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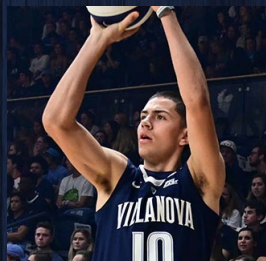
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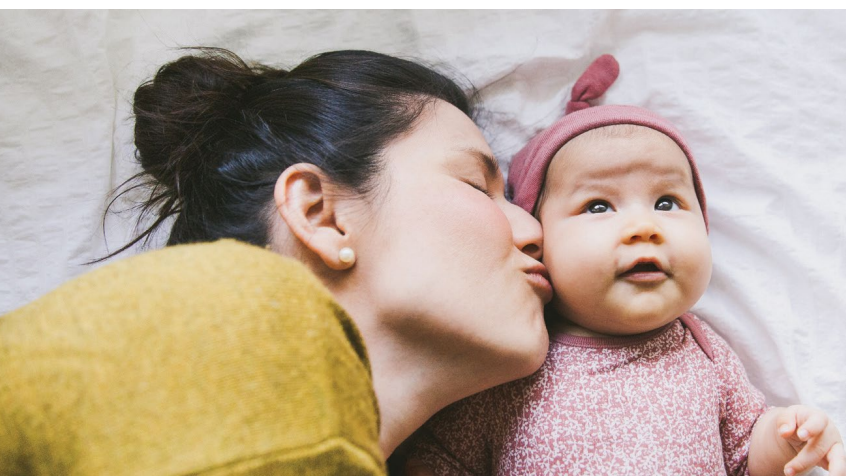
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VS. MORGAN STATE BEARS (0-0 OVERALL, 0-0 MEAC)**IT'S WORTH NOTING...**

- » Tuesday night's opener kicks off the 99th season of Villanova Basketball. Over the past five seasons, the Wildcats have accounted for 165 victories, the most in college basketball in that span.
- » This is the first ever meeting between the Wildcats and Morgan State.
- » This game marks the return of Villanova to its on-campus home, the Finneran Pavilion. The original Pavilion opened on Feb. 1, 1986 and served as the home of the Wildcats through the 2016-17 season. The building underwent a \$65 million renovation that began in May 2017. VU is 293-62 all-time in the venue.
- » Villanova opened its 2017-18 NCAA national championship campaign with a 75-60 victory over Columbia at the Wells Fargo Center on Nov. 10, 2017.
- » The preseason Associated Press poll lists Villanova at No. 9. The Wildcats have been ranked every week in the AP poll since entering the Top 25 in the first week of December 2013, following three victories in the Battle 4 Atlantis in the Bahamas.
- » Jay Wright enters his 18th season as head coach at Villanova. He became the program's all-time wins leader last March and owns a .719 winning percentage in that span. He was honored with the John R. Wooden Legends of Coaching Award in April 2018.
- » The Wildcats are 17-1 in season openers since 2000. The only setback in that span came in 2002, when Marquette downed VU 73-61 at Madison Square Garden. The Wildcats have taken their last 15 season openers. Two of those wins took place on the road, one came on a neutral court, one at the Wells Fargo Center and the other 11 were held at the original Pavilion.
- » Former Villanova associate head coach Baker Dunleavy leads Quinnipiac to face the Wildcats on Saturday at the Wells Fargo Center. Dunleavy played at VU from 2002-06 and was on staff from 2011-17.

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 Villanova, Pa.
 Tues. / 7:00 p.m.

NOV 10  **QUINNIPIAC**
 Philadelphia, Pa.
 Sat. / 8:00 p.m.

NOV 14  **MICHIGAN**
 Villanova, Pa.
 Wed. / 6:30 p.m.


NOV 17  **FURMAN**
 Villanova, Pa.
 Sat. / 5:00 p.m.

NOV 22  **CANISIUS**
 Orlando, Fla.
 Thurs. / 1:30 p.m.

NOV 23  **MEMPHIS/OKLAHOMA ST.**
 Orlando, Fla.
 Fri. / TBD

NOV 25  **TBD**
 Orlando, Fla.
 Sun. / TBD

DEC 01  **LA SALLE**
 Philadelphia, Pa.
 Sat. / 3:00 p.m.

DEC 05  **TEMPLE**
 Villanova, Pa.
 Wed. / 8:30 p.m.

DEC 08  **SAINT JOSEPH'S**
 Villanova, Pa.
 Sat. / 2:00 p.m.

DEC 11  **PENN**
 Philadelphia, Pa.
 Tues. / 7:00 p.m.

DEC 15  **KANSAS**
 Lawrence, Kan.
 Sat. / Noon

DEC 22  **UCONN**
 New York, N.Y.
 Sat. / 12:30 p.m.

JAN 02  **DePAUL***
 Villanova, Pa.
 Wed. / 8:30 p.m.

JAN 05  **PROVIDENCE***
 Providence, R.I.
 Sat. / 2:00 p.m.

JAN 08  **ST. JOHN'S***
 Villanova, Pa.
 Tues. / 7:00 p.m.

JAN 13  **CREIGHTON***
 Omaha, Neb.
 Sun. / TBD

JAN 18  **XAVIER***
 Philadelphia, Pa.
 Fri. / 8:30 p.m.

JAN 22  **BUTLER***
 Indianapolis, Ind.
 Tues. / 7:00 p.m.

JAN 27  **SETON HALL**
 Philadelphia, Pa.
 Sun. / 2:30 p.m.

JAN 30  **DePAUL***
 Chicago, Ill.
 Wed. / 8:00 p.m.

FEB 03  **GEORGETOWN***
 Philadelphia, Pa.
 Sun. / Noon

FEB 06  **CREIGHTON***
 Villanova, Pa.
 Wed. / 8:00 p.m.

