

XAVIER

Men's Basketball

Today's Game:

Xavier Gold Rush (7-5) vs. LSU-Shreveport Pilots (10-2)
 Monday, January 8, 2007, 7:30 p.m.
 at The Barn (capacity 1,300), New Orleans

■ **Series:** LSU-Shreveport leads 3-1 and has a three-game winning streak against Xavier. The Gold Rush's only victory was 96-86 in Shreveport on Dec. 12, 2003. The Pilots are 2-0 at The Barn, winning 75-69 on Feb. 14, 2004, and 89-64 on Jan. 10, 2005.

■ **Most Recently:** Aaron Burgess had career-highs of 13 points and 13 rebounds for Xavier on Saturday in a 51-44 home loss to Mobile. Kelechi Okorooha's basket with 6:19 remaining gave Xavier its only lead of the second half, 39-37, but Marcus Yeager put Mobile ahead to stay 29 seconds later with a 3-pointer. Yeager, who scored 23 points, hit three more treys, the last with 1:22 remaining to make it 49-42, and finished with a season-high seven.

■ **Time Change:** Xavier moved up its starting times for a Saturday doubleheader at The Barn against Loyola. The women's game will start at 1 p.m., followed by the men's game at 3. "We changed the times to give our fans the chance to watch the Xavier games, then watch the New Orleans Saints' playoff game that night," Xavier Athletics Director Dennis Cousin said.

■ **Also Notable:**

— Xavier's Cornelius Kennedy is 14 of 17 (.824) from the floor in the last four games.

— Xavier's Shaun Dumas ranks fourth in NAIA Division I with 3.0 steals per game and sixth with 5.8 assists per game. Dumas leads the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference in steals.

— LSU-Shreveport was No. 5 in last week's NAIA Division I rankings. The Pilots have won 35 of their last 40 GCAC games and won or shared the last two GCAC regular-season championships.

— The Pilots' Josh Porter, a third-team NAIA All-America guard as a junior last season, is out for the year after fracturing his neck Nov. 28 against Southwestern Assemblies of God.

■ **Next:** Xavier will travel to Spring Hill for a GCAC game at 7:30 p.m. Thursday . . . LSU-Shreveport will play host to GCAC opponent Mobile at 7 p.m. Saturday.

GCAC Men's Standings

	League Games			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
William Carey	3	0	1.000	9	3	.750
Spring Hill	2	0	1.000	6	3	.667
Mobile	2	0	1.000	8	6	.571
SUNO	2	1	.667	3	6	.333
LSU-Shreveport	1	1	.500	10	2	.833
Tougaloo	1	1	.500	2	7	.222
Xavier	0	2	.000	7	5	.583
Belhaven	0	2	.000	7	6	.538
Loyola	0	2	.000	3	9	.250
Dillard	0	2	.000	2	7	.222

Other GCAC Saturday Results

LSU-Shreveport 80, Dillard 65
 SUNO 82, Belhaven 81, OT
 Spring Hill 89, Tougaloo 71
 William Carey 70, Loyola 62

Other GCAC Games Today

Belhaven at Dillard
 Tougaloo at Mobile
 William Carey at SUNO

Upcoming Gold Rush Home Games

Saturday, Jan. 13 vs. Loyola, 3 p.m. (time changed)
 Saturday, Jan. 20 vs. Belhaven, 7 p.m.
 Monday, Jan. 22 vs. William Carey, 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Jan. 27 vs. Dillard, 7 p.m.

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 76-35 in four seasons at Xavier.

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

LSU-Shreveport Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
3	Freddy Hughes	G	5-9	Jr.	Shreveport, La.
4	Kyle Byrd	F	6-6	Sr.	Grand Prairie, Texas
12	Nick Garrett	G	5-8	Jr.	Zwolle, La.
13	Ron Harris	C	6-7	Sr.	Arlington, Texas
20	Carlton Simmons	G	5-11	Jr.	Grambling, La.
22	Travis Cash	G	6-3	Jr.	Shreveport, La.
30	Blake Whittle	F	6-6	Sr.	Baton Rouge, La.
31	Chris Wafer	C	6-5	So.	Shreveport, La.
33	Greg Tyer	F	6-4	Sr.	Bossier City, La.
42	Jay Lincoln	C	6-4	Fr.	Haynesville, La.
44	Jamon Morris	C	6-5	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.

HEAD COACH: Chad McDowell (LSU-Shreveport 1996) . . . record of 86-27 in four seasons at LSUS

ASSISTANT COACHES: Derrick Greene, Ryan Edwards, Kyle Blankenship.

Individual Leaders

Category	Xavier	LSU-Shreveport
Points Per Game	14.6 Mark Stewart	19.8 Blake Whittle
Rebounds Per Game	6.3 Alfred Williams	8.5 Jamon Morris
Assists Per Game	5.8 Shaun Dumas	6.3 Freddy Hughes
3-Point Field Goals	33 Mark Stewart	15 Byrd, Whittle

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