

XAVIER

Men's Basketball

Today's Game:

Xavier Gold Rush (19-4) vs. Belhaven Blazers (12-11)
 Saturday, February 9, 2008, 7 p.m.
 at The Barn (capacity 1,300), New Orleans

- **Briefly:** Xavier will reach 20 victories by beating Belhaven. Xavier's 24 seasons of 20 or more victories are the most in the history of Louisiana men's college basketball. UL Lafayette is next with 20 seasons.
- **Series:** Xavier leads 39-10 (25-1 at The Barn) and won 18 of the past 21 meetings . . . Belhaven's only victory at The Barn was 67-61 on Feb. 6, 1997 . . . There have been five one-point decisions but none since 1992-93 . . . Xavier won 98-64 at Belhaven in both teams' GCAC opener Jan. 3 to match the biggest winning margin of the series. Xavier also won 94-60 during the 1986-87 season.
- **Rankings:** Xavier is No. 13 in the NAIA Division I coaches poll and was picked to win the GCAC.
- **Most Recently:** Alfred Williams' layup with three seconds remaining Thursday gave Xavier its sixth consecutive victory and fifth straight on the road, 43-42 against GCAC and city rival SUNO.
- **Just Enough:** The 43 points Thursday against SUNO were Xavier's fewest in a game since a 42-36 loss to St. Thomas Aquinas during the 1996-97 season. Before Thursday, Xavier had not scored 43 or fewer points and won since a 35-33 decision over Clark during the 1948-49 season.
- **Next Xavier Game:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday vs. LSU-Shreveport at The Barn. The Pilots are No. 4 in NAIA Division I and lead the GCAC, but Xavier gave them their only loss — 75-72 in overtime Jan. 23.
- **Next Xavier Road Game:** 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23 against Mobile.

GCAC Men's Standings

	League Games			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
LSU-Shreveport	10	1	.909	21	1	.955
Xavier	9	2	.818	19	4	.826
Mobile	9	2	.818	14	7	.667
Tougaloo	7	4	.636	13	9	.591
Spring Hill	6	5	.545	14	8	.636
Loyola	5	6	.455	12	9	.571
William Carey	4	7	.364	13	10	.565
Belhaven	4	7	.364	12	11	.522
SUNO	1	10	.091	4	13	.235
Dillard	0	11	.000	4	14	.222

GCAC Top Scoring Games

- 40 Robert Jones, Mobile, vs. Belhaven, Jan. 26
- 40 Josh Porter, LSUS, vs. Spring Hill, Jan. 17
- 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 Josh Porter, LSUS, vs. William Carey, Jan. 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



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

A Xavier student with a valid XU identification card may purchase one \$8 ticket (cash only, save \$2) to the Crosstown Classic. Discounted tickets for students will be available next week — Monday, Feb. 11 through Friday, Feb. 15 — from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day at Student Services (University Center, room 305-B, third floor). Students and fans may purchase unlimited tickets for \$10, \$15 or \$20. Regularly priced tickets are on sale at The Barn (cash only) or online at Ticketmaster. Fans who purchase tickets at The Barn will not have to pay the convenience charge or building facility fee assessed to those who purchase online.



Jackson

As a prelude to NBA All-Star Weekend Feb. 15-17, Xavier Coach Dannton Jackson will partner with two-time NBA All-Star Allan Houston in hosting the Allan Houston Shooting Clinic from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Karr High School gym on the westbank. The free event is open to middle-school and high-school players and their coaches.

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) . . . 110-44 in fifth season at Xavier.

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

Belhaven Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Andre Taylor	G	6-2	Jr.	Cahokia, Ill.
3	Julien Marion	G	6-2	Jr.	Braine, L'Alleud Belgium
4	Michael McNutt	G	6-0	So.	Cordova, Tenn.
10	Larell Bailey	G	6-1	Jr.	North Little Rock, Ark.
14	Johnny Markum	G	6-2	So.	Vicksburg, Miss.
21	Iman Walcott	F	6-5	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga.
23	Jacob Zumo	G	6-0	Fr.	Baton Rouge, La.
30	Korey Whiting	F	6-3	Jr.	Stafford, Va.
32	Jeff Sullivan	G	6-6	Sr.	Birmingham, Ala.
33	Thomas Tunberg	F	6-6	Jr.	Destin, Fla.
42	Detrick Johnson	G	6-2	Fr.	Clinton, Miss.
50	Dan Sturgis	F	6-6	Sr.	Wellington, Fla.
55	David Swift	G	5-11	Fr.	Franklin, Tenn.

HEAD COACH: Tom Kelsey (Lipscomb 1986) . . . 43-40 in third season at Belhaven . . . 126-116 in eighth season overall.

ASSISTANT COACH: Kason Whitten (Jackson State 2005).

This Date in Gold Rush History
 Feb. 9, 1986

Xavier beat Louisiana College 83-61 at The Barn to improve to 10-0 in the GCAC. Juan Mercier scored 22 points, and Alex Williams had 20 points and 10 rebounds.