FEB 09  **MARQUETTE***
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AROUND THE BIG EAST

2017-18 BIG EAST FINAL STANDINGS

As of Mar. 26, 2018 (all games)

SCHOOL	CONF	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
Xavier	15-3	29-6	18-1	9-2	2-3
Villanova	14-4	34-4	12-1	9-3	13-0
Seton Hall	10-8	22-12	14-3	5-6	3-3
Creighton	10-8	21-12	16-2	4-7	1-3
Providence	10-8	21-14	13-4	4-7	4-3
Marquette	9-9	21-14	13-7	5-5	3-2
Butler	9-9	21-14	14-3	3-7	4-4
Georgetown	5-13	15-15	11-9	4-6	0-0
St. John's	4-14	16-17	9-7	3-8	4-2
DePaul	4-14	11-20	6-10	4-7	1-3

SCORING

	Avg/G
1. Ponds, Shamorie-SJU	21.6
2. Martin, Kelan-BU	21.2
3. Rowsey, Andrew-MU	20.5
4. Howard, Markus-MU	20.4
5. Foster, Marcus-CU	19.8

REBOUNDING

	Avg/G
1. Delgado, Angel-SHU	11.8
2. Govan, Jessie-GU	10.0
3. Derrickson, Marcus-GU	8.1
4. Spellman, Omari-VU	7.8
5. Simon, Justin-SJU	7.1

FIELD GOAL PCT

	Pct
1. Wideman, Tyler-BU	.672
2. Kanter, Kerem-XU	.584
3. Maric, Marin-DPU	.554
4. Thomas, Khyri-CU	.538
5. Brunson, Jalen-VU	.527

ASSISTS

	Avg/G
1. Cartwright, Kyron-PC	5.8
2. Simon, Justin-SJU	5.1
3. Goodin, Quentin-XU	4.9
4. Rowsey, Andrew-MU	4.8
5. Ponds, Shamorie-SJU	4.7

FREE THROW PCT

	Pct
1. Howard, Markus-MU	.938
2. Rowsey, Andrew-MU	.902
3. Derrickson, Marcus-GU	.863
4. Ponds, Shamorie-SJU	.857
Blair, Jahvon-GU	.857

STEALS

	Avg/G
1. Simon, Justin-SJU	2.5
2. Ponds, Shamorie-SJU	2.3
3. Thomas, Khyri-CU	1.7
4. Baldwin, Kamar-BU	1.5
5. Bridges, Mikal-VU	1.5

BLOCKED SHOTS

	Avg/G
1. Owens, Tariq-SJU	2.8
2. Spellman, Omari-VU	1.5
3. Govan, Jessie-GU	1.1
4. Bridges, Mikal-VU	1.1
5. Heldt, Matt-MU	1.0

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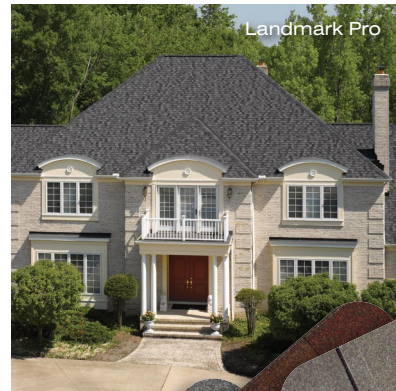
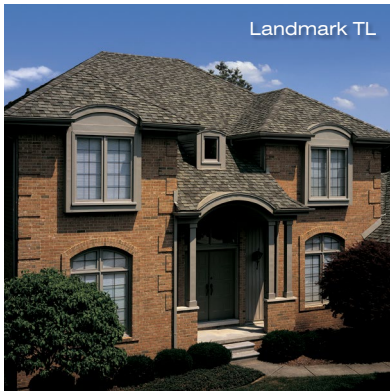
2018-19 ASSOCIATED PRESS RANKINGS

As of Nov. 1, 2018 (preseason)

TEAM	RECORD	POINTS
1 Kansas (37)	0-0	1,581
2 Kentucky (19)	0-0	1,529
3 Gonzaga (1)	0-0	1,461
4 Duke (4)	0-0	1,452
5 Virginia (2)	0-0	1,286
6 Tennessee (1)	0-0	1,268
7 Nevada	0-0	1,230
8 North Carolina	0-0	1,221
9 Villanova (1)	0-0	1,085
10 Michigan St	0-0	1,024
11 Auburn	0-0	974
12 Kansas St	0-0	922
13 West Virginia	0-0	678
14 Oregon	0-0	638
15 Virginia Tech	0-0	630
16 Syracuse	0-0	620
17 Florida St	0-0	530
18 Mississippi St	0-0	451
19 Michigan	0-0	437
20 TCU	0-0	311
21 UCLA	0-0	297
22 Clemson	0-0	268
23 LSU	0-0	187
24 Purdue	0-0	170
25 Washington	0-0	165



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2017-18 FINAL VILLANOVA STATISTICS

No.	Player	TOTAL			3-PT			REBOUNDS										Pts	Avg.			
		GP-S	Min.	Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct	3FT-FTA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Total	Avg.	PF	PO	A			TO	Blk	Stl
01	Brunson, Jalen	40-40	1272	31.8	270-518	.521	86-211	.408	130-162	.802	12	110	122	3.1	78	1	184	71	1	37	756	18.9
25	Bridges, Mikal	40-40	1285	32.1	244-475	.514	104-239	.435	114-134	.851	54	158	212	5.3	86	1	77	54	43	61	706	17.7
10	DiVincenzo, Donte	40-10	1170	29.3	188-391	.481	85-212	.401	76-107	.710	46	144	190	4.8	83	2	139	79	8	42	537	13.4
14	Spellman, Omari	40-39	1125	28.1	160-336	.476	65-150	.433	49-70	.700	90	231	321	8.0	92	1	30	40	59	26	434	10.9
04	Paschall, Eric	38-38	1133	29.8	144-270	.533	36-101	.356	78-96	.813	70	130	200	5.3	93	2	83	64	24	35	402	10.6
05	Booth, Phil	33-31	903	27.4	108-245	.441	55-145	.379	60-75	.800	12	92	104	3.2	56	0	95	45	6	27	331	10.0
02	Gillespie, Collin	32-1	460	14.4	42-93	.452	28-71	.394	24-30	.800	4	38	42	1.3	46	0	34	14	2	19	136	4.3
21	Cosby-Roundtree, D.	40-1	453	11.3	53-68	.779	0-0	.000	18-28	.643	38	57	95	2.4	70	1	3	19	15	10	124	3.1
23	Samuels, Jermaine	25-0	153	6.1	7-28	.250	3-16	.188	10-16	.625	7	23	30	1.2	23	0	7	12	3	1	27	1.1
34	Delaney, Tim	22-0	49	2.2	1-6	.167	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	2	3	5	0.2	14	0	3	1	0	0	3	0.1
40	Grace, Denny	15-0	19	1.3	1-3	.333	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1	4	5	0.3	3	0	0	2	0	0	3	0.2
24	Leibig, Tom	15-0	22	1.5	1-5	.200	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	0.2	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0.1
35	Kennedy, Matt	12-0	16	1.3	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	0.3	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0.2
22	Heck, Peyton	11-0	15	1.4	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											48	55	103				23					
Total		40	8075		1220-2440	.500	464-1158	.401	559-718	.779	385	1052	1437	35.9	645	8	655	425	162	259	3463	86.6
Opponents		40	8075		1028-2401	.428	272-858	.317	479-641	.747	391	917	1308	32.7	699	-	532	514	105	193	2807	70.2





