

XAVIER

Men's Basketball

Today's Game:

Xavier Gold Rush (11-7) vs. Dillard Blue Devils (4-11)
 Saturday, January 27, 2007, 7 p.m.
 at The Barn (capacity 1,300), New Orleans

■ **Series:** Xavier leads 64-42, based on available scores dating to the 1947-48 season . . . The teams are meeting at The Barn for the first time since 1999 . . . Neither school fielded a team last season because of the effects of Hurricane Katrina . . . Coach Dannton Jackson's teams are 5-1 against Dillard, including a two-game sweep in 2004-05 . . . Four of Xavier's last seven victories against Dillard were one-point decisions . . . A Xavier-Dillard double-header attracted nearly 7,200 fans to the New Orleans Arena in 2003 . . . The teams will meet again Feb. 24 at the Delgado Community College Gym (Dillard's temporary home site) or at Dillard's A.W. Dent Hall if post-hurricane renovations are completed in time.

■ **Most Recently:** Mark Stewart scored 25 points Thursday, and freshman Rashaad Lewis had 10 points and 10 rebounds to lead Xavier to a 78-73 victory against SUNO at Delgado Gym. Xavier knocked SUNO out of first place in the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference.

■ Worth Noting:

— Xavier lost its first four GCAC games but won its last four to reach the .500 mark.

— Mark Stewart has scored 20 or more points six times this season.

— Shaun Dumas has four games of 10 or more assists, including 11 Thursday against SUNO.

— In five games at Xavier, Rashaad Lewis has grabbed 10 or more rebounds three times. The double-double against SUNO was his first.

■ **You Can Mark It Down:** Mark Stewart has 61 3-pointers this season, which is third on the Xavier season list and is well within reach of Percy Bland's 1989-90 record of 74. In second place is Dale Montgomery (1993-94) with 63. Stewart has 154 career 3-pointers, which ranks him third behind Bland (1988-92) with 173 and Montgomery (1992-96) with 185. Stewart ranks third in NAIA Division I this season with 3.4 3-pointers made per game.

GCAC Men's Standings

	League Games			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Tougaloo	6	2	.750	8	8	.500
Mobile	5	2	.714	11	8	.579
SUNO	6	3	.667	7	8	.467
LSU-Shreveport	5	3	.625	14	4	.778
William Carey	5	4	.556	11	7	.611
Xavier	4	4	.500	11	7	.611
Belhaven	4	4	.500	11	8	.579
Spring Hill	3	4	.429	8	7	.533
Dillard	2	6	.250	4	11	.267
Loyola	0	8	.000	3	15	.167

Other GCAC Thursday Results

Tougaloo 92, Dillard 88
 Belhaven 73, Spring Hill 71
 LSU-Shreveport 73, Loyola 52

Other GCAC Games Today

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

Upcoming Gold Rush Home Games

Thursday, Feb. 1 vs. Spring Hill, 7:30 p.m.
 Monday, Feb. 5 vs. Tougaloo, 7:30 p.m.
 Monday, Feb. 12 vs. SUNO, 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 80-37 in four seasons at Xavier.

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

Dillard Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
3	Cornice Wingate	G	5-9	Fr.	Riviera, Fla.
4	David Manning	G	6-4	Fr.	Dallas, Texas
5	Everette Jones	G	5-10	Jr.	New Orleans, La.
11	Marcelus Ross	G	6-1	So.	Chicago, Ill.
14	Corey Williams	G	6-0	Fr.	Richmond, Calif.
15	Stephon Grove	G	6-2	Fr.	Mobile, Ala.
21	Joshua Mitchell	F/C	6-8	Fr.	Houston, Texas
24	Dupree Fletcher	G	6-0	So.	Milwaukee, Wis.
30	Gordon Meadors	G/F	6-6	Fr.	Slidell, La.
31	Briant Jones	G	6-1	Fr.	Riverside, Calif.
32	Levon Gibson	G	6-2	Fr.	New Orleans, La.
40	Kevin Barnes	G/F	6-3	Fr.	New Orleans, La.
42	Chris Prince	F/C	6-6	Sr.	Washington, D.C.
44	DeMarcus Hall	F/C	6-5	Fr.	Mobile, Ala.
55	Nate Lampkin	F/C	6-6	Jr.	Lake Charles, La.

HEAD COACH: Anthony Anderson . . . first season at Dillard, 4-11 record.

Individual Leaders

Category	Xavier	Dillard
Points Per Game	16.1 Mark Stewart	25.8 Dupree Fletcher
Rebounds Per Game	8.8 Rashaad Lewis	9.8 DeMarcus Hall
Assists Per Game	6.0 Shaun Dumas	3.3 Cornice Wingate
3-Point Field Goals	61 Mark Stewart	13 Dupree Fletcher

NOTE: Dillard statistics at DakStats.com available for only four games.

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