



Women's Basketball Game Notes
Xavier (3-1) at Northwestern State (2-0)
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About Today's Game

- It's a step up in class for Xavier, an NAIA Division I member. Northwestern State is the first of two NCAA Division I opponents on the Gold Nuggets' schedule. The other is Grambling at The Barn next Friday.
- The Gold Nuggets have a three-game winning streak.
- Northwestern leads the series 5-1, with all the games played from 1977-78 through 1979-80. Xavier won the most recent meeting, 83-76 at The Barn on Dec. 7, 1979.
- Xavier's only NCAA Division I opponent last season was Central Arkansas, which defeated the Nuggets 81-67 on the road. In 2004-05 the Nuggets beat three NCAA Division I opponents on the road — Tulane, New Orleans and Nicholls State.

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 Nuggets (women), Gold Rush (men)
Colors: Gold and white
President: Dr. Norman C. Francis
Athletics Director: Dennis Cousin

Preseason Votes

- Xavier was picked second in the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference preseason poll. There are 10 teams in the GCAC.
- Xavier is No. 26 in the NAIA Division I preseason poll. The Nuggets missed the top 25 by three points.
- Senior guard Jarryn Cleaves and senior forward/center Erica Turnbull were chosen to the preseason All-GCAC team.

Most Recently

Jarryn Cleaves scored 22 points and Erica Turnbull 17 to lead the Nuggets to a 72-63 home victory against Wiley last Saturday. The victory was the 53rd in the last 55 games at The Barn for the Nuggets. Xavier defeated the same team which snapped NAIA No. 17 Loyola's 18-game home win streak the day before.

Looking For More

This is the 30th season of the modern era of Xavier women's basketball. The Gold Nuggets will attempt to reach 20 victories for the 15th time in the last 16 seasons and set a school record with their seventh consecutive appearance in the NAIA Division I National Tournament.

2007-08 NAIA Division I National Statistics (through games of Thursday, Nov. 15)

- **Jarryn Cleaves** — 7th with 3.8 steals per game, 18th with 2.8 3-point field goals made per game.
- **Erica Turnbull** — 10th with a .645 field-goal percentage.
- **Xavier** — 7th in scoring defense with 48.0 points allowed per game, 8th with a field-goal percentage defense of .318, 10th with a 3-point field-goal percentage of .397, 16th with a 3-point field-goal percentage defense of .232, 16th with 3.5 blocked shots per game, 17th with 12.8 steals per game. There are 97 Division I women's basketball schools.

Numbers We Like

- Twelve of Xavier's last 13 teams competed in the NAIA Division I National Tournament.
- Fourteen of Xavier's last 15 teams won 20 or more games.
- Since an 80-73 non-conference loss at Delta State on Jan. 3, 2003, the Gold Nuggets are 99-27 (.786).
- Beginning with the 1991-92 season, Xavier's women are 190-12 (.941) in their home facility, The Barn.

Coach Bo Browder

39-year-old Bo Browder (Grambling 1995) is in his ninth season as Xavier's head coach. His record at Xavier is 196-74 (.726), including seven 20-win seasons. More highlights:

- He's the winningest women's basketball coach in Xavier history. He broke a tie for the top spot with his predecessor, Janice Joseph, when the Gold Nuggets won 74-64 at Loyola on Jan. 26, 2005.
- Seven NAIA National Tournament appearances, four GCAC regular-season championships and two GCAC tournament championships in his first eight seasons.

Browder is assisted by former Xavier player Darrilyn Broussard, who is in her seventh season on the staff and her second as associate head coach. Since Broussard joined the staff, the Nuggets never have failed to reach 20 victories or qualify for the national tournament.

Big-Time Cleaves

Bo Browder calls Jarryn Cleaves (5-8 senior guard, Memphis, Tenn./East High School) the best player he's had in his nine seasons as the Nuggets' head coach. On the recruiting trail, Browder uses Cleaves as his measuring stick — "I'm always searching for more big-time players like Cleaves," he says. Her resumé is packed as she plays her final Xavier season. Cleaves was an NAIA honorable-mention All-American last season. She'll have a chance to become the third Nugget to be named All-GCAC four times. Twice she's been third-team All-Louisiana, including 2006-07, when she led the Gold Nuggets and ranked sixth in the GCAC with a 14.2 scoring average. She made a Xavier-record 88 3-pointers last season, and on Nov. 9 she broke Courtney Simon's school career record of 204. Xavier is 82-24 and has appeared in the NAIA Division I National Tournament three times during her tenure.

Tough Transition, But a Trip Home

After the Northwestern State game, Xavier will board a bus and travel overnight to Memphis and play Christian Brothers at 5 p.m. Saturday. Coach Bo Browder likes to play at least one game in the hometown of his out-of-town players during their Xavier careers, and the CBU game will be the first Memphis collegiate appearance of XU senior guard Jarryn Cleaves (East High School). Also benefitting from the trip will be freshman walk-on guard Ashley McGill (Northside High School).