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05	Kendley, Tiwian	21-20	692	33.0	173 -382	.453	32 -117	.274	170 -226	.752	548	26.1	26	58	84	4.0	59	46	75	45	7	
22	Carr, Phillip	31-30	1018	32.8	152-352	.432	11-41	.268	110	130	.846	425	13.7	91	197	288	9.3	77	39	53	21	21
02	Cameron, Martez	31-26	1010	32.6	99-267	.371	10-28	.357	59	85	.694	267	8.6	27	62	89	2.9	60	137	91	46	2
00	Davis, Stanley	31-15	675	21.8	87-207	.420	9-40	.225	47	65	.723	230	7.4	27	65	92	3.0	62	53	58	23	4
32	Syfax, David	28-5	555	19.8	68-171	.398	12-36	.333	38	60	.633	186	6.6	40	82	122	4.4	82	19	32	15	20
01	McCray-Pace, L.	27-10	461	17.1	50-133	.376	15-37	.405	45	63	.714	160	5.9	34	40	74	2.7	56	22	24	21	7
04	Rawls, Kyson	19-6	232	12.2	31-73	.425	25-53	.472	14	19	.737	101	5.3	5	10	15	0.8	16	20	17	12	1
10	Gillespie, Antonio	31-15	435	14.0	40-105	.381	31-84	.369	8	10	.800	119	3.8	11	27	38	1.2	56	14	15	11	1
13	Streeter, Tyler	18-1	105	5.8	25-46	.543	9-20	.450	5	7	.714	64	3.6	9	7	16	0.9	6	4	11	3	0
23	Gracey, Khalil	22-0	175	8.0	22-57	.386	7-21	.333	9	16	.563	60	2.7	8	15	23	1.0	17	13	13	7	1
34	Staley, Elijah	21-7	206	9.8	16-34	.471	0-0	.000	8	15	.533	40	1.9	24	23	47	2.2	24	12	15	3	2
12	Ennis, Alex	25-5	241	9.6	11-31	.355	0-0	.000	10	15	.667	32	1.3	20	29	49	2.0	29	3	10	4	2
03	Sykes, Azariah	27-8	406	15.0	9-16	.563	0-1	.000	15	29	.517	33	1.2	32	73	105	3.9	72	7	12	10	9
44	Byers, Tyjhai	9-7	90	10.0	4-9	.444	0-0	.000	0	2	.000	8	0.9	11	14	25	2.8	12	0	2	1	11
Total		31	6301	196.9	787-1883	.418	161-478	.337	538	742	.725	2273	73.32	424	763	1187	37.1	628	389	435	222	88
Opponents			6300	203.2	791-1772	.446	239-687	.348	517	736	.702	2338	75.42	335	791	1126	36.3	665	449	463	194	119



A young girl with long brown hair in pigtails is seen from behind, jumping high to shoot a basketball into a hoop. The hoop is mounted on a wooden backboard that is part of a garage door. The girl is wearing a light blue long-sleeved shirt with dark blue stripes on the sleeves, black shorts, blue socks, and colorful sneakers. The basketball is suspended in the air above the hoop. The background shows a beige garage door and a house with a gabled roof under a clear sky with some trees.

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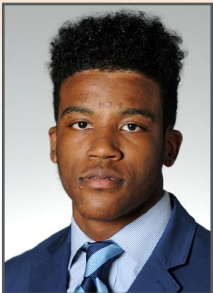
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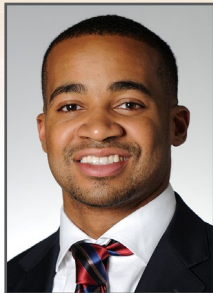
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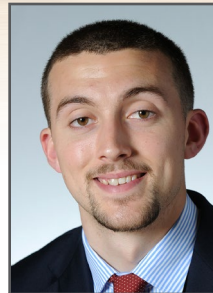
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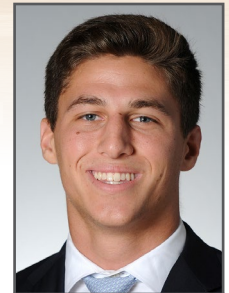
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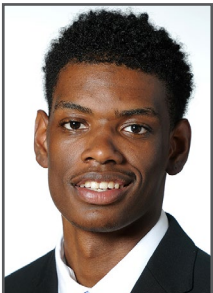
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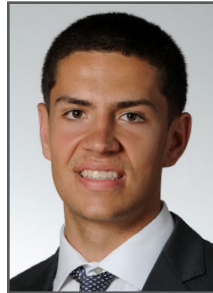
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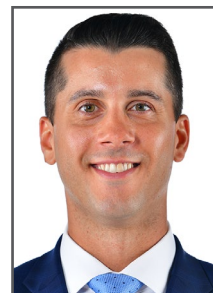
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4	Kyson Rawls	G	6-1	190	So.	New Castle, Del.
5	Sherwyn Devonish-Prince Jr.	G	6-1	160	Fr.	Bladensburg, Md.
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24	Taron Oliver Jr.	F	6-9	250	Jr.	District Heights, Md.
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HOMETOWN: Baltimore, Md.

HIGH SCHOOL: Mount Saint Joseph

VILLANOVA

A smooth and skilled point guard with a terrific feel for the game ... Adept at finding the open man or finding his own shot opportunities ... An accomplished on the ball defender.

2017-18 OVERVIEW:

Played a pivotal role as a team tri-captain as the Wildcats earned their second NCAA national championship in three seasons ... Started 31 games, including all nine in the postseason ... Averaged 10.0 points and 27.4 minutes per outing ... Returned to the lineup on Feb. 21 vs. DePaul after missing seven games with a broken bone in this right (shooting) hand suffered in a Jan. 23 win over Providence ... The Wildcats won 12 of 13 after his return to the lineup, including 11 in a row to close the campaign ... Announced his intention to return to Villanova for his final season of eligibility in 2018-19 in April 2018.

2018 NCAA TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Contributed 10 points, six rebounds and three assists to a 95-79 victory over Kansas on March 31 in the NCAA Final Four ... Added six points, six rebounds, four assists and zero turnovers to a 90-78 win over West Virginia on March 23 ... Supplied four points, five assists and six rebounds in an 81-58 second round win over Alabama ... Added 10 points and three assists in 25 minutes of an 87-61 win over Radford on March 15.

