

XAVIER

Men's Basketball

Today's Game:

Xavier Gold Rush vs. Carver Bible Cougars
 Saturday, October 31, 2009, 1 p.m.
 The Barn (capacity 1,300), New Orleans

■ **Briefly:** Xavier opens its 72nd season . . . For the second straight year the Gold Rush opens on Halloween — no Rush team has played an opener on an earlier date . . . If Dannie Woods starts for the Rush, it'll be the fourth consecutive season that he's an opening-day starter . . . If Wanto Joseph starts, he'll be the first freshman from New Orleans to start for the Gold Rush in an opener since Michael Varnado against Wiley on Nov. 10, 2001 . . . Woods is the only freshman in the past five seasons to start for the Rush on opening day . . . XU has won 13 consecutive openers . . . This is the 16th consecutive season that the Rush opens at The Barn . . . Carver Bible opened its season Friday night against another Gulf Coast Athletic Conference opponent, Loyola . . . Carver entered the Loyola game with a 31-game losing streak. The Cougars' most recent victory was 87-83 against Tennessee Temple on Feb. 2, 2008.

■ **Series:** Xavier leads 1-0, and the teams meet for the second consecutive season. The Rush beat the Cougars 88-53 at The Barn on Nov. 1, 2008, in XU's second game of the season. Among returning XU players, standouts included Dannie Woods with 12 points, Landon Bussie with 11 points and 10 rebounds and Devin Andrew and Cordell Hadnot with nine points each. Xavier outshot the Cougars 58 to 37 percent from the floor, outrebounded them 44-18 and gained 32 turnovers.

■ **In 2008-09:** Xavier was 19-12, 11-7 (tied for fourth place) in the GCAC and lost in the quarterfinals of the GCAC Tournament. XU allowed 62.3 points per game to rank sixth in NAIA Division I.

■ **GCAC News:** Xavier was picked to finished eighth out of 10 teams in the preseason coaches poll . . . No one from the Gold Rush made the 10-player preseason All-GCAC team . . . This will be the final season of the GCAC's current 10-team alignment. Five members — Belhaven, Loyola, Mobile, Spring Hill and William Carey — announced September 28 that they will leave the GCAC next summer for another NAIA Division I league, the Southern States Athletic Conference.

■ **Next Game:** XU will travel to Baton Rouge to play Southern in an exhibition at 7 p.m. Thursday.

■ **Next Home Game:** XU will play Wesley (Miss.) at 3 p.m. next Saturday at The Barn.

GCAC Men's Standings

(Final 2008-09)	League Games			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Tougaloo	14	4	.778	22	11	.667
LSU-Shreveport	12	6	.667	22	12	.647
Loyola	12	6	.667	19	11	.633
Xavier	11	7	.611	19	12	.613
Spring Hill	11	7	.611	19	11	.633
Belhaven	9	9	.500	18	13	.581
Dillard	8	10	.455	12	18	.400
Mobile	6	12	.333	16	16	.500
William Carey	4	14	.222	9	20	.310
SUNO	3	15	.167	3	25	.107

2009 GCAC Tournament

First Round
 Mobile 78, William Carey 63
 Dillard 67, SUNO 56

Quarterfinals
 Belhaven 63, Loyola 57
 Spring Hill 77, Xavier 74, OT
 Mobile 66, Tougaloo 55
 LSU-Shreveport 85, Dillard 67

Semifinals
 Spring Hill 68, Mobile 60
 LSU-Shreveport 94, Belhaven 75

Championship
 LSU-Shreveport 67, Spring Hill 58

Xavier's 13-game winning streak in season openers:

