



Men's Basketball Game Notes
Exhibition at Texas
Friday, Nov. 2, 2007, 7 p.m. CDT
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About Tonight's Game

- This is Xavier's only exhibition. The Gold Rush will begin its regular season at 6 p.m. Tuesday at home against the Wesley College Warriors of Florence, Miss.
- This is Xavier's second exhibition against Texas. The Longhorns won 103-53 in Austin on Nov. 6, 2006.
- Both starting point guards — Xavier's Shaun Dumas (St. Augustine) and the Longhorns' D.J. Augustin (Brother Martin) — competed against each other in the same high school district in New Orleans. Xavier Coach Dannton Jackson coached Augustin in AAU competition.
- There are two Texans, both sophomores, on Xavier's roster: 6-4 guard Kelechi Okorooha and 6-7 center Dannie Woods.

Preseason Votes

- Xavier was picked first in the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference preseason poll. There are 10 teams in the GCAC, an NAIA Division I conference.
- Xavier is No. 10 in the NAIA Division I preseason poll.
- Senior guard Mark Stewart and junior guard Shaun Dumas were chosen to the preseason All-GCAC team.

Coach Dannton Jackson

- He is 91-40 in four seasons at Xavier and has earned a share of two GCAC regular-season championships. His teams have won at least 22 games each season.
- His last three Xavier teams earned berths in the NAIA Division I National Tournament, a school record.
- He is 37 years old and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Xavier. He was a two-year basketball letterman at Xavier, and his tenure at the university includes stints as an assistant coach in men's basketball (four seasons, 1998-2002), assistant coach in women's basketball (four seasons, 1993-97) and head coach of the men's and women's cross country teams (three seasons, 1994-96).

2006-07 Recap

- The Gold Rush finished 22-10 overall and 13-5 in the GCAC to share the regular-season championship with Tougaloo.
- Xavier did not play the previous season (2005-06) because of the effects of Hurricane Katrina . . . Only three lettermen returned from the 2004-05 team, and there was only one senior on the 2006-07 roster.
- Xavier was 7-7 and 0-4 in the GCAC after a 70-66 GCAC loss at Spring Hill on Jan. 11, but the Rush won 13 of its next 14 games to earn a share of the title . . . Included in that stretch were, for the first time in 20 years, 10 consecutive GCAC victories.
- Xavier lost to LSU-Shreveport in the GCAC Tournament semifinals but earned an at-large bid to the NAIA Tournament . . . It was the first time Xavier's men qualified for the NAIA tourney three consecutive times . . . It was the fourth consecutive time Xavier reached 20 victories, all coming under the watch of Coach Dannton Jackson.

Returning Statistical Leaders

- **Scoring** — Mark Stewart (6-1 senior guard), 16.8 ppg (7th in GCAC, 36th in NAIA Division I).
- **Rebounding** — Alfred Williams (6-4 senior forward), 7.1 rpg (3rd in GCAC, 40th in NAIA Division I).
- **Assists** — Shaun Dumas (5-11 junior guard), 6.1 apg (2nd in GCAC, 5th in NAIA Division I).
- **Steals** — Shaun Dumas (5-11 junior guard), 3.1 spg (1st in GCAC, tied for 3rd in NAIA Division I).
- **Blocked Shots** — Dannie Woods (6-7 sophomore forward), 0.6 bpg (10th in GCAC, tied for 106th in NAIA Division I).
- **Field-Goal Percentage** — Kelechi Okorooha (6-4 sophomore guard), .595 (131 of 220 — did not qualify for rankings).
- **3-Point Field-Goal Percentage** — Alfred Williams (6-4 senior forward), .400 (34 of 85 — did not qualify for rankings).
- **Free-Throw Percentage** — Mark Stewart (6-1 senior guard), .864 (133 of 154) (3rd in GCAC, 8th in NAIA Division I).
- **3-Point Field Goals Made** — Mark Stewart (6-1 senior guard), 109/3.4 pg (1st in GCAC, 2nd in NAIA Division I).

Xavier in Brief

Location: New Orleans, La.
Founded: 1915
Affiliation: Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament
Enrollment: 3,089 (fall 2007 semester)
Athletics Affiliation: NAIA Division I
Nicknames: Gold Rush (men), Gold Nuggets (women)
President: Dr. Norman C. Francis
Athletics Director: Dennis Cousin

2006-07 Statistics

22-10 Overall (12-3 home, 7-5 away, 3-2 neutral)

13-5 Gulf Coast Athletic Conference (Tie for first place: 7-2 home, 6-3 away)