2017-18 BIG EAST REGULAR SEASON:

Returned to action after missing seven games with an injured right hand and scored 14 points in 16 minutes of a Feb. 21 win over DePaul ... Suffered a fractured bone in his right (shooting) hand during the waning minutes of an 89-69 victory over Providence on Jan. 23 ... His 12 points and six assists were part of a balanced attack that helped down Georgetown 88-56 on Jan. 17 in Washington, D.C. Registered a new career high with 21 points, on 8-of-11 shooting from the field, in an 89-65 win over No. 10 Xavier on Jan. 10 ... Connected on 6-of-9 field goal attempts to finish with 17 points in a 103-85 win at DePaul in the BIG EAST opener.

PERSONAL

Parents are Phil Booth Sr. and Robin Booth ... Has two sisters, Jasmine (25) and Jessica (13) ... Phil Booth Sr. is a Philadelphia native who starred at Northeast High School and Coppin State University.



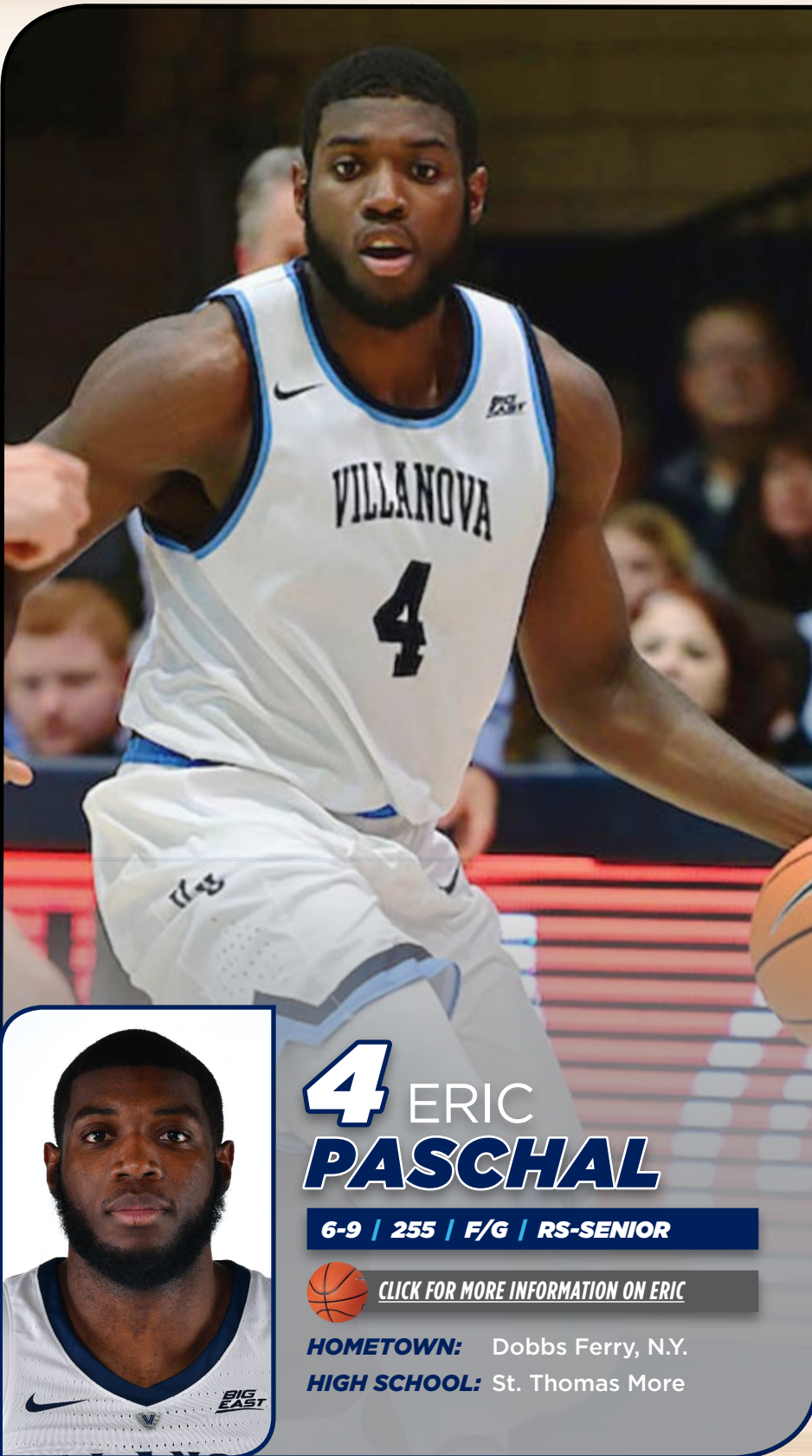
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HOMETOWN: Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.

HIGH SCHOOL: St. Thomas More

VILLANOVA

A versatile athlete with scoring tools who took care of much heavy lifting for the 2018 NCAA National Champions ... This gifted scorer will be a cornerstone for a younger team in 2018-19.

2017-18 OVERVIEW:

Emerged as a key piece of the Wildcats rotation, starting all 38 games he appeared in for the NCAA national champions ... Averaged 10.6 points and 5.6 rebounds per game in an average of 29.8 minutes per outing ... Connected on .533 of his field goal attempts ... Named the Philadelphia Big Five Most Improved Player ... Announced in April that he would return for his final season of college eligibility in 2018-19.

2018 NCAA TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Named to the NCAA Final Four All-Tournament team ... Posted a nearly perfect effort in a 95-79 semifinal victory over Kansas, connecting on 10-of-11 field goal attempts to finish with 24 points ... His only official missed field goal attempt actually fell through the basket, only to be waved off by officials due to an expired shot clock ... Was tabbed to the NCAA East Region Team after helping lead the Wildcats in Boston ... Added 14 points to a 90-78 win over West Virginia in an NCAA Sweet 16 game in Boston on March 23 ... Contributed 11 points and five rebounds in an 87-61 win over Radford in an NCAA Tournament opening round contest on March 15.

2017-18 BIG EAST REGULAR SEASON:

Added 11 points and six rebounds at Creighton on Feb. 24 ... Posted a career high six assists to go with 11 points in a 95-79 win at Xavier on Feb. 17 ... Returned to the starting lineup after a two game absence (concussion) at Providence on Feb. 14, scoring eight points in 28 minutes ... Missed games vs. St. John's (Feb. 7) and Butler (Feb. 10) due to a concussion ... Tied a season high with nine rebounds in an 85-82 win over Marquette on Jan. 28 in Milwaukee ... Supplied 17 points, five assists, four steals and three blocked shots to an 89-69 win over Providence on Jan. 23 ... Added 10 points, five rebounds and three steals to an 88-56 win at Georgetown on Jan. 17

PERSONAL

Born Nov. 4, 1996 in North Tarrytown, N.Y. ... Parents are Juan Eric Paschall and Cecelia Brooks-Paschall ... Siblings are Ellen, Eudora and Tia.



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HOMETOWN: Scotia, N.Y.