Oct. 31, 2008, at The Barn
 XU 58, Southern Polytechnic 55

Nov. 6, 2007, at The Barn
 XU 122, Wesley (Miss.) 71

Nov. 3, 2006, at The Barn
 XU 75, Texas College 67

Nov. 6, 2004, at The Barn
 XU 101, Paul Quinn 68

Nov. 7, 2003, at The Barn
 XU 92, Paul Quinn 69

Nov. 9, 2002 at The Barn
 XU 85, Wiley 75

Nov. 10, 2001, at The Barn
 XU 79, Wiley 63

Nov. 4, 2000, at The Barn
 XU 85, Wiley 81

Nov. 12, 1999, at The Barn
 XU 90, Wiley 75

Nov. 7, 1998, at The Barn
 XU 71, Paul Quinn 52

Nov. 6, 1997, at The Barn
 XU 81, Jarvis Christian 59

Nov. 9, 1996, at The Barn
 XU 98, Houston Baptist 88

Nov. 11, 1995, at The Barn
 XU 97, Schreiner 41

Xavier Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
0	Cordell Hadnot	F	6-7	So.	Los Angeles, Calif.
2	Michael Harvey	G	6-3	Jr.	Amite, La.
3	Wanto Joseph	G	5-9	Fr.	New Orleans, La.
5	Brandon Morris	G	6-1	Fr.	Sorrento, La.
10	Devin Andrew	G	6-4	Jr.	Harvey, La.
13	Landon Bussie	F	6-5	Sr.	Baltimore, Md.
14	Ryan DeRousselle	G	6-1	Sr.	Marrero, La.
15	Denzell Erves	F	6-7	Fr.	Vicksburg, Miss.
20	Dannie Woods	F	6-7	Sr.	San Antonio, Texas
24	Kevin Miller	G	6-4	Fr.	Baton Rouge, La.
32	DeRonn Scott	G	6-5	Fr.	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
33	Jeremy Mansel	F	6-3½	Fr.	Greenville, S.C.
44	Jamaan Kenner	G	6-4	So.	LaPlace, La.

HEAD COACH: Dannton Jackson (Xavier 1992 and 1996) . . . 134-62 in seventh season at Xavier.

ASSISTANT COACH: Alfred Williams (Xavier 2008), first season.

Carver Bible Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Rashad Dowdell	F	6-5	So.	Americus, Ga.
2	Nick Blackwell	G	6-0	So.	Cartersville, Ga.
4	Rashad Scott	G	6-0	So.	Nassau, Bahamas
5	Cory Evans	G	6-4	So.	Durham, N.C.
10	Joshua Caston	F	6-6	Sr.	Columbus, Tenn.
11	Quintin Dunn	G	5-10	Fr.	Baton Rouge, La.
15	Terry Charles	G	6-2	Fr.	Duluth, Ga.
24	Nicholas Hood	G/F	6-6	Fr.	Riverdale, Ga.
32	Marcus Fulks	F	6-6	So.	Fayetteville, Ga.
33	Zarambo Rouse	C	6-7	Fr.	Johnsonville, Ga.

HEAD COACH: Martin Carter, 12th season.

ASSISTANT COACHES: Jeremy Russell, James Bryant, Bryan Spenser, Tony Hill, Mark Pounds.

This Date in Gold Rush History

October 31, 2008: Devin Andrew scored 14 of his 19 points in the second half to rally Xavier to a season-opening 58-55 victory over Southern Polytechnic at The Barn. A basket by Ryan DeRousselle with 2:19 remaining put the Gold Rush ahead to stay 53-52 and gave XU its first lead in more than 34 minutes. Andrew's basket with 34 seconds remaining made it 55-52, then Landon Bussie preserved the victory with three free throws in the final 21 seconds. Southern Poly, which made nine first-half 3-pointers, missed twice from that range in the final possession.

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Meet the Rush

Devin Andrew
#10 Guard 6-4
Junior
Harvey, La.



Returning starter who averaged 5.4 points in 30 games in 2008-09 with high of 21 points.

Landon Bussie
#13 Forward 6-5
Senior
Baltimore, Md.



Returning letterman who averaged 3.3 points, 3.5 rebounds in 31 games in 2008-09.

Ryan DeRousselle
#14 Guard 6-1
Senior
Marrero, La.



Returning starter, averaged 4.1 points, 1.8 assists in 27 games in 2008-09. His 3 at the buzzer beat Belhaven.

Denzell Erves
#15 Forward 6-7
Freshman
Vicksburg, Miss.



Averaged 8.4 points and 9.9 rebounds for Vicksburg High in 2008-09 for 4A state tournament team.

Cordell Hadnot
#0 Forward 6-7
Sophomore
Los Angeles, Calif.



Returning starter who averaged 3.8 points and 3.0 rebounds in 31 games in 2008-09.

Michael Harvey
#2 Guard 6-3
Junior
Amite, La.



Returning starter who averaged 6.5 points and made 29 3-pointers in 30 games in 2008-09.

Wanto Joseph
#3 Guard 5-9
Freshman
New Orleans, La.



Averaged 16.7 points, was second-team 4A All-State in 2008-09 and was O.Perry Walker High valedictorian.

Jamaan Kenner
#44 Guard 6-4
Sophomore
LaPlace, La.



Returning letterman who averaged 2.0 points in 27 games in 2008-09 and made dean's list in the spring.

