



GCAC Basketball Doubleheader

Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008

The Den, New Orleans, La.

Women: Xavier Gold Nuggets (17-3, 7-1) at Loyola Wolfpack (15-4, 8-0), 5:30 p.m.

Men: Xavier Gold Rush (14-4, 6-2) at Loyola Wolfpack (11-7, 4-4), 7:30 p.m.

Gold Nuggets Notes

- **Briefly:** A Xavier victory would give the Gold Nuggets a share of first place in the GCAC with Loyola. Each team will play nine more conference games after today . . . The Nuggets are trying to reach 20 victories for the 15th time in 16 seasons and set a school record with their seventh straight appearance in the NAIA Division I National Tournament.
- **Series vs. Loyola:** Xavier leads 22-3, but the Wolfpack won two of three from the Nuggets this past season. Both Loyola victories came at The Den, including a 73-68 decision in the championship game of the GCAC Tournament on March 5, 2007 . . . Xavier and Loyola will meet again at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28 at The Barn.
- **Coach:** 39-year-old Bo Browder (Grambling 1994) is in his ninth season as Xavier's head coach. His record at Xavier is 210-76 (.734), including seven 20-win seasons. He is the winningest coach in Gold Nuggets history. He is assisted by Darrilyn Broussard, in her seventh season on the staff and her second as associate head coach.
- **Streaks:** Xavier has won six straight and 13 of its past 14 games . . . Loyola has won eight straight.
- **Rankings:** Xavier is 18th in the NAIA Division I coaches poll and 16th in Victory Sports Network's rankings. Loyola is ranked 16th by the coaches, 24th by VSN.
- **Most Recently:** Xavier, with senior guard Jarryn Cleaves scoring 14 of her 19 points in the first half, won 57-44 Saturday at GCAC and city rival Dillard.
- **Having Fun Against Division I:** Xavier has two victories this season against NCAA Division I opponents. The Nuggets won 54-53 at Northwestern State on Nov. 16, then won 64-55 against Grambling on Nov. 23 in the final game of the Xavier Classic. Xavier won five of its last six meetings against NCAA Division I opponents. Xavier also has a victory against Houston Baptist, a NCAA Division I transitional member. The Nuggets won 81-72 at The Barn on Dec. 2.
- **Next:** Xavier will play at William Carey (Hattiesburg, Miss.) at 5 p.m. Saturday . . . Loyola will play SUNO at Delgado Community College's gym at 1 p.m. Monday.
- **Xavier's Next Home Game:** 5 p.m. at The Barn on Saturday, Feb. 9 against GCAC opponent Belhaven.

Gold Rush Notes

- **Briefly:** Third of five consecutive road games for the Rush . . . Xavier leads the GCAC in scoring defense (63.8) . . . Senior guard Mark Stewart has made a Xavier-record 267 career 3-pointers and is among the top 10 in Louisiana men's history . . . Coach Dannton Jackson calls senior forward Alfred Williams the glue of the team . . . Junior guard Shaun Dumas, a third-team NAIA Division I All-American this past season, leads the GCAC in steals and is third in assists.
- **Series vs. Loyola:** Xavier leads 22-2 (2-0 in 2006-07) and has a nine-game winning streak. Both Wolfpack victories came at The Barn — 64-61 on Nov. 9, 1994, in the first meeting and 53-50 on Jan. 24, 2002. Xavier is 22-0 when it scores 63 or more points against Loyola.
- **Coach:** 37-year-old Dannton Jackson (Xavier 1992 and 1996) is in his fifth season as Xavier's head coach. His record at Xavier is 107-44 (.709), including four 20-win seasons and a school-record three consecutive appearances in the NAIA Division I National Tournament. He is assisted by David Egans and Tyronne Waivers — like Jackson, both are graduates and former players of Xavier.
- **Streaks:** Xavier has won three straight, with the past two coming on the road . . . Loyola has a two-game losing streak.
- **Rankings:** Xavier is 14th in the NAIA Division I coaches poll and 14th in Victory Sports Network's rankings.
- **Most Recently:** Mark Stewart scored 23 points Saturday — his 16th straight game in double figures — in a 69-62 GCAC victory over crosstown rival Dillard at Dent Hall.
- **City Business:** Xavier will enter the Loyola game with a 14-game winning streak (2-0 this season) against its three GCAC city rivals: Dillard, Loyola and SUNO. The GCAC has had four New Orleans members since Loyola's admission to the league in 1994-95. Xavier never went 6-0 in the regular season against its three GCAC city rivals until the 2004-05 season. Xavier swept them again in 2006-07.
- **Next:** Xavier will play at William Carey (Hattiesburg, Miss.) at 7 p.m. Saturday . . . Loyola will play SUNO at Delgado Community College's gym at 3 p.m. Monday.
- **Xavier's Next Home Game:** 7 p.m. at The Barn on Saturday, Feb. 9 against GCAC opponent Belhaven.



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

Tickets are on sale at Ticketmaster for the Xavier-Dillard Crosstown Classic presented by Siemens on Saturday, March 1 at New Orleans Arena. The women's game will start at 5 p.m., followed by the men's game at 7. You also may call (504) 520-7329 to purchase tickets. Tickets will be available for purchase at The Barn beginning Feb. 6. Discounted tickets for Xavier students will be available Feb. 11-15 at Xavier's University Center.