HIGH SCHOOL: Scotia-Glenville

VILLANOVA

Arrives as a graduate transfer after three standout seasons playing for the University of Albany ... A gifted long range shooter who brings scoring and experience on the wing to his final season of college eligibility.

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2017-18 OVERVIEW:

Completed his three seasons at Albany with 1,469 career points ... Averaged 17.8 points per game as a junior while helping lead the Great Danes to a 22-10 record ... Also contributed 4.1 rebounds and 3.8 rebounds per game ... Averaged in double figures in each of his three seasons with the Great Danes ... A first team All-America East selection ... Was also tabbed to the NABC All-District I unit.

2016-17 OVERVIEW:

America East All-Conference Second Team, All-Academic Team and All-Tournament Team... Set UAlbany record with 1,241 minutes played (35.5 per game), fourth in UAlbany single season history with 86.9% free throw percentage... Two-time America East Player of the Week and a member of the Preseason All-Conference Team... Ninth in the America East with 15.8 points per game, sixth with 3.8 assists per game, third in free throw % and second in minutes played per game at 35.5... 30 double digit scoring games and four double-doubles... Started all 35 games, finishing with 553 points, 134 assists, 184 rebounds and 37 steals... Began season with 22 points, 10 rebounds and five assists in road victory over Penn State (11/11)... Perfect 10-for-10 from the free throw line for 18 points and six assists in victory vs. Brown (11/20)... Career-high 29 points, off 9-for-14 shooting and 9-for-9 free throws, in road win at Colgate (12/10)... 10-for-15 from the field with 23 points and six assists at UMass Lowell (1/5)... Double-double on 13 points and 11 rebounds vs. Vermont (1/25)... Notched 25 points and three steals in win over Hartford (2/25), following with 14 points and career-high 10 assists in America East Tournament quarterfinal victory over Hartford (3/1).

PERSONAL

Joseph Robert Cremonesi... Son of Michael and Mary Cremonesi... Has two brothers, Brian and Thomas ... Helped lead Scotia-Glenville to the Section II Class A, Federation, Foothills and Arthur Hilliard Tournament Titles in 2013-14 and 2014-15.

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HOMETOWN: Mullica Hill, N.J.

HIGH SCHOOL: Pitman HS

VILLANOVA

A skilled and versatile forward whose first year of college was derailed by surgery on both hips ... When healthy is comfortable working around the basket or stepping out to face it ... Offers quality passing skills and has the grit to rebound inside ... Played three games on the Wildcats' tour of Spain last August.

2017-18 OVERVIEW:

Logged 49 minutes in 22 game appearances for the Wildcats ... Collected five rebounds to go with three points.

2018 NCAA TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Appeared in four of the Wildcats' six NCAA Tournament contests ... Dropped in his second career 3-pointer and first of the season in a 81-58 win over Alabama on March 17 ... Appeared for two minutes in an 87-61 win over Radford on March 15 ... Credited with one assist.

2018 BIG EAST TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Saw one minute of action in an 87-67 semifinal win over Butler ... Appeared for three minutes of VU's 94-70 win over Marquette on Mar. 8 at Madison Square Garden.

2017-18 BIG EAST REGULAR SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:

Logged three minutes of first half action in a 100-90 win over Marquette on Jan. 6 ... Added an assist in one minute of action in a 103-85 win at DePaul on Dec. 27 in the BIG EAST Conference regular season opener.

2017-18 NON-CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

Saw four minutes of action in an 81-61 win at Connecticut on Jan. 20 ... Was not available for the Dec. 22 game vs. Hofstra due to a stomach virus ... Picked up a rebound in four minutes of action at Saint Joseph's on Dec. 2 ... Grabbed a pair of rebounds in a 113-77 win over Nicholls on Nov. 14.

2016-17 OVERVIEW:

For the second time in as many seasons, hip surgery spelled the end to his season ... Appeared in seven games before the surgery took place ... Underwent successful surgery to repair a torn labrum in his left hip on Feb.. 8.

PERSONAL

Born March 5, 1997 in Baltimore, Md. ... Parents are Jeanine Reynolds-Delaney and Jim Delaney ... Siblings are Andrew (15) and Matthew (13).

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HOMETOWN: Hershey, Pa.

HIGH SCHOOL: Hershey

VILLANOVA

Brings a strong skill set along with size to play up front ... Offers the versatility to play in the shadow of the basket or further away ... A dedicated worker who has continued to develop his total game.

2016-17 OVERVIEW:

After originally contemplating a red-shirt season, he was pressed into action after Omari Spellman was deemed by the NCAA to be an academic red-shirt ... By season's end he was garnering rotational minutes at forward.

2016-17 NCAA TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Logged his first NCAA Tournament action in a 76-56 win over Mount St. Mary's.

2016-17 BIG EAST TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Recorded season highs in points (10), rebounds (six) and minutes (22) in a 108-67 win over St. John's in a BIG EAST Tournament quarterfinal on March 9.

2016-17 BIG EAST REGULAR SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:

Logged 10 minutes of activity in an 81-55 win at Georgetown on March 4 ... Collected two rebounds in 10 minutes of a 79-63 win over Creighton on Feb. 25 ... Scored two points and added a rebound in 13 minutes of action at Seton Hall on Feb. 18 ... Contributed two points, four rebounds and 12 minutes in a 75-62 BIG EAST win at DePaul on Feb. 13 ... Picked up two rebounds in three minutes of a 73-57 win at Xavier on Feb. 11 ... Logged a season high 11 minutes, grabbing two rebounds and adding a free throw, in a 92-79 victory over St. John's on Feb. 4 at the Wells Fargo Center .. Collected two rebounds in four minutes of a 76-46 victory over Seton Hall on Jan. 16 ... Appeared in his first BIG EAST game for two minutes in a 93-81 victory over Marquette on Jan. 7.

2016-17 NO-CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

Earned eight minutes of activity on Nov. 29 at Penn ... Contributed three points and a rebound to a 63-47 Villanova victory over the College of Charleston on Nov. 23 ... Added a rebound in a 96-77 victory over Wake Forest on Nov. 18 ... Tallied two points and a rebound in his collegiate debut against Lafayette on Nov. 11 at the Pavilion.

PERSONAL

Born March 18, 1998 ... Parents are Mark and Barrie-Lynn Painter .. Siblings are Drew (17) and Daniel (13).



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HOMETOWN: Warminster, Pa.

HIGH SCHOOL: Archbishop Wood

VILLANOVA

A hard nosed guard who can be utilized in a variety of roles ... A steady shooter from beyond the 3-point arc and a terrific rebounder from the guard position ... Became a trusted defender over the course of his freshman season.

