

XAVIER

Men's Basketball

- **Briefly:** First of two home games in three days for the Gold Rush . . . Somebody's zero will change tonight — Mobile is 4-0 in the GCAC and shares first place; Xavier is 9-0 at home.
- **Series:** Beginning with the 2000-01 season, the Gold Rush and Rams have split 14 meetings. The visiting team won both games this past season, with Mobile winning 51-44 at The Barn and Xavier winning 80-67 at Mobile. The Rams have won two straight and three of the last four at The Barn.
- **Rankings:** Xavier is No. 16 in the NAIA Division I coaches poll and was picked to win the GCAC . . . Mobile, picked third in the GCAC, received one point in this week's poll.
- **Most Recently:** Xavier lost a share of the GCAC lead when it lost 52-49 Saturday at Tougaloo . . . That same day Mobile won 84-69 at home against SUNO for its fifth consecutive victory.
- **Right Track:** Since a 70-66 loss at Spring Hill on Jan. 11, 2007, Xavier is 28-6 (17-1 at The Barn).
- **The Opponent:** Junior forward Robert Jones leads Mobile with 20.8 points per game, 8.4 rebounds per game and a .589 field-goal percentage . . . The Rams are 3-0 on the road in the GCAC . . . Mobile will play host Saturday to GCAC co-leader LSU-Shreveport, which is unbeaten and No. 4 in the NAIA.
- **Next Game:** 7 p.m. Saturday against William Carey at The Barn.
- **Next Road Game:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at LSU-Shreveport.

Today's Game:

Xavier Gold Rush (13-3) vs. Mobile Rams (9-5)
 Thursday, January 17, 2008, 7:30 p.m.
 at The Barn (capacity 1,300), New Orleans

GCAC Men's Standings

	League Games			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
LSU-Shreveport	4	0	1.000	15	0	1.000
Mobile	4	0	1.000	9	5	.643
Xavier	3	1	.750	13	3	.813
William Carey	2	2	.500	10	5	.667
Loyola	2	2	.500	9	5	.643
Spring Hill	2	2	.500	8	5	.615
Tougaloo	2	2	.500	8	7	.533
Belhaven	1	3	.250	8	7	.533
Dillard	0	4	.000	4	7	.364
SUNO	0	4	.000	3	7	.300

GCAC Top Scoring Games

- 38 Keithdrick Harris, Tougaloo, vs. Philander Smith, Dec. 4
- 35 Robert Jones, Mobile, vs. Trinity Baptist, Dec. 7
- 35 Walter Fitzgerald, Mobile, vs. Auburn Montgomery, Nov. 26
- 34 Dominic Perry, SUNO, vs. Philander Smith, Nov. 27
- 34 Kyle LaMonte, William Carey, vs. Union, Nov. 23
- 34 Robert Jones, Mobile, vs. Concordia (Ala.), Nov. 17
- 33 Josh Porter, LSUS, vs. Texas Wesleyan, Dec. 15
- 33 Jeremy Cable, Tougaloo, vs. Texas College, Dec. 14
- 33 Jeremy Cable, Tougaloo, vs. Wiley, Nov. 21

GCAC Men's Schedule

Thursday, January 10: Xavier 76, SUNO 74; LSU-Shreveport 91, Belhaven 74; Mobile 66, Dillard 58; Loyola 70, William Carey 64; Spring Hill 91, Tougaloo 89

Saturday, January 12: Tougaloo 52, Xavier 49; LSU-Shreveport 100, Dillard 90; Mobile 84, SUNO 69; Loyola 58, Spring Hill 57; William Carey 81, Belhaven 70

Monday, January 14: William Carey 75, Concordia (Ala.) 53

Thursday, January 17 (all start at 7:30 p.m.): Mobile at Xavier, Loyola at Dillard, Tougaloo at William Carey, LSU-Shreveport at Spring Hill, SUNO at Belhaven

Saturday, January 19: LSU-Shreveport at Mobile, 4 p.m.; William Carey at Xavier, 7 p.m.; Dillard at Tougaloo, 7 p.m.; SUNO at Loyola, 7 p.m.; Spring Hill at Belhaven, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 23: Xavier at LSU-Shreveport, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 24 (all start at 7:30 p.m.): Loyola at Mobile, Tougaloo at Belhaven, William Carey at Spring Hill. SUNO at Dillard.

Saturday, January 26: William Carey at LSU-Shreveport, 4 p.m.; Xavier at Dillard, 7 p.m.; Loyola at Tougaloo, 7 p.m.; Belhaven at Mobile, 7 p.m.; Spring Hill at SUNO, 7 p.m.



Saturday, March 1 at New Orleans Arena
Women's game at 5 p.m., men's game at 7 p.m.

Xavier Roster

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

HEAD COACH: Dannton Jackson (Xavier 1992 and 1996) . . . 104-43 in fifth season at Xavier.

ASSISTANT COACHES: David Egans (Xavier 2002), second season; Tyronne Waivers (Xavier 1985), first season.

Mobile Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
3	Tim Malone	G	5-10	Sr.	Mobile, Ala.
5	Derrell Moreaux	G	6-0	Jr.	Lake Charles, La.
12	Drey Wingate	G	6-1	So.	New York, N.Y.
15	Walter Fitzgerald	G	6-4	Sr.	Killeen, Texas
20	Donte Walker	G	6-3	Fr.	Lake Charles, La.
24	Robert Jones	F	6-6	Jr.	Fort Pierce, Fla.
32	Marcus Yeager	G	6-4	Sr.	ChIPLEY, Fla.
35	Steve Pellan	G	6-6	Sr.	Nanterre, France
42	Major Deacon	F	6-3	Fr.	Mobile, Ala.
44	Travious Sims	C	6-8	So.	Lakeland, Fla.
50	Sasa Lazic	C	6-9	So.	Zenica, Bosnia/Herzegovina

HEAD COACH: Joe Niland . . . 184-97 in ninth season at Mobile . . . 311-157 in 15th season overall.

ASSISTANT COACH: Shaddrick Jenkins.

This Date in Gold Rush History
 Jan. 17, 1991

Merlin Peters and Jimmie Wilder combined for 29 points and 22 rebounds to lead Xavier to a 74-50 victory over Tougaloo at the Barn. The Gold Rush never trailed and snapped a three-game losing streak.