Jeremy Mansel
#33 Forward 6-3½
Freshman
Greenville, S.C.



Averaged 23.2 points and 13.6 rebounds for Carolina High in 2008-09 and was All-Appalachian Region twice.

Kevin Miller
#24 Guard 6-4
Freshman
Baton Rouge, La.



All-Metro, averaged 15 points for Catholic High in 2008-09. He was District 5-5A defensive MVP as a junior.

Brandon Morris
#5 Guard 6-1
Freshman
Sorrento, La.



Averaged 23 points in 2008-09 for St. Amant High and was 5A outdoor state champ in the triple jump as a junior.

DeRonn Scott
#32 Guard 6-5
Freshman
Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.



All-league, averaged 12 points, 4.2 assists as point guard for Etiwanda High's 2008-09 league champion.

Dannie Woods
#20 Forward 6-7
Senior
San Antonio, Texas



Has started 51 XU games. Averaged 6.2 points and 4.1 rebounds in nine games in 2008-09 before knee injury.

Dannton Jackson
Head Coach
Seventh Season



Averaged 22.3 wins a year, led XU to school-record four straight appearances in the Buffalo Funds-NAIA Division I National Championship.

Alfred Williams
Assistant Coach
First Season



All-GCAC for the Gold Rush as a senior in 2007-08 when he averaged 11.4 points, 7.0 rebounds and shot .456 from 3-point range.

2009-10 Gold Rush Schedule

October

31 Saturday: CARVER BIBLE, 1 p.m.

November

5 Thursday: at Southern (exhibition), 7 p.m.
7 Saturday: WESLEY (MISS.) (DH), 3 p.m.
10 Tuesday: at Western Kentucky (exhibition), 7 p.m.
13 Friday: BREWTON-PARKER, 7 p.m.
14 Saturday: TEXAS COLLEGE, 7 p.m.
18 Wednesday: DELTA STATE, 6 p.m.
21 Saturday: WILEY (DH) (Homecoming), 2 p.m.
23 Monday: CONCORDIA (ALA.) (DH), 7 p.m.

December

4 Friday: PHILANDER SMITH, 7 p.m.
12 Saturday: Texas College (1), 2 p.m.
13 Sunday: at Wiley (1), 4 p.m.
29 Tuesday: Florida Memorial (2), 6 p.m. (7 p.m. EST)
30 Wednesday: at St. Thomas (Fla.) (2), 6 p.m. (7 p.m. EST)

January

7 Thursday: • at LSU-Shreveport (DH), 7:30 p.m.
9 Saturday: • at Tougaloo (DH), 7 p.m.
14 Thursday: • SPRING HILL (DH), 7:30 p.m.
16 Saturday: • at SUNO (DH), 7 p.m.
21 Thursday: • at Mobile (DH), 7:30 p.m.
23 Saturday: • WILLIAM CAREY (DH), 7 p.m.
25 Monday: • LOYOLA (DH), 7:30 p.m.
28 Thursday: • BELHAVEN (DH), 7:30 p.m.
30 Saturday: • at Dillard (DH) (Lakefront Arena), 7 p.m.

February

4 Thursday: • at Spring Hill (DH), 7:30 p.m.
6 Saturday: • LSU-SHREVEPORT (DH) (NABC Coaches vs. Cancer Game), 7 p.m.
8 Monday: • TOUGALOO (DH), 7:30 p.m.
11 Thursday: • at Belhaven (DH), 7:30 p.m.
13 Saturday: • at William Carey (DH), 7 p.m.
18 Thursday: • at Loyola (DH), 7:30 p.m.
20 Saturday: • DILLARD (DH) (Crosstown Classic at New Orleans Arena and Rush/Nugget Alumni Weekend), 7 p.m.
22 Monday: • MOBILE (DH), 7:30 p.m.
25 Thursday: • SUNO (DH) (Senior Night), 7:30 p.m.

March

2 Tuesday-9 Tuesday: Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Tournament at campus sites
17 Wednesday-23 Tuesday: Buffalo Funds-NAIA Division I National Championship, Kansas City, Mo.

With the exception of the February 20 game against Dillard, home games (**in bold type**) are played at The Barn (capacity 1,300), Xavier University campus, New Orleans.

• Gulf Coast Athletic Conference game.
DH — doubleheader with Xavier's women.
All times are Central except where noted.
GCAC Tournament: first round March 2, quarterfinals March 4, semifinals March 6, championship March 9.
(1) Wiley Classic at Marshall, Texas
(2) Miami Gardens Classic at Miami Gardens, Fla.