2017-18 OVERVIEW:

Earned a spot in the guard rotation and gave the Wildcats a lift off the bench at several key points in the campaign ... Averaged 14.4 minutes and 4.3 points per game in 32 games over the course of the season ... Missed more than a month of the season in December and January due to a broken bone in his left (non-shooting) hand.

2018 NCAA TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Contributed four points and five rebounds to the 79-62 NCAA championship game victory over Michigan ... Provided vital first half defense on Alabama's Collin Sexton in an 81-58 win over the Crimson Tide on March 17 ... Supplied nine points and a steal in an NCAA First Round victory over Radford on March 15.

2018 BIG EAST TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Contributed seven points and four assists in 24 minutes of an 87-68 win over Butler on March 9 ... Logged 16 minutes of activity in a 94-70 win over Marquette on March 8, scoring three points and grabbing a rebound.

2017-18 BIG EAST REGULAR SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:

Contributed six key points in a 69-68 overtime win at Seton Hall on Feb. 28 ... Added 10 points on 4-of-6 shooting to help in a 95-79 win at Xavier on Feb. 17 ... Chipped in with 10 points in 16 minutes of a 76-71 loss at Providence on Feb. 14 ... Recorded season highs in points (12) and made his first start as a collegian in an 86-75 win over Butler on Feb. 10 ... Logged a season high in minutes (30) in a 79-75 loss to St. John's on Feb. 7 ... Added three points and an assist in 19 minutes of an 85-82 win at Marquette on Jan. 28 ... Returned to the lineup at Georgetown on Jan. 17 after missing nine games due to fractured bone in his left hand ... Scored two points and grabbed three rebounds against the Hoyas in 15 minutes of action.



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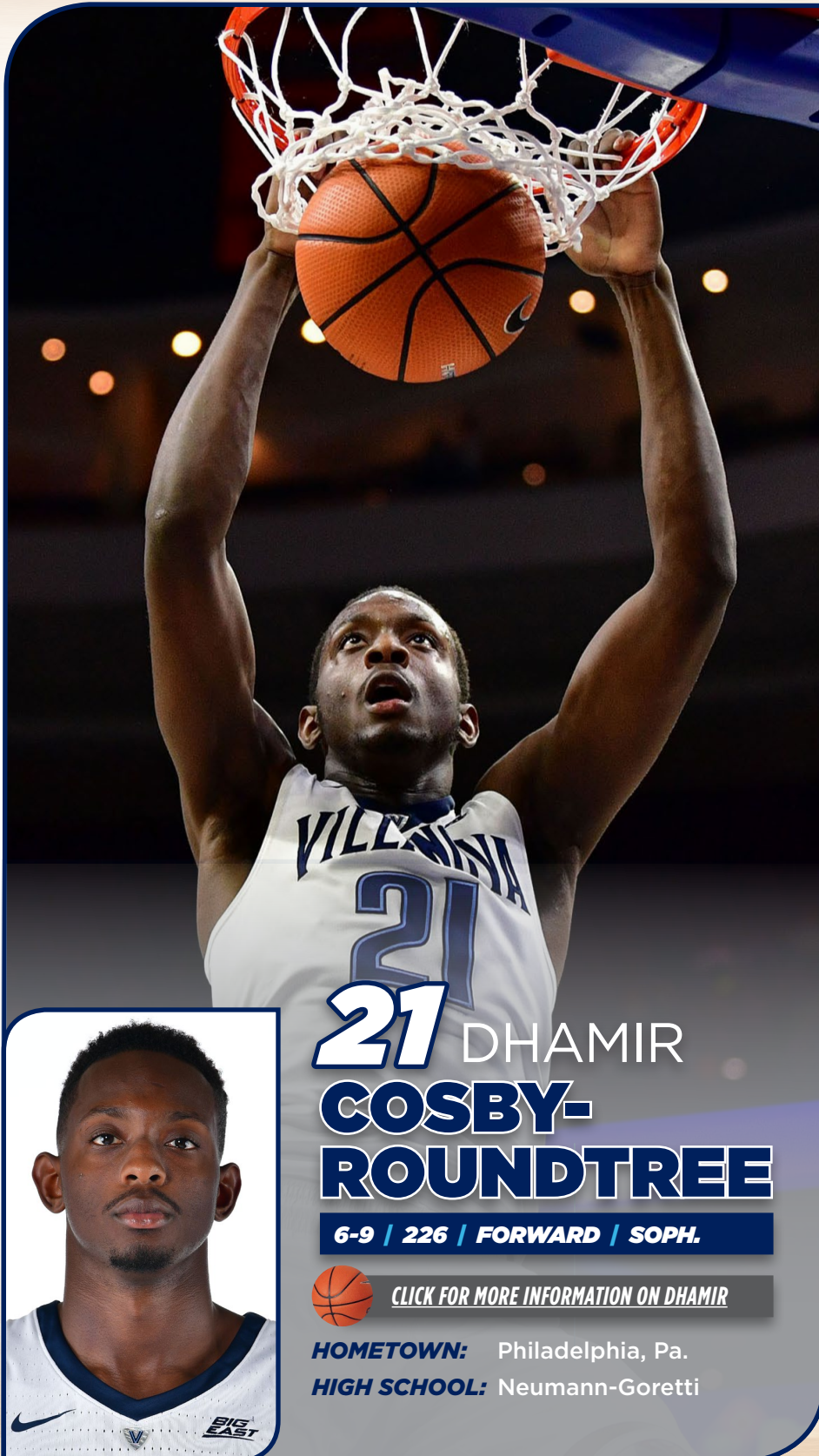
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HOMETOWN: Philadelphia, Pa.
HIGH SCHOOL: Neumann-Goretti

VILLANOVA

An athletic forward with good hands and skill around the basket ... His improvement as an interior defender helped the Wildcats grow in the second half of 2017-18 campaign at the defensive end.

2017-18 OVERVIEW:

Earned a spot in the rotation as a frontcourt reserve ... Averaged 11.3 minutes per outing in 40 games ... Connected on .779 of his attempts from the field, averaging 3.1 points and 2.4 rebounds per contest ... Produced several key performances, most notably in an NCAA East Regional Final victory over Texas Tech.

2018 NCAA TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Played a pivotal role in an East Regional Final victory over Texas Tech ... He stepped in for Omari Spellman, who was in foul trouble, to provide four points and seven rebounds as the Wildcats advanced to the NCAA Final Four ... Came off the bench to supply 10 points and three blocked shots in 15 minutes of action against Radford on March 15.

2018 BIG EAST TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Contributed two points and two rebounds in seven minutes of a semifinal win over Butler ... Collected three rebounds in six minutes of action in a 94-70 win over Marquette.

