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### Did You Know?

Xavier's 23 seasons of 20 or more victories are the most in the history of Louisiana men's college basketball.



Shaun Dumas



Mark Stewart



Alfred Williams

**2 For the Road Before Christmas:** The Gold Rush has two more basketball games before Christmas, both on the road. Upcoming:

- Wednesday, Dec. 6 vs. Wiley at Alumni Gymnasium (capacity 1,500) in Marshall, Texas, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 11 vs. Nicholls State at Stopher Gymnasium (capacity 3,800) in Thibodaux, La., 6:30 p.m.

**Records:** Xavier is 6-1, Wiley is 5-3, and Nicholls State is 0-9. Nicholls State will play host to North Texas on Saturday before playing Xavier.

**On the Air:** KBZE Radio (105.9 FM) in Thibodaux, La., will broadcast live the Xavier-Nicholls game, and fans also can listen to the live broadcast online at [www.kbze.com](http://www.kbze.com).

### Series:

- **Wiley:** This series includes games as far back as the 1935-36 season . . . Xavier Coach Dannton Jackson's teams are 6-0 in four seasons against Wiley, including a 56-53 victory at The Barn on Nov. 10 . . . The last time the Rush and Wildcats met in Marshall, Xavier won 96-68 on Dec. 11, 2003.
- **Nicholls State:** Xavier is 3-0 against the Colonels, including one- and two-point decisions . . . Xavier won 85-83 in the championship game of the 1972 NAIA District 30 playoffs . . . They met twice in 1979-80, which the Rush winning 99-91 and 65-64.

**Somebody's Winning Streak Will End Wednesday:** It will be Wiley's four-game streak or three longer Xavier streaks: six straight wins against Wiley, 16 consecutive victories against Red River Athletic Conference opponents — XU Coach Dannton Jackson's teams are 16-0 in four seasons against the RRAC — or Xavier's 19 consecutive victories against HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities). Dillard's 77-68 victory on Feb. 28, 2004, in the New Orleans Arena was the last time an HBCU beat Xavier. One streak which will last at least until the final week of January is Xavier's 21-game winning streak against HBCUs in The Barn. SUNO's 74-72 victory on Jan. 26, 2003, was the last time an HBCU beat the Gold Rush in The Barn . . . The last time Wiley beat Xavier was 98-88 at Wiley on Dec. 16, 2001, and that also was the last time an RRAC member defeated the Gold Rush . . . Xavier's success against the RRAC includes 32 victories in the last 35 games, dating to 1993-94.

**ALMA MATER**

In the Mississippi Valley,  
In the Crescent Bend  
Stands our loved and noble  
Xavier,  
Far her praises send.

**Refrain:**

Wave her colors bear them  
onward  
Gold and white so true  
Hail to thee, all hail, dear Xavier  
Hail, all hail, X.U.!

Xavier, ever be our guide  
And lead us on the way,  
Through life's journey, onward,  
upward  
To the eternal day. (Refrain)

**Canceled:** Organizers of the Hoopin' in Holidays Tournament at Los Angeles, in which Xavier was set to compete Dec. 27-29, canceled the event. Xavier is attempting to fill the void with a couple of games closer to home during the Christmas break.

**NAIA Division I National Statistics:**

- Shaun Dumas — Third with 3.9 steals per game, fifth with 6.1 assists per game.
- Mark Stewart — Fifth with 3.7 three-point field goals made per game, 11th with an .879 free-throw percentage, 37th with 17.0 points per game, 48th with a three-point field-goal percentage of .433.
- Aaron Burgess — Tied for 114th with 5.9 rebounds per game.
- Kelechi Okorooha — Tied for 121st with 12.7 points per game.
- Olumide Olafioye — Tied for 201st with 10.6 points per game.
- Xavier — 13th with 11.1 steals per game, 14th in 3-point field-goal percentage defense (.296), 16th in scoring defense (63.1), 21st in field-goal percentage defense (.413). There are 95 Division I men's basketball schools.

**Meet the Opponents:****Wiley Wildcats**

**Location:** Marshall, Texas

**Colors:** Purple and white

**2006-07 Record:** 5-3

**2005-06 Record:** 10-20

**Affiliation:** NAIA Division I

**Conference:** Red River Athletic

**Head Coach:** Andre Payne

**College Record:** 86-84 in 6 years

**At Wiley:** 5-3 in 1 year

**Leading Scorer:** Terrell Jacob (6-0 junior guard, North Little Rock, Ark.), 15 ppg

**Results:**

Nov. 4	Tougaloo	H	W	84	81
Nov. 7	LSU-Shreveport	A	L	79	81
Nov. 9	Loyola	A	L	56	65
Nov. 10	Xavier	A	L	53	56
Nov. 17	East Texas Baptist	H	W	73	58
Nov. 25	Centenary (exhibition)	A		52	82
Nov. 29	Tougaloo	A	W	75	72
Dec. 2	Loyola	H	W	58	51
Dec. 4	Texas College	A	W	75	69
Dec. 6	Xavier	H	(7 p.m.)		
Dec. 11	Langston	A	(7 p.m.)		

