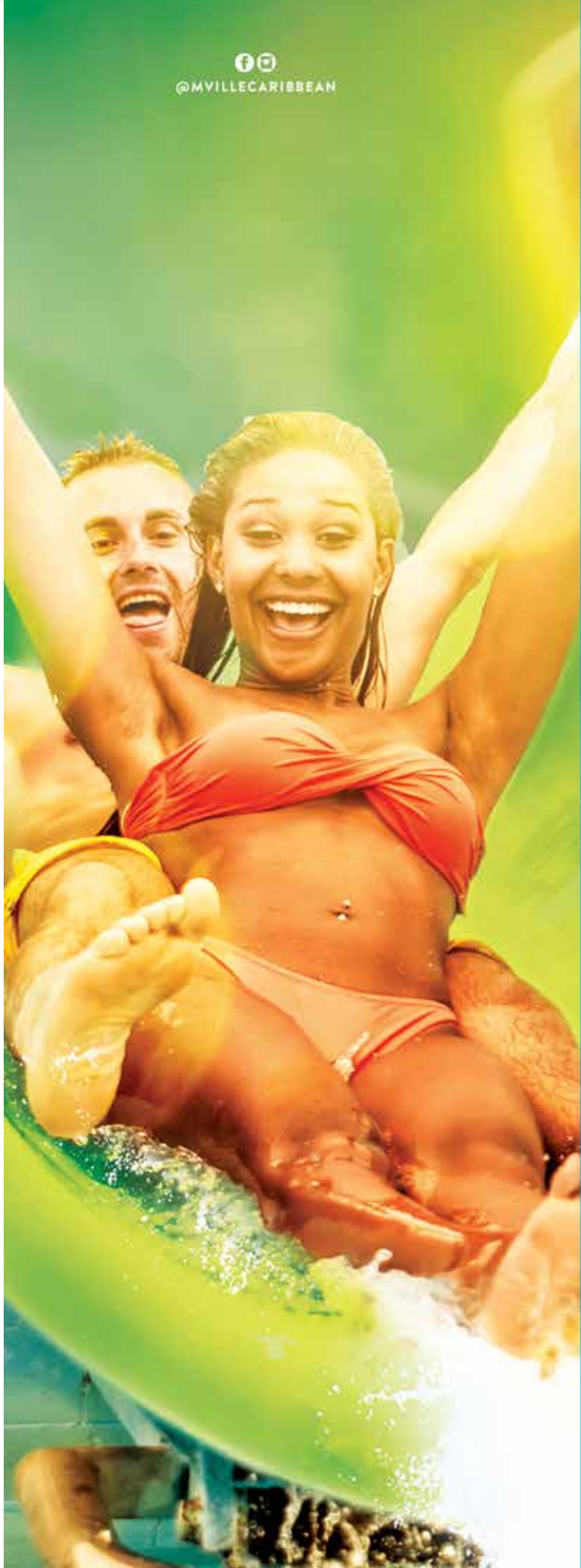
#1 seed in the NCAA Tournament. The 2009-10 Hoya squad also won 28 games and en route to an NCAA Tournament appearance. Cox entered the college ranks as the director of basketball operations at Pittsburgh for the 2006-07 season and was part of the Panthers’ staff that went 29-8 and advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament.

A native of Landover, Md., Cox first coached at the high school level at Archbishop Carroll in Washington, D.C. from 1996-99. He spent the next seven years as an assistant principal at his alma mater, St. John’s Prep in Washington, D.C. from 1999-2006, where he oversaw the school’s athletic department, supervised all extra-curricular activities, and served as the school’s head of discipline.

Cox began his coaching career as an assistant coach with the Washington D.C. Assault AAU program. He helped guide the team to the under-16 national championship in 2004. Several of his players earned college scholarships, including Tre Kelley (South Carolina), Chris McCray (Maryland), Michael Beasley (Kansas State/Miami Heat), Nolan Smith (Duke), Dante Cunningham (Villanova/Portland Trail Blazers), Arinze Onuaku (Syracuse) and Adrian Bowie (Maryland).