2006-07 Recap

The Nuggets — who did not compete in 2005-06 because of the effects of Hurricane Katrina — were 23-12 overall, 13-5 in the GCAC (second place) and reached the NAIA Division I National Tournament for the sixth consecutive time. Seven of 17 players on the Nuggets' [preseason roster were unable to complete the season because of injuries. Four of Xavier's five projected starters suffered torn ACLs and missed a collective 110 games.

Make It a Dozen

Xavier reached the national tournament in 2007 for the 12th time. Twelve of Xavier's last 13 teams qualified. The exception was 1999-2000. The streak does not include 2005-06, when Xavier did not compete in athletics due to the effects of Hurricane Katrina.

Welcome to The Barn

Xavier has the oldest home facility in the GCAC, The Barn, and it's arguably the most difficult venue for opponents. Xavier's women have won 53 of their last 55 games at The Barn and 33 of their last 34 GCAC games. Xavier winning streaks of 39 games (all opponents) and 33 games (GCAC opponents) ended during the 2006-07 season. This is the Gold Nuggets' 30th season in The Barn in the modern era of Xavier women's basketball — the first was in 1977-78. Beginning with the 1991-92 season, Xavier's women are 190-12 (.941). The facility received about two feet of flooding in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in August 2005. Xavier is renting the wooden playing surface from Jackson State University, which allowed Xavier to paint the floor in the school colors of gold and white. The Barn cost \$47,000 to build and was dedicated on November 2, 1937.

2007-08 Statistics

#	Player	TOTAL				3-POINT				REBOUNDS				R/G	PF	A	TO	BLK	ST	PTS	P/G					
		GP	GS	MIN	AVG	FG	FGA	PCT	FG	FGA	PCT	FT	FTA									PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	
15	Jarryn Cleaves	4	4	115	28.7	21	47	.447	11	26	.423	6	9	.667	4	11	15	3.8	11	14	9	2	15	59	14.8	
44	Erica Turnbull	4	4	79	19.7	20	31	.645	0	0	—	8	17	.471	12	10	22	5.5	13	0	8	2	3	48	12.0	
13	LaTashia Wise	4	4	99	24.8	12	27	.444	5	6	.833	3	5	.600	3	14	17	4.3	8	10	12	1	3	32	8.0	
10	Danielle Jones	4	0	91	22.7	9	40	.225	0	4	.000	10	12	.833	8	13	21	5.3	12	3	7	0	7	28	7.0	
22	Shayla Boyd	4	4	95	23.9	10	30	.333	4	11	.364	2	5	.400	3	7	10	2.5	4	8	8	0	9	26	6.5	
23	Tiffany Norris	4	4	93	23.3	4	7	.571	0	0	—	10	15	.667	7	12	19	4.8	11	4	8	4	3	18	4.5	
12	Alissa Thompson	4	0	51	12.6	3	10	.300	2	6	.333	6	6	1.000	4	5	9	2.3	4	7	10	0	6	14	3.5	
11	Brittany Whitmore	3	0	61	20.3	3	14	.214	2	6	.333	1	4	.250	0	5	5	1.7	6	3	4	1	3	9	3.0	
43	Patrice Hawkins	4	0	27	6.8	5	8	.625	0	0	—	0	0	—	5	4	9	2.3	4	0	2	0	0	10	2.5	
52	Le'Keisha Lee	4	0	37	9.3	3	7	.429	0	0	—	0	2	.000	3	6	9	2.3	3	1	4	4	0	6	1.5	
34	Ashley McGill	4	0	52	13.1	1	6	.167	1	4	.250	1	2	.500	2	6	8	2.0	5	6	3	0	2	4	1.0	
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Xavier		4		800		91	227	.401	25	63	.397	47	77	.610	55	102	157	39.3	81	56	77	14	51	254	63.5	
Opponents		4		800		68	214	.318	13	56	.232	43	78	.551	59	87	146	36.5	65	35	91	9	35	192	48.0	

2007-08 Scores (home games in CAPITAL LETTERS)

				XU Scoring Leader	XU Rebound Leader	XU Assist Leader
Nov. 1	at Langston	L	44 53	12 Shayla Boyd	9 Erica Turnbull	2 Jarryn Cleaves
Nov. 3	TEXAS COLLEGE	W	75 30	13 LaTashia Wise	10 Danielle Jones	5 LaTashia Wise
Nov. 9	CONCORDIA (ALA.)	W	63 46	20 Jarryn Cleaves	6 Cleaves, Wise	4 Cleaves, McGill
Nov. 10	WILEY	W	72 63	22 Jarryn Cleaves	8 Erica Turnbull	6 Jarryn Cleaves