2017-18 BIG EAST REGULAR SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:

Contributed four points and three rebounds to a 95-79 win at Xavier on Feb. 17 ... Made his first career start on Feb. 7 vs. St. John's Chipped in with five points and five rebounds to help the Wildcats down Seton Hall on Feb. 4 ... His 11 points scored in an 89-69 win over Providence were a season-high ... Tied a season high with six rebounds to go with six points in an 81-61 win over Connecticut on Jan. 20 ... Chipped in with five points in 10 minutes of a 78-71 win over St. John's on Jan. 13 at Madison Square Garden ... Added six points and two rebounds to an 89-65 win over Xavier on Jan. 10 ... Converted all five of his field goal attempts for a season-high 10 points in 15 minutes of a 100-90 win over Marquette on Jan. 6.



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HOMETOWN: Franklin, Mass.

HIGH SCHOOL: The Rivers School

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VILLANOVA

A talented wing player with athleticism and quickness ... Brings a strong work ethic and considerable upside at both ends of the court.

2017-18 OVERVIEW:

A broken bone in his left (non-shooting) hand threw a major wrench into his initial campaign as a Wildcat ... The injury took place in his best performance of the season in the BIG EAST regular season opener on Dec. 27 at DePaul ... The missed action made it a challenge to play catch up when he returned to the lineup on Feb. 7 ... Appeared in 25 games averaging 6.1 minutes per contest.

2018 NCAA TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Collected two rebounds in three minutes of a 81-58 win over Alabama on March 17 ... Scored one point in seven minutes of an 87-61 win over Radford on March 15.

2018 BIG EAST TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Logged six minutes of activity in an 87-68 semifinal win over Butler on March 9 ... Appeared for three minutes of VU's 94-70 win over Marquette on Mar. 8 at Madison Square Garden ... Collected one rebound.

2017-18 BIG EAST REGULAR SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:

Supplied a season high five rebounds in his return to New England on Feb. 14 vs. Providence ... Logged 19 minutes of action in an 86-75 win over butler on Feb. 10 at Wells Fargo Center ... Returned to the lineup six weeks (Feb. 7) from the day he suffered a broken bone in his left hand at DePaul ... Logged five minutes of duty as a reserve and grabbed three rebounds and added an assist and blocked shot ... Sidelined on Dec. 28 after suffering a broken bone in his left hand at DePaul ... Sidelined indefinitely ... Notched a season high 11 points while converting all three of his field goal attempts in a 103-85 win at DePaul on Dec. 27.

2017-18 NON CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

Logged 11 minutes in a 95-71 win over Hofstra on Dec. 22 on Long Island ... Drained a 3-point field goal from the wing in a 90-62 win over Penn.

THE RIVERS SCHOOL

Helped lead the Rivers School to a 20-6 record as a senior in 2016-17 while playing for Coach Keith Zalaski ... Ranked among the nation's top small forwards by ESPN, Scout and Rivals ... He is the nephew of former Villanova track standout Charlie Stead.



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HOMETOWN: Baltimore, Md.

HIGH SCHOOL: Mount Saint Joseph

VILLANOVA

Spent his first two seasons on the roster as a practice player before moving on to the active roster for 2017-18.

2017-18 OVERVIEW:

Appeared in 11 games for a total of 15 minutes.

2018 NCAA TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Appeared for one minute in an 87-61 win over Radford on March 15.

2017-18 BIG EAST REGULAR SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:

Misfired on his only field goal attempt in an 89-65 win over Xavier on Jan. 10.

PERSONAL

Born in Philadelphia, Pa. ... Parents are Chris and Mary Beth Heck ... Chris Heck is a Villanova alumnus and former part of the Villanova Athletics team who now serves as President of the Philadelphia 76ers... Has a sister Madelyn (18) and brother Gavin (13) ... A Finance major at Villanova who is a two time member of the BIG EAST All-Academic Team.

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HIGH SCHOOL: Sidwell Friends

VILLANOVA

An intelligent wing player who brings a quality mid-range game with him to college ... Moves well without the basketball ... Will vie for minutes as newcomer as he works to acclimate himself to the BIG EAST.

SIDWELL FRIENDS SCHOOL

Averaged 21.2 points and eight rebounds a game as a senior ... Contributed 14.2 points per game as a junior in 2016-17 ... Originally committed to North Carolina State before re-opening his recruitment in May 2018 ... Selected Villanova the following month.

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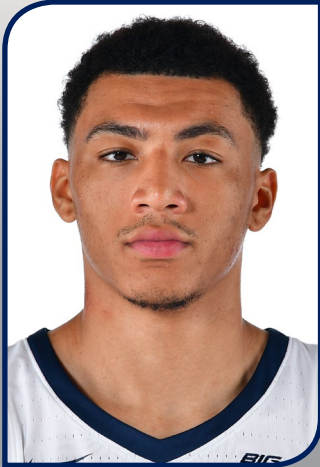
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HOMETOWN: Hackensack, N.J.

HIGH SCHOOL: Hudson Catholic

VILLANOVA

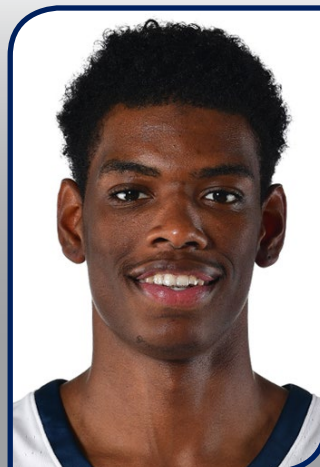
A gifted point guard who brings superb vision and passing skills to the Wildcats ... Offers a quick first step and the ability to create scoring chances for his teammates and himself ... Expected to make a significant impact early in his career as Villanova looks to replace Jalen Brunson and Donte DiVincenzo in its backcourt.

HUDSON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Established himself as one of the nation's top guards, earning a spot in the prestigious McDonald's All-American Game ... Ranked No. 26 in ESPN's Top 100 in the Prep Class of 2018 ... Averaged 18.5 points and 5.8 assists per game as a senior ... Signed a national letter of intent to attend Villanova on April 11, 2018.

JAY WRIGHT ON JAHVON QUINERLY:

"We are proud to have Jahvon join the Villanova family. He is an outstanding student, talented point guard, and accomplished leader. We will count on Jahvon immediately in our lineup. He has all the ingredients of another great Villanova guard."



3 BRANDON
SLATER

6-7 | 205 | FORWARD | FRESHMAN



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HOMETOWN: Centreville, Va.

HIGH SCHOOL: Paul VI

VILLANOVA

A smooth athlete who brings considerable upside and a willingness to learn ... Looks to vie for playing time as he adapts to the college game ... Adding strength to a lean key looms as an early key.