A 1995 graduate of William & Mary with a degree in sociology, Cox was a four-year letterwinner and three-year starter at point guard for the Tribe for head coaches Chuck Swenson and Charlie Woollum. He finished his collegiate career with 670 points, 216 rebounds, 336 assists and a .352 3-point field goal percentage and his name is located throughout the Tribe’s record book. Cox still ranks among school leaders in several statistical categories, including 3-point field goals made (sixth, 137), total assists (eighth, 336); and 3-point field goal percentage (ninth, .352). His career-high 12 assists against George Mason in 1995 still ranks third among all-time single-game performances in W&M basketball history.

In 1996, Cox earned his master’s degree in education from William & Mary. He and his wife Tasha have two children - Leila and Jacob.



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QUICK FACTS

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Head Coach | Craig Smith |
| Alma Mater | North Dakota, '96 |
| Record at Utah State | 28-7 |
| Career Record | 179-91 |
| Assistant Coach | Austin Hansen |
| Alma Mater | South Dakota State, '03 |
| Assistant Coach | Eric Peterson |
| Alma Mater | Wisconsin La Crosse, '06 |
| Assistant Coach | David Ragland |
| Alma Mater | Southern Indiana, '03 |
| Director of Operations | Steve Grabowski |
| Alma Mater | Minot State, '05 |
| 2018-19 Record | 28-7 |
| 2018-19 MW Record | 15-3 |
| Letterman Returning/Lost | 6/5 |
| Starters Return/Lost | 4/1 |
| Newcomers | 6 |
| Location | Logan, Utah |
| Founded | 1888 |
| Nickname | Aggies |
| Home Arena | Dee Glen Smith Spectrum |





Alphonso Anderson
H:'6-6 | W: 220 | C: Jr.



Marco Anthony
H:'6-5 | W: 225 | C: Jr.



Sean Bairstow
H:'6-8 | W: 190 | C: Fr.



Justin Bean
H:'6-7 | W: 210 | C: So.



Carson Bischoff
H:'6-4 | W: 210 | C: Jr.



Diogo Brito
H:'6-6 | W: 205 | C: Sr.



Trevin Dorius
H:'7-0 | W: 240 | C: R-Fr.



Roche Grooffaam
H:'6-7 | W: 265 | C: Sr.



Kuba Karwowski
H:'7-2 | W: 220 | C: Jr.



Liam McChesney
H:'6-10 | W: 185 | C: Fr.



Sam Merrill
H:'6-5 | W: 205 | C: Sr.



Brock Miller
H:'6-5 | W: 200 | C: So.



Abel Porter
H:'6-3 | W: 200 | C: Sr.



Neemias Queta
H:'7-0 | W: 245 | C: So.



Klay Stall
H:'6-10 | W: 245 | C: Jr.



Meet the Team

| # | Player | Pos. | Hometown HS Previous School |
|----|-------------------|------|---|
| 0 | Klay Stall | C | Chandler, Ariz. Basha HS |
| 1 | Carson Bischoff | G | Ogden, Utah Weber HS Treasure Valley Community College |
| 2 | Sean Bairstow | G | Brisbane, Australia Churchie |
| 4 | Roche Grootfaam | F | Paramaribo, Suriname Covenant Christian Acad. College of Southern Idaho |
| 5 | Sam Merrill | G | Bountiful, Utah Bountiful HS |
| 10 | Alphonso Anderson | F | Tacoma, Wash. Garfield HS North Idaho College |
| 13 | Liam McChesney | F | Prince Rupert, Canada Charles Hays Secondary School |
| 15 | Abel Porter | G | Farmington, Utah Davis HS |
| 22 | Brock Miller | G | Sandy, Utah Brighton HS |
| 23 | Neemias Queta | C | Barreiro, Portugal Benfica SL B |
| 24 | Diogo Brito | G | Povoa de Varzim, Portugal Mountain Mission School (Va.) |
| 32 | Trevin Dorius | C | Heber City, Utah Wasatch HS |
| 34 | Justin Bean | F | Moore, Okla. Southmoore HS |
| 44 | Marco Anthony | G | San Antonio, Texas Holmes HS Virginia |
| 52 | Kuba Karwowski | C | Warsaw, Poland North Platte CC |



Head Coach | Craig Smith

Craig Smith was named the 19th head coach of Utah State men's basketball on March 26, 2018.

