

XAVIER

Men's Basketball

Today's Game:

Xavier Gold Rush (7-4) vs. Mobile Rams (7-6)
 Saturday, January 6, 2007, 7 p.m.
 at The Barn (capacity 1,300), New Orleans

■ Leading Scorers:

Xavier — Mark Stewart, 15.1 ppg; Mobile — Robert Jones, 13.0 ppg.

■ **Most Recently:** Tougaloo defeated Xavier 78-59 Thursday at Tougaloo in the GCAC opener for both schools. The Gold Rush shot a season-low 36.2 percent from the floor.

■ **Series:** During the past five seasons (2000-01 through 2004-05), the Rush and Rams split their 12 meetings. But Mobile won the last four games, including all three in 2004-05.

■ **Honored:** Xavier sophomore Kelechi Okorooha is the reigning GCAC Player of the Week after scoring a career-high 22 points Sunday in a victory against Wiley.

■ Streaks:

— Xavier has won its last eight home games and its last seven games in The Barn. Both streaks started after a 98-89 loss to Mobile on Jan. 20, 2005.

— Xavier has played 410 consecutive games without allowing 100 points. Last time it happened: Southern University of Baton Rouge 102, Xavier 85 on Dec. 7, 1992, in Baton Rouge.

■ Also Notable:

— Opponents shot 38.7 percent from the floor and averaged 61.3 points in Xavier's seven victories. They shot 55.2 percent and averaged 78 points in Xavier's four losses.

— As a redshirt freshman during the 2003-04 season, Mark Stewart scored 21 points in 27 minutes in an 80-72 double-overtime home victory against Mobile.

— Mobile was 22-8 in 2005-06, tied for second in the GCAC regular-season standings and earned a berth in the NAIA National Tournament for the third consecutive season. Xavier qualified for the tournament in 2004 and 2005 but did not compete last season because of the effects of Hurricane Katrina.

■ **Next:** Fifth-ranked LSU-Shreveport will play Xavier at 7:30 p.m. Monday in The Barn.

GCAC Men's Standings

	League Games			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
William Carey	2	0	1.000	8	3	.727
Spring Hill	1	0	1.000	5	3	.625
Mobile	1	0	1.000	7	6	.538
Tougaloo	1	0	1.000	2	6	.250
SUNO	1	1	.500	2	6	.250
Xavier	0	1	.000	7	4	.636
LSU-Shreveport	0	1	.000	9	2	.818
Belhaven	0	1	.000	7	5	.583
Loyola	0	1	.000	3	8	.273
Dillard	0	1	.000	2	6	.250

Other GCAC Thursday Results

Mobile 62, Belhaven 59
 SUNO 69, Loyola 64
 Spring Hill 85, LSU-Shreveport 83
 William Carey 81, Dillard 70

Upcoming Gold Rush Home Games

Monday, Jan. 8 vs. LSU-Shreveport, 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Jan. 13 vs. Loyola, 7 p.m.
 Saturday, Jan. 20 vs. Belhaven, 7 p.m.

Other GCAC Games Today

Belhaven at SUNO
 LSU-Shreveport at Dillard
 Tougaloo at Spring Hill
 William Carey at Loyola

Xavier Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Michael Ruffin	G	6-1	Fr.	New Orleans, La.
3	Kelechi Okorooha	G	6-4	So.	Missouri City, Texas
4	Mark Stewart	G	6-1	Jr.	Destrehan, La.
10	Devin Andrew	G	6-4	Fr.	Harvey, La.
11	Olumide Olafioye	G	6-4	Fr.	River Rouge, Mich.
12	Shaun Dumas	G	5-11	So.	New Orleans, La.
14	Ryan DeRouselle	G	6-1	Fr.	Marrero, La.
20	Dannie Woods	F	6-7	Fr.	San Antonio, Texas
21	Aaron Burgess	F/C	6-8	Sr.	Lancaster, Calif.
23	Cornelius Kennedy	F	6-5	Fr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
24	Alfred Williams	F	6-4	Jr.	Greenville, S.C.
25	T.J. Prince	F	6-9	Fr.	Alpharetta, Ga.

HEAD COACH: Dannton Jackson (Xavier 1992 and 1996) . . . record of 76-34 in four seasons at Xavier.

ASSISTANT COACH: David Egans (Xavier 2002), first season.

Mobile Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
3	Shane Spencer	G	5-10	Sr.	Mobile, Ala.
4	Gary Burden	G	5-6	Sr.	Mobile, Ala.
5	Derrell Moreaux	G	6-0	So.	Lake Charles, La.
10	Matt Singleton	G	6-3	Sr.	New Orleans, La.
15	Walter Fitzgerald	G	6-4	Jr.	Killeen, Texas
20	Brandon Price	F	6-4	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.
24	Robert Jones	F	6-6	So.	Fort Pierce, Fla.
25	Trey Rubin	F	6-4	Fr.	Terrytown, La.
32	Marcus Yeager	G	6-4	Jr.	Chipley, Fla.
35	Steve Pellán	G	6-6	Jr.	Nanterre, France
44	Travious Sims	C	6-8	Fr.	Lakeland, Fla.
50	Sasa Lazic	C	6-9	Fr.	Zenica, Bosnia/Herzegovina

HEAD COACH: Joe Niland . . . Mobile record 164-83 in eight seasons, career record 291-143 in 14 seasons.

ASSISTANT COACH: Steve North.

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