

XAVIER

Women's Basketball

Today's Game:

Xavier Gold Nuggets (12-5) vs. Loyola Wolfpack (8-7)
 Saturday, January 13, 2007, 1 p.m.
 at The Barn (capacity 1,300), New Orleans

■ **Series:** Xavier leads 21-1 (10-0 at The Barn) and has a two-game winning streak. Loyola's victory was 77-74 in the semifinals of the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Tournament at the Alario Center in Westwego on March 5, 2004. Two freshmen stood out that day. Loyola's Dani Holland scored 18 of her 22 points in the first half, and Xavier's Jarryn Cleaves had career-highs of 26 points and six 3-point field goals. Both are expected to start today.

■ **Tied for 23rd:** After several weeks of carrying the "also receiving votes" designation, Xavier finally climbed back into the NAIA Division I top 25 Wednesday. The Gold Nuggets collected 82 points — more than twice as many as they had during the first four weeks of rankings — and they're tied for 23rd place with Columbia (Mo.). Xavier has three victories against teams in this week's top 25: No. 6 Montana Western, No. 22 Westmont and No. 25 Mobile. This is Xavier's first top-25 ranking since being No. 15 in the final 2004-05 poll.

■ **Most Recently:** Erica Turnbull scored 14 points Thursday, including two tiebreaking free throws in the final minute, in a 46-42 GCAC victory at Spring Hill. The Nuggets took sole possession of first place in the league and earned their 51st win in their last 56 GCAC games.

■ **Streaks:**

— Xavier has a five-game winning streak, its longest of the season. The last time Xavier had a longer streak was 18 consecutive victories from Nov. 11, 2004-Jan. 29, 2005.

— The Nuggets have a 27-game winning streak in The Barn against GCAC opponents. Their last league loss on campus was 64-62 to SUNO on Feb. 7, 2002.

■ **Also Notable:**

— Since an 80-73 non-conference loss at Delta State on Jan. 3, 2003, Xavier is 85-19 (.817).

— Xavier has won 33 of its last 35 games when scoring 70 or more points, including a 5-0 record this season.

GCAC Women's Standings

	League Games			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Xavier	4	0	1.000	12	5	.706
SUNO	3	1	.750	7	2	.778
Loyola	2	1	.667	8	7	.533
Belhaven	2	1	.667	4	7	.364
Spring Hill	2	1	.667	2	9	.182
Mobile	2	2	.500	10	6	.625
William Carey	2	3	.400	4	6	.400
LSU-Shreveport	1	2	.333	5	8	.385
Dillard	0	3	.000	0	11	.000
Tougaloo	0	4	.000	4	9	.308

Other GCAC Thursday Results

Loyola 74, Mobile 70, 2 OT
 William Carey 64, Tougaloo 49

Other GCAC Games Today

Dillard at Spring Hill
 Mobile at LSU-Shreveport
 SUNO at Tougaloo
 William Carey at Belhaven

Upcoming Gold Nuggets Home Games

Saturday, Jan. 20 vs. Belhaven, 5 p.m.
 Monday, Jan. 22 vs. William Carey, 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Jan. 27 vs. Dillard, 5 p.m.
 Thursday, Feb. 1 vs. Spring Hill, 5:30 p.m.
 Monday, Feb. 5 vs. Tougaloo, 5:30 p.m.

Xavier Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
10	Carla Robinson	G	5-8	Sr.	Baton Rouge, La.
11	Brittany Whitmore	G	5-4	Jr.	Conway, Ark.
12	Alissa Thompson	G	5-5	Sr.	Houma, La.
13	LaTashia Wise	G/F	5-10	Fr.	Belle Rose, La.
15	Jarryn Cleaves	G	5-8	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn.
21	Rynika Hebert	C	6-0	So.	Morgan City, La.
30	Dominee Matthews	G/F	5-8	Sr.	Harvey, La.
32	Vyaisha Moss	G/F	5-11	So.	Baton Rouge, La.
33	Brittney Abernathy	F	5-10	Fr.	Old Hickory, Tenn.
34	Miriam Muhammad	F	5-10	Fr.	Gretna, La.
43	Patrice Hawkins	C	6-0	So.	Columbia, Tenn.
44	Erica Turnbull	F/C	6-0	So.	Baltimore, Md.

HEAD COACH: Robert "Bo" Browder (Grambling 1995), eighth season as head coach . . . Xavier record 181-66, career record 183-74.

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH: Darrilyn Broussard (Xavier 1986), sixth season.

Loyola Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
10	Trenell Smith	G/F	5-7	Fr.	LaPlace, La.
11	Trenese Smith	G/F	5-8	Fr.	LaPlace, La.
12	Atoya Scott	G	5-2	Fr.	Denham Springs, La.
13	Kiely Schork	G	5-3	Jr.	Burlingame, Calif.
14	Katie Hernandez	G	5-5	Jr.	Metairie, La.
15	Rachel Kovach	G	5-3	Fr.	Albany, La.
20	Dani Holland	F	5-7	Jr.	Gretna, La.
21	Christine Mainguy	G/F	5-10	So.	Houston, Texas
23	Marley Milton	F	5-9	Fr.	Albany, La.
30	Catherine Blanchard	G/F	5-7	So.	Thibodaux, La.
32	Kimberly Rigg	F	6-2	Jr.	Roswell, Ga.
54	Adama Mballow	C	6-0	Jr.	New Orleans, La.

HEAD COACH: DoBee Plaisance, 12th season as head coach.

ASSISTANT COACH: Alton Clivens.

Individual Leaders

Category	Xavier	Loyola
Points Per Game	13.3 Jarryn Cleaves	14.1 Trenese Smith
Rebounds Per Game	6.8 Erica Turnbull	6.7 Dani Holland
Assists Per Game	2.4 Brittany Whitmore	4.6 Trenell Smith
3-Point Field Goals	33 Jarryn Cleaves	35 Kiely Schork

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