In all, Smith has 23 years of collegiate coaching experience, including eight years as a head coach, and has been to postseason play 11 times during his career, while winning four regular season and three postseason conference championships. As a head coach, Smith has been named conference Coach of the Year four times (2006, 2007, 2017, 2019) in addition to receiving the NAIA II National Coach of the Year Award in 2007, the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) District 12 Coach of the Year Award in 2017, and NABC District 17 Coach of the Year and USBWA District VIII Coach of the Year in 2019.

In his first year at the helm at Utah State, Smith led the Aggies to a 28-7 record, the most wins by a first-year head coach and the third-most wins overall in school history. USU advanced the NCAA Tournament, earning a No. 8 seed, the highest in program history, and logged school records of 2,753 points and 147 blocks.

Smith came to Utah State after spending the past four years as the head coach at the University of South Dakota, where he led the Coyotes to a 79-55 (.590) record, including a 38-26 (.594) mark in the Summit League. In his last two seasons

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at USD, he led the program to back-to-back postseason appearances (NIT, CBI) and a conference championship (2017), as the Coyotes produced a 48-21 (.696) record, including a 23-7 (.767) mark in league play.

During the 2017-18 season at South Dakota, Smith led the Coyotes to a 26-9 record, which is the second-most wins in school history, and its best record in their 10 years at the Division I level. USD also finished second in its conference during the 2017-18 campaign with an 11-3 mark and advanced to the championship game of the Summit League Tournament, followed by an appearance in the College Basketball Invitational, which was its second-straight postseason appearance. In all, USD did not lose back-to-back games once during the 2017-18 regular season.

Statistically, South Dakota led the Summit League and ranked 12th in the nation in scoring margin (+12.2 points per game) during the 2017-18 season, while also ranking first in the conference and 32nd nationally in field goal percentage defense (.409), and first in the conference and 36th in the nation in field goal percentage offense (.476). USD also ranked third in the Summit League and 35th in the nation in scoring offense (80.9 points per game) during the 2017-18 campaign, second in the conference and 30th in the nation in turnovers (11.1 per game), and second in the league and 20th nationally in turnover margin (+3.2 per game). The Coyotes also led the league and ranked 65th nationally in 3-point field goal percentage defense (.329) last season and were first in the conference in scoring defense (68.7 points per game), while also ranking second in the conference in both free throws made (555) and attempted (740).

Following the 2016-17 season, Smith was named the Summit League and NABC District 12 Coach of the Year as he led South Dakota to a 22-12 record, including a 12-4 mark in league play, to win its second-ever Division I conference championship. The Coyotes concluded the season by playing in the National Invitation Tournament.

During his four years as the head coach at South Dakota, Smith coached nine players who earned a total of 11 Summit League honors, including Matt Mooney, who was a two-time first-team all-league honoree and a two-time NABC All-District 12 team member.

Prior to being the head coach at South Dakota, Smith spent two seasons as an assistant at Nebraska (2013-14) and five seasons as an assistant at Colorado State (2008-12), helping the Cornhuskers to the 2014 NCAA Tournament and the



Rams to the 2012 NCAA Tournament. While at CSU, Smith also helped the Rams advance to the 2010 CBI Tournament and the 2011 NIT.

Smith's other head coaching stint was at Mayville State University in North Dakota, where he compiled a 72-29 record in three seasons and three-straight NAIA II National Tournament appearances from 2005-07. The Comets were 1-25 the season before Smith's arrival and competed in the NAIA National Championship game in their third season under Smith.