**Nicholls State Colonels**

**Men's Basketball Home Page:** [http://www.colonelsports.com/basketball\\_news.html](http://www.colonelsports.com/basketball_news.html)

**Location:** Thibodaux, La.

**Colors:** Red and gray

**2006-07 Record:** 0-9

**2005-06 Record:** 9-18

**Affiliation:** NCAA Division I

**Conference:** Southland

**Head Coach:** J.P. Piper

**College Record:** 15-48 in 3 years

**At Westminster:** 15-48 in 3 years

**Leading Scorer:** Stefan Blaszczyński (6-5 senior guard/forward, Sydney, Australia), 24 ppg

**Results:**

Nov. 9	SUNO (exhibition)	H		83	75
Nov. 11	Mississippi State	A	L	55	90
Nov. 12	Northern Iowa	N	L	63	68
Nov. 13	Washington	A	L	74	102
Nov. 14	Pepperdine	N	L	83	98
Nov. 17	LSU	A	L	42	96
Nov. 21	Texas	A	L	60	91
Nov. 24	Ole Miss	A	L	80	100
Nov. 28	Auburn	A	L	87	92 OT
Dec. 2	Centenary	A	L	71	84
Dec. 9	North Texas	H	(2 p.m.)		
Dec. 11	Xavier	H	(6:30 p.m.)		
Dec. 14	Lipscomb	A	(7 p.m.)		
Dec. 16	Vanderbilt	A	(7 p.m.)		
Dec. 28	Louisiana-Monroe	A	(7 p.m.)		

**2006-07 Summary:**

- Xavier won its first four games for the fourth consecutive season.
- The Gold Rush won three consecutive games — Huston-Tillotson, Wiley and Webber International — after trailing at halftime.
- Mark Stewart's 28 points at Huston-Tillotson were the most by a Xavier player since Tim Green scored 29 in The Barn against Clark Atlanta on Nov. 25, 2003.

- Shaun Dumas' nine steals in the season opener against Texas College tied his career best, and his nine assists were the second most of his career.
- Xavier won its first three games in The Barn to extend its home winning streak to eight games. That includes a victory against Dillard in the New Orleans Arena in 2005. Xavier's winning streak in The Barn is seven games. The last loss was 98-89 to Mobile on Jan. 20, 2005.
- After not fielding a team in 2005-06 season because of the effects of Hurricane Katrina, the 2006-07 Gold Rush is one of the least experienced teams in school history. Eight of the 13 players on the roster are freshmen.
- Xavier has not allowed 100 points in its last 406 games. The last opponent to score 100 was Southern University of Baton Rouge, which defeated the Gold Rush 102-85 in Baton Rouge, La., on Dec. 7, 1992.

### Xavier's Probable Starters:

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown	PPG
F	20	Dannie Woods	6-7	170	Fr.	HS	San Antonio, Texas	2.6
F	3	Kelechi Okoroha	6-4	190	So.	SQ	Missouri City, Texas	12.7
C	21	Aaron Burgess	6-8	250	Sr.	TR	Lancaster, Calif.	4.9
G	4	Mark Stewart	6-1	160	Jr.	2L	Destrehan, La.	17.0
G	12	Shaun Dumas	5-11	160	So.	1L	Marrero, La.	10.0

**Rankings:** Neither Xavier nor Wiley received votes in the NAIA Division I Men's Basketball Preseason Rating released Nov. 1. The next rating will be announced Wednesday.

**Tickets:** Ticket prices for Xavier basketball games in The Barn are \$10 for adults, \$5 for non-Xavier college students with a valid identification card and \$3 for children younger than 12 years old. Xavier students, faculty and staff with a valid Xavier identification card are admitted free. **After Huston-Tillotson, the next Xavier men's home game will start at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6 against Gulf Coast Athletic Conference opponent Mobile.**

**Most Recently:** Mark Stewart scored 21 points, and Kelechi Okoroha added a career-high 18 Saturday to lead Xavier to an 81-69 victory against Huston-Tillotson at The Barn. It was the third time this season Stewart scored 20 or more points. Okoroha scored all his points in the second half and was 8 of 9 from the floor after the break. [Game Story](#) • [Box Score](#)

**2005-06 Recap:** Xavier did not compete because of the effects of Hurricane Katrina.

**2004-05 Recap:** The Gold Rush was 24-10 overall, 13-5 in the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference (third place) and earned a second consecutive bid to the NAIA National Tournament for the first time since the early 1970s. Senior forward Tim Green was an honorable-mention NAIA All-American after leading Xavier with averages of 13.7 points and 6.8 rebounds. Shaun Dumas led NAIA Division I with 106 steals, ranked second in the NAIA with 3.1 steals per game and was chosen GCAC Freshman of the Year. Xavier was 14-3 at home (13-3 in The Barn, 1-0 in New Orleans Arena).

