

XAVIER

Men's Basketball

Today's Game:

Xavier Gold Rush (7-7) vs. Loyola Wolfpack (3-10)
 Saturday, January 13, 2007, 3 p.m.
 at The Barn (capacity 1,300), New Orleans

■ **Series:** Xavier leads 20-2 and has a seven-game winning streak. Both Wolfpack victories came at The Barn — 64-61 on Nov. 9, 1994, in the first meeting and 53-50 on Jan. 24, 2002. The teams last met during the 2004-05 season, with Xavier winning 69-60 at Loyola on Jan. 26, 2005, and 66-64 (after trailing 20-4) on Feb. 23, 2005, at The Barn. Xavier is 20-0 when it scores 63 or more points against Loyola.

■ **Most Recently:** Mark Stewart made a career-best seven 3-point field goals — one less than Percy Bland's 1989 school record — and matched his career high of 28 points, but it wasn't enough as Spring Hill escaped with a 70-66 Gulf Coast Athletic Conference victory Thursday at Mobile, Ala. It was an up-and-down game for the Gold Rush, which trailed by 11 in the first half but led by four at halftime.

■ **Also Notable:**

— Two of NAIA Division I's most prolific 3-point shooters — Xavier's Mark Stewart and Loyola's Luke Zumo — will meet. Both rank in the top 20 nationally in 3-point field goals made per game. They rank 1-3 in the GCAC.

— Freshman forward Rashaad Lewis, who quit the team and withdrew from Xavier in late September, has rejoined the team. He made his collegiate debut at Spring Hill and had six points, four rebounds, a steal and no turnovers in 16 minutes.

— Xavier's four-game losing streak is its longest since the 1999-2000 season. The Gold Rush have not lost five in a row since an eight-game skid in 1998-99.

— Today's doubleheader was moved up four hours to avoid a conflict with the New Orleans Saints' NFL playoff game tonight against Philadelphia at the Superdome.

— This is the first of seven consecutive games for Xavier in New Orleans. Six of those games will be played at The Barn; the exception is a Jan. 25 contest against SUNO.

GCAC Men's Standings

	League Games			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Mobile	4	0	1.000	10	6	.625
Spring Hill	3	0	1.000	7	3	.700
SUNO	3	1	.750	4	6	.400
LSU-Shreveport	2	1	.667	11	2	.846
William Carey	3	2	.600	9	5	.643
Tougaloo	2	2	.500	3	8	.273
Belhaven	1	2	.000	8	6	.571
Loyola	0	3	.000	3	10	.231
Dillard	0	3	.000	2	8	.200
Xavier	0	4	.000	7	7	.500

Other GCAC Thursday Results

Mobile 74, Loyola 57
 Tougaloo 85, William Carey 83, 2 OT

Other GCAC Games Today

Dillard at Spring Hill
 Mobile at LSU-Shreveport
 SUNO at Tougaloo

William Carey at Belhaven

Upcoming Gold Rush Home Games

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.
 Thursday, Feb. 1 vs. Spring Hill, 7:30 p.m.
 Monday, Feb. 5 vs. Tougaloo, 7:30 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.
11	Olumide Olafioye	G	6-4	Fr.	River Rouge, Mich.
12	Shaun Dumas	G	5-11	So.	New Orleans, 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.
42	Rashaad Lewis	F	6-6	Fr.	Cuthbert, Ga.

HEAD COACH: Dannton Jackson (Xavier 1992 and 1996) . . . record of 76-37 in four seasons at Xavier.

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

Loyola Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Sean Bennett	G	5-10	Fr.	Mandeville, La.
5	James Bunn	G	6-2	Sr.	Tampa, Fla.
12	Torry Beaulieu	G	5-11	Fr.	Baton Rouge, La.
13	Andrew Bradberry	F	6-6	Fr.	Lake Charles, La.
15	David Curtin	F	6-4	So.	Ocala, Fla.
21	Mario Faranda	F	6-5	Fr.	Chiavari, Italy
22	Luke Zumo	G	6-2	So.	Baton Rouge, La.
23	Steven McGovern	G	6-3	Jr.	New Orleans, La.
24	Carter "Bear" Wurts	F	6-5	So.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
25	Matt McCabe	G	6-3	Fr.	Mount Pleasant, Iowa
30	Mike Boyd	G	6-1	Fr.	Harahan, La.
33	McArthur Strickland	F	6-4	Fr.	Killona, La.
42	Matias Colombo	F	6-4	So.	Buenos Aires, Argentina
55	Nick Tuszyński	F	6-6	Fr.	Dallas, Texas

HEAD COACH: Mike Giorlando (Spring Hill 1980) . . . record of 19-42 in three seasons at Loyola.

ASSISTANT COACHES: Jack Culotta, Jeff Meyers, Kevin Trower.

Individual Leaders

Category	Xavier	Loyola
Points Per Game	15.6 Mark Stewart	15.2 Luke Zumo
Rebounds Per Game	6.3 Alfred Williams	6.3 Mario Faranda
Assists Per Game	5.6 Shaun Dumas	3.0 Torry Beaulieu
3-Point Field Goals	45 Mark Stewart	36 Luke Zumo

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