After winning 17 games in his first season at Mayville State, the Comets set a school record for victories with 28 during the 2005-06 campaign, while winning the Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC) regular season and tournament championships. Mayville State advanced to the national quarterfinals before falling to the eventual national champions.

In 2007, Smith was named the NAIA II National Coach of the Year when the Comets defended their regular season and tournament titles and advanced to the National Championship game. It marked the first time any men's basketball team from North Dakota had ever played for a national title. Smith also earned DAC Coach of the Year honors in both 2006 and 2007.

Smith began his coaching career as an assistant at Mayville State during the 1996-97 season as he helped the Comets advance to the NAIA II Tournament. He then spent the 1997-98 season as a graduate assistant at Northern State in South Dakota, helping the Wolves to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division II Tournament. He then spent three seasons as an assistant at Minot State in North Dakota, followed by three more seasons as an assistant at North Dakota State, where he began his affiliation with current Nebraska head coach Tim Miles. Following his three years as head coach at Mayville State, Smith worked under Miles at both Colorado State and Nebraska before becoming the head coach at South Dakota.

Smith is a Stephen, Minn., native and a 1996 graduate of the University of North Dakota, where he earned his bachelor's degree in secondary education. He then earned his master's degree in teaching and learning from Northern State, where he served as a graduate assistant for the 1997-98 season. The Wolves reached their first-ever Elite Eight that season.

Smith and his wife, Darcy, have three sons: Landon, Brady and Carson, along with a daughter, Lauren.

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Tulane
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Florida State
Philadelphia 76ers



Phil Cofer
Florida State
Atlanta Hawks



Terance Mann
Florida State
LA Clippers



Chris Clemons
Campbell
Houston Rockets



Trey Mourning
Gerogetown
Miami Heat



Kaleb Johnson
Gerogetown
Brooklyn Nets

Jersey Mike's Jamaica Classic

RECORDS

MOST POINTS SCORED

| | | |
|----|--|------|
| 90 | Florida State Vs. Colorado State (73) | 2017 |
| 89 | Central Connecticut State Vs. Florida A&M (75) | 2018 |
| 86 | LIU Brooklyn Vs. Hartford (84) | 2017 |
| 84 | Hartford Vs. LIU Brooklyn (86) | 2017 |
| 80 | Tulane Vs. Colorado State (53) | 2017 |
| 80 | Austin Peay Vs. Central Connecticut State (78) | 2018 |

MOST FIELD GOALS MADE

| | | |
|----|---|--------------|
| 32 | (att. 62) Florida State Vs. Colorado State | 2017 (90-73) |
| 30 | (att. 62) LIU Brooklyn Vs. Hartford | 2017 (86-84) |
| 30 | (att. 59) Hartford Vs. LIU Brooklyn | 2017 (84-86) |
| 29 | (att. 57) Miami (OH) Vs. LIU Brooklyn | 2017 (78-74) |
| 29 | (att. 62) Central Connecticut State Vs. Austin Peay | 2018 (78-80) |
| 28 | (att. 55) Campbell Vs. Austin Peay | 2018 (78-72) |
| 27 | (att. 54) Tulane Vs. Colorado State | 2017 (80-53) |

MOST REBOUNDS

| | | |
|----|---|--------------|
| 43 | Austin Peay Vs. Central Connecticut State | 2018 (80-78) |
| 42 | Loyola Marymount Vs. Georgetown | 2018 (65-52) |
| 42 | Georgetown Vs. South Florida | 2018 (76-73) |
| 42 | Miami (OH) Vs. LIU Brooklyn | 2017 (78-74) |
| 41 | Tulane Vs. Fordham | 2017 (63-55) |
| 40 | Florida State Vs. Fordham | 2017 (67-63) |
| 40 | South Florida Vs. Georgetown | 2018 (73-76) |
| 40 | LIU Brooklyn Vs. Miami (OH) | 2017 (74-78) |
| 39 | Florida A&M Vs. Campbell | 2018 (59-66) |