**Picked Sixth:** Xavier was picked sixth out of 10 teams in the GCAC preseason coaches poll announced Oct. 3. A sixth-place finish would be Xavier's lowest in the GCAC since 1998-99 and the Rush's second lowest in 16 seasons. [MORE](#)

**Who's Back:** Three of 12 lettermen return from Xavier's 2004-05 team: juniors Mark Stewart and Alfred Williams and sophomore Shaun Dumas. All three are guards. Stewart scored 7.7 points per game hit a team-leading 58 three-point field goals. Dumas led NAIA Division I with 106 steals, ranked second in the NAIA with 3.1 steals per game and was chosen GCAC Freshman of the Year. Williams averaged 4.2 points. Also back are guards Kelechi Okoroha and Olumide Olafioye, but neither played a minute in 2004-05. There are eight newcomers, including seven freshmen, so this is one of the most inexperienced teams in Xavier history.

**Shaun Is On:** Sophomore guard Shaun Dumas is Xavier's lone representative on the 10-member preseason all-Gulf Coast Athletic Conference team. [MORE](#)

**The Coach:** Dannton Jackson (Xavier 1992 and 1996) is in his fourth season as Xavier's head coach. His record is 75-31 — 22-12 in 2002-03, 23-8 in 2003-04, 24-10 in 2004-05 and 6-1 in 2006-07. Highlights include:

- Becoming the second Xavier men's coach to win 20 or more games in each of his first three seasons. (His predecessor, Dale Valdery, opened his Xavier career with five consecutive 20-game winners from 1990-95.)
- Producing three of the 10 winningest seasons in school history — no small feat for a program which boasts of twenty-three 20-win seasons, the most in Louisiana men's college basketball history.
- Posting three consecutive 20-win seasons from 2002-05 — no other coach in the GCAC did it during that time.

Jackson is assisted by former Xavier standout David Egans, who is in his first season as a coach.

**Back in The Barn:** The resumption of basketball at Xavier means a return to its venerable campus facility, The Barn, which opened in 1937. Capacity is 1,300. The Gold Rush will play 13 regular-season games in The Barn in 2006-07, with the possibility of more games in the GCAC Tournament, when highest seeds will host throughout. This is the Gold Rush's 62nd season in The Barn (23 seasons from 1937-60, 38 more from 1967-2005). Beginning with the 1978-79 season, Xavier's men are 274-100 (.733) in The Barn. The Gold Rush was 13-3 in The Barn in 2004-05 and is 4-0 in 2006-07. The facility was cleaned and renovated after receiving about two feet of flooding in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in August 2005. Xavier is renting the wooden playing surface from Jackson State University, which allowed Xavier to paint the floor in the school colors of gold and white.

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### GCAC Players of the Week:

- Nov. 6-12 — Jamon Morris, LSU-Shreveport (F, 6-5, Jr.)  
 Nov. 13-19 — Josh Porter, LSU-Shreveport (G, 6-3, Sr.)  
 Nov. 20-26 — Jarekus Singleton, William Carey (G, 6-3, Sr.)

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## 2006-07 Quick Facts

**Nickname:** Gold Rush (men's teams)  
**School Colors:** Gold and white  
**Affiliation:** NAIA Division I  
**Founded:** 1925  
**Enrollment:** 3,013  
**Conference:** Gulf Coast Athletic  
**President:** Dr. Norman C. Francis  
**Athletics Director:** Dennis Cousin  
**Head Coach:** Dannton Jackson (Xavier 1992 and 1996)  
**Jackson E-Mail:** [djackson@xula.edu](mailto:djackson@xula.edu)  
**Jackson Office Phone:** (504) 520-5448  
**Record at Xavier (Years):** 75-31 (4th year)  
**Assistant Coach:** David Egans (Xavier 2002)  
**Egans E-Mail:** [davidegans@yahoo.com](mailto:davidegans@yahoo.com)  
**Egans Office Phone:** (504) 520-6778  
**2005-06 Overall Record:** No team  
**2004-05 Overall Record:** 24-10  
**2004-05 Conference Record:** 13-5 (third place)  
**Most Recent NAIA National Tournament Appearance:** 2005  
**All-Time Record:** 1029-594 (.634) in 62 seasons  
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The Xavier Gold Rush and Gold Nuggets compete in Division I of the [NAIA](#) (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) as a member of the [Gulf Coast Athletic Conference](#) (GCAC). Xavier fields men's and women's teams in basketball, cross country and tennis.

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