returning players in bold type

No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	GP	GS	Min	Avg	—TOTAL—			—3-POINT—			—REBOUNDS—				PF	A	TO	BS	Stl	Pts- Avg
								FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-	Def	Tot-	Avg								
4	Mark Stewart	6-1	Jr.	32	31	987	30.8	148- 374	.396	109- 275	.396	133- 154	.864	10-	44	54-	1.7	67	56	67	2	39	538-16.8
12	Shaun Dumas	5-11	So.	32	32	1113	34.8	151- 350	.431	29- 74	.392	91- 127	.717	26-	72	98-	3.1	77	195	120	2	98	422-13.2
3	Kelechi Okorooha	6-4	Fr.	32	24	842	26.3	131- 220	.595	1- 6	.167	74- 116	.638	28-	68	96-	3.0	72	77	84	12	31	337-10.5
24	Alfred Williams	6-4	Jr.	29	29	876	30.2	90- 198	.455	34- 85	.400	65- 93	.699	45-	160	205-	7.1	96	56	57	1	35	279- 9.6
11	Olumide Olafioye	6-4	Fr.	32	0	542	16.9	91- 194	.469	20- 75	.267	41- 59	.695	27-	60	87-	2.7	66	21	45	2	23	243- 7.6
42	Rashaad Lewis	6-6	Fr.	6	2	155	25.8	17- 35	.486	0- 0	—	10- 18	.556	17-	39	56-	9.3	18	1	6	7	6	44- 7.3
23	Cornelius Kennedy	6-5	Fr.	30	5	568	18.9	64- 121	.529	0- 1	.000	35- 54	.648	37-	80	117-	3.9	63	12	36	17	14	163- 5.4
20	Dannie Woods	6-7	Fr.	32	23	545	17.0	45- 105	.429	0- 0	—	30- 46	.652	34-	64	98-	3.1	84	8	30	20	9	120- 3.8
21	Aaron Burgess	6-8	Sr.	31	14	411	13.3	36- 86	.419	0- 0	—	33- 60	.550	35-	74	109-	3.5	55	9	38	2	7	105- 3.4
14	Ryan DeRousselle	6-1	Fr.	11	0	160	14.5	5- 19	.263	2- 8	.250	14- 18	.778	4-	12	16-	1.5	22	14	14	0	6	26- 2.4
25	T.J. Prince	6-9	Fr.	10	0	92	9.2	6- 16	.375	0- 0	—	2- 2	1.000	5-	8	13-	1.3	12	1	3	3	2	14- 1.4
1	Michael Ruffin	6-1	Fr.	22	0	135	6.2	6- 19	.316	0- 4	.000	9- 13	.692	6-	15	21-	1.0	23	21	20	0	12	21- 1.0
10	Devin Andrew	6-4	Fr.	redshirted — did not play																			
	Team																	41-	62	103			20
Xavier				32				790-1737	.455	195- 528	.369	537- 760	.707	315- 758	1073-	33.5	657	471	540	68	282	2312-	72.3
Opponents				32				749-1749	.428	196- 599	.327	479- 721	.664	355- 734	1089-	34.0	647	441	579	77	237	2173-	67.9

Divisible By 10

100 — Victories Dannton Jackson will reach if the Gold Rush wins nine times this season. Jackson is 91-40 in four years as Xavier's head coach.

70 — The Barn, Xavier's home facility, celebrates its 70th anniversary today. Archbishop Joseph Rummel dedicated the \$47,000 gym on Nov. 2, 1937, and the first game was Dec. 29, 1937, when Xavier's men defeated Alabama State 32-19.

40 — This is the 40th season of men's basketball since Xavier reinstated the sport in 1967.

10 — Lettermen returning from the 2006-07 team.

Ending the Streak

Xavier had lost eight consecutive NAIA Tournament games — including seven first-round matchups from 1981-2005 — before breaking through on March 15 this past season with an 82-79 upset of third-seeded Georgetown (Ky.) Xavier snapped Georgetown's 20-game winning streak and denied the Tigers sole possession of the NAIA record for most Division I men's tournament victories. Georgetown shares the record, 46, with Central Washington. Xavier had not won a first-round game since defeating Marist 81-65 en route to the quarterfinals in 1973.

Meet the Gold Rush

Probable Starters

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown — High School (College)	Notable
F	24	Alfred Williams	6-4	190	Sr.	2L	Greenville, S.C. — Southside (North Carolina Wesleyan)	Called "glue of the team" by Dannton Jackson
F	21	Jarrel Lake	6-8	225	So.	TR	Los Angeles, Calif. — Westchester (Cal State Fullerton)	member of 2 prep state championship teams
C	20	Dannie Woods	6-7	170	So.	1L	San Antonio, Texas — Sam Houston	80 percent from line in final 9 games last season
G	4	Mark Stewart	6-1	160	Sr.	3L	Destrehan, La. — Destrehan	202 career 3-pointers, a school record
G	12	Shaun Dumas	5-11	160	Jr.	2L	New Orleans, La. — St. Augustine	Third-team NAIA All-American last season

Reserves

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown — High School (College)	Notable
G	1	Michael Ruffin	6-1	180	So.	1L	New Orleans, La. — Douglass	backs up Shaun Dumas at point guard
G	2	Michael Harvey	6-1	185	Fr.	HS	Amite, La. — Amite	22 ppg, 8.5 rpg, 4.5 apg last season
G	3	Kelechi Okorooha	6-4	190	So.	1L	Missouri City, Texas — Dulles	10.5 ppg, team-best .595 from floor last season
G	10	Devin Andrew	6-4	175	Fr.	RS	Harvey, La. — Vanderbilt Catholic	redshirted last season
G	11	Olumide Olafioye	6-4	180	So.	1L	River Rouge, Mich. — River Rouge	11 double-figure scoring games as a freshman
G	14	Ryan DeRousselle	6-1	175	So.	1L	Marrero, La. — Shaw	will be eligible second semester
F	23	Cornelius Kennedy	6-5	220	So.	1L	Los Angeles, Calif. — Crenshaw	11 points in final 4:10 of win at William Carey
F/C	25	T.J. Prince	6-9	175	So.	1L	Alpharetta, Ga. — Patterson	team's tallest player

HEAD COACH: Dannton Jackson (Xavier 1992 and 1996), fifth season as head coach.

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