MOST ASSISTS

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| 21 | Tulane Vs. Colorado State | 2017 (80-53) |
| 20 | Florida State Vs. Colorado State | 2017 (90-73) |
| 19 | Miami (OH) Vs. Hartford | 2017 (58-68) |
| 18 | Colorado State Vs. Florida State | 2017 (73-90) |
| 18 | LIU Brooklyn Vs. Miami (OH) | 2017 (74-78) |
| 18 | Central Connecticut State Vs. Austin Peay | 2018 (78-80) |
| 17 | Florida State Vs. Fordham | 2017 (67-43) |
| 17 | LIU Brooklyn Vs. Hartford | 2017 (86-84) |
| 17 | Campbell Vs. Austin Peay | 2018 (78-72) |

MOST BLOCKS

| | | |
|---|---|--------------|
| 9 | Florida State Vs. Fordham | 2017 (67-43) |
| 7 | Hartford Vs. LIU Brooklyn | 2017 (84-86) |
| 6 | Georgetown Vs. Loyola Marymount | 2018 (52-65) |
| 6 | Austin Peay Vs. Campbell | 2018 (72-78) |
| 5 | LIU Brooklyn Vs. Miami (OH) | 2017 (74-78) |
| 5 | Central Connecticut State Vs. Austin Peay | 2018 (78-80) |
| 4 | Campbell Vs. Florida A&M | 2018 (66-59) |
| 4 | Loyola Marymount Vs. Georgetown | 2018 (65-52) |
| 4 | Ohio Vs. Loyola Marymount | 2018 (56-65) |
| 4 | Colorado State Vs. Tulane | 2017 (53-80) |

MOST STEALS

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|----|---|--------------|
| 15 | Fordham Vs. Tulane | 2017 (55-63) |
| 14 | Florida A&M Vs. Central Connecticut State | 2018 (75-89) |
| 12 | Florida State Vs. Fordham | 2017 (67-43) |
| 12 | Ohio Vs. Loyola Marymount | 2018 (56-65) |
| 11 | LIU Brooklyn Vs. Miami (OH) | 2017 (74-78) |
| 11 | South Florida Vs. Ohio | 2018 (73-46) |
| 10 | Florida State Vs. Colorado State | 2017 (90-73) |
| 10 | Miami (OH) Vs. LIU Brooklyn | 2017 (78-74) |

MOST TURNOVERS

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|----|---|--------------|
| 23 | Fordham Vs. Florida State | 2017 (43-67) |
| 22 | Central Connecticut State Vs. Florida A&M | 2018 (89-75) |
| 22 | Colorado State Vs. Florida State | 2017 (73-90) |
| 22 | Tulane Vs. Fordham | 2017 (63-55) |
| 21 | Loyola Marymount Vs. Ohio | 2018 (65-56) |
| 20 | Ohio Vs. South Florida | 2018 (46-73) |
| 19 | Miami (OH) Vs. LIU Brooklyn | 2017 (78-74) |
| 19 | Florida A&M Vs. Campbell | 2018 (59-66) |

MOST 3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE

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|----|---|--------------|
| 13 | LIU Brooklyn Vs. Miami (OH) | 2017 (74-78) |
| 13 | Florida A&M Vs. Campbell | 2018 (59-66) |
| 12 | LIU Brooklyn Vs. Hartford | 2017 (86-84) |
| 12 | Tulane Vs. Colorado State | 2017 (80-53) |
| 12 | Campbell Vs. Austin Peay | 2018 (78-72) |
| 10 | Austin Peay Vs. Central Connecticut State | 2018 (80-78) |
| 10 | Central Connecticut State Vs. Austin Peay | 2018 (78-80) |

MOST FREE THROWS MADE

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| 27 | Central Connecticut State Vs. Florida A&M | 2018 (89-75) |
| 25 | Florida A&M Vs. Central Connecticut State | 2018 (75-89) |
| 22 | Loyola Marymount Vs. Georgetown | 2018 (65-52) |
| 21 | Georgetown Vs. South Florida | 2018 (76-73) |
| 19 | South Florida Vs. Ohio | 2018 (73-46) |
| 19 | Tulane Vs. Fordham | 2017 (63-55) |

HIGHEST 3-POINT FIELD GOAL %

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| 62% | (att. 21) Florida A&M Vs. Campbell | 2018 (59-66) |
| 52% | (att. 23) LIU Brooklyn Vs. Hartford | 2017 (86-84) |
| 50% | (att. 24) Campbell Vs. Austin Peay | 2018 (78-72) |
| 48% | (att. 25) Tulane Vs. Colorado State | 2017 (80-53) |
| 42% | (att. 24) Central Connecticut State Vs. Austin Peay | 2018 (78-80) |

HIGHEST FREE THROW %

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| 100% | (att. 14) LIU Brooklyn Vs. Hartford | 2017 (86-84) |
| 100% | (att. 8) Austin Peay Vs. Campbell | 2018 (72-78) |
| 95% | (att. 19) Austin Peay Vs. Central Connecticut State | 2018 (80-78) |
| 89% | (att. 18) Hartford Vs. LIU Brooklyn | 2018 (84-86) |
| 88% | (att. 25) Loyola Marymount Vs. Georgetown | 2018 (65-52) |

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

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| 34 | Most Points Scored | |
| | Chris Clemons, Campbell vs. Austin Peay | 2018 (78-72) |
| 12 | Most Field Goals Made | |
| | (att. 23) Chris Clemons, Campbell Vs. Austin Peay | 2018 (78-72) |
| 8 | Most 3-Point Field Goals Made | |
| | (att. 12) Justin Ravenel, Florida A&M Vs. Campbell | 2018 (59-66) |
| 100% | Highest 3-Point Field Goal % | |
| | (att. 3) Raul Frias, LIU Brooklyn Vs. Hartford | 2017 (86-84) |
| 100% | (att. 3) Isaac Chatman, Campbell Vs. Austin Peay | 2018 (78-72) |
| 13 | Most Free Throws Made | |
| | (att. 13) James Bateman, Layola Marymount Vs. Georgetown | 2018 (65-52) |
| 100% | Highest Free Throw % | |
| | (att. 13) James Bateman, Layola Marymount Vs. Georgetown | 2018 (65-52) |
| 17 | Most Rebounds | |
| | Alexis Tetna, South Florida Vs. Georgetown | 2018 (73-76) |
| 17 | Terry Taylor, Austin Peay Vs. Central Connecticut State | 2018 (80-78) |
| 9 | Most Assists | |
| | Darrian Ringo, Miami (OH) Vs. LIU Brooklyn | 2017 (78-74) |
| 4 | Most Blocks | |
| | Christ Koumadje, Florida State Vs. Fordham | 2017 (67-43) |
| 4 | Ike Obiagu, Florida State Vs. Fordham | 2017 (67-43) |
| 8 | Most Turnovers | |
| | Teyvion Kirk, Ohio Vs. South Florida | 2018 (46-73) |
| 8 | Most Steals | |
| | Darrian Ringo, Miami (OH) Vs. LIU Brooklyn | 2017 (78-74) |

JERSEY MIKE'S JAMAICA CLASSIC CHAMPIONS

2017

Montego Bay Division | Florida State
Rose Hall Division | Hartford

2018

Montego Bay Division | Loyola Marymount
Rose Hall Division | Campbell

JERSEY MIKE'S JAMAICA CLASSIC MVPS

2017

Montego Bay Division | MJ Walker, Florida State
Rose Hall Division | J.R. Lynch, Hartford

2018

Montego Bay Division | James Bateman LMU
Rose Hall Division | Chris Clemmons, Campbell