PAUL VI HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked at No. 52 in ESPN's Top 100 2018 Prep Seniors ... A senior captain, he averaged 14.9 points per game despite suffering a broken bone in his hand that sidelined him in February ... Helped lead the Panthers to an 18-0 conference record ... Averaged 15.2 points per game as a junior while seeing action at both guard and forward ... Played his summer basketball with Team Takeover.

JAY WRIGHT ON BRANDON SLATER:

"Brandon is a high-character young man from an awesome family. We think he has tremendous potential to become an outstanding Villanova guard."



10 COLE
SWIDER

6-9 | 210 | FORWARD | FRESHMAN



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HOMETOWN: Fairfax, Va.
HIGH SCHOOL: St. Andrews

VILLANOVA

This talented and versatile forward brings skill and tenacity to the Wildcats ... Offers dependable range beyond the 3-point arc and can work near the basket too ... Exceptional passing skills that add to his offensive versatility.

ST. ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked at No. 34 in ESPN's Top 100 Prep Seniors in the Class of 2018 ... Excelled on the AAU circuit with BABC ... Selected as part of the USA Junior National Team at the 2018 Nike Hoop Summit in Portland ... Also played in the Jordan Brand Game following his senior season ... Averaged 26.5 points per game as a junior in 2016-17.

JAY WRIGHT ON COLE SWIDER:

"The passion Cole has for the game fits our culture perfectly. He's a highly skilled player from a great family who understands the game."



12 TIM
SAUNDERS

6-4 | 200 | GUARD | SENIOR



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HOMETOWN: Del Mar, Calif.
HIGH SCHOOL: Torrey Pines

VILLANOVA

Joins the active roster in 2018-19 after serving as a practice player during the Wildcats' 2017-18 NCAA national championship campaign.

TORREY PINES HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked at No. 34 in ESPN's Top 100 Prep Seniors in the Class of 2018 ... Excelled on the AAU circuit with BABC ... Selected as part of the USA Junior National Team at the 2018 Nike Hoop Summit in Portland ... Also played in the Jordan Brand Game following his senior season ... Averaged 26.5 points per game as a junior in 2016-17.

PERSONAL

A marketing major in the Villanova School of Business ... Born Oct. 8, 1996 ... Named to the 2017-18 BIG EAST All-Academic Team ... He was one of six Wildcats who were named to the National Association of Basketball Association Honors Court, which recognizes academic success ... Parents are Dave and Laurie Saunders ... Siblings are Andrew (28) and Jessica (26).



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JAY WRIGHT • HEAD COACH

In 17 seasons as Villanova's William J. Finneran Endowed Head Coach, Jay Wright has guided the Wildcats to new plateaus, including a pair of NCAA national championships. The Bucknell University graduate (1983) is one of only three active Division I head coaches with multiple national championships to his credit.

Villanova has more victories over the past five seasons (165) than any other program in America. It is the first Division I team to post 30 or more victories in four consecutive seasons (2014-18).

The Wildcats moved into the Associated Press Top 25 in the first week of December 2013 and remained there through the end of the 2017-18 campaign. After gaining its first ever No. 1 ranking in the AP Top 25 in February 2016, the Wildcats have spent a total of 19 weeks atop that poll over the past three seasons.

In 2017-18, the Wildcats amassed a school record 36 victories and secured Villanova's third NCAA national championship with a 79-62 victory over Michigan on April 2, 2018. After an overtime loss at Creighton on Feb. 24, VU reeled off 11 consecutive victories on its march to its title. Each of its six NCAA Tournament victories were by double digits.

Guard Jalen Brunson became Villanova's first consensus National Player of the Year in the modern era, joining Paul Arizin as the only VU players to earn that distinction. The Lincolnshire, Ill., product was honored with the John R. Wooden Award, Naismith Award, and Associated Press Player of the Year honor. Meanwhile, Mikal Bridges received the Julius Erving Award as the nation's top small forward, becoming the second Wildcat in as many seasons to earn that honor (Josh Hart was the 2017 recipient).

With a quarterfinal victory over Marquette in the 2018 BIG EAST Tournament, Wright moved past Alexander Severance to become the Villanova program's all-time wins leader.

The triumph over Michigan was the 422nd of Wright's tenure as the Wildcats' head coach (422-165). His career record - including a successful seven year stint at Hofstra from 1994-2001 is 544-250 (.685).

A host of student-athletes who have worn the Blue and White in Wright's tenure at the helm have carried their skills into the National Basketball Association. A program record four Wildcats were selected in the first 33 picks of the 2018 NBA Draft, including first round selections Bridges (drafted by Philadelphia and traded to Phoenix); Donte DiVincenzo (Milwaukee Bucks); Omari Spellman (Atlanta Hawks) and second round choice Brunson (Dallas Mavericks). They joined two other members of the 2016 champions, Josh Hart (Los Angeles Lakers) and Ryan Arcidiacono, who made their league debuts in 2017-18.

Other Wildcats tutored by Wright to have made their mark in the NBA include four-time All-Star Kyle Lowry; 2006 first round draft choice Randy Foye; and Dante Cunningham, a second round pick in 2009 after helping lead the Wildcats to the NCAA Final

Four. Wright has also coached a roster of college All-Americans including Foye and Allan Ray (2006); Scottie Reynolds (2010); Darrun Hilliard (2015); Hart (2017), Brunson, and Bridges (2018).

In addition to the on-court success, the Wildcats have produced in the class room as well. Senior Matt Kennedy was recognized with the prestigious NCAA Elite 90 Award at the 2018 Final Four while Brunson was voted second team CoSida Academic All-American along with BIG EAST Scholar Athlete of the Year. Villanova has won the last three BIG EAST Team Academic Excellence awards and every player who has spent four years in the program since 1975 has earned his degree.

On April 4, 2016, Villanova played a large part in one of the iconic moments in NCAA Tournament history. With 4.7 seconds remaining in the NCAA Final at Houston's NRG Stadium, Ryan Arcidiacono quickly advanced the basketball up the left side of the court, cut to his right and fed the ball to a trailing Kris Jenkins. Jenkins stepped into a 28-footer that fell through the net as time expired, capping a 35-5 season.

In 2018 Wright received the John R. Wooden Legends of Coaching Award in Los Angeles. He is a two-time winner of the Naismith National Coach of the Year award (2006 and 2016). In addition, he is a five time winner of the BIG EAST Coach of the Year award (2006, 2009, 2014, 2015, 2016).

Under the direction of Wright, the Wildcats have advanced to the NCAA Tournament in 13 of the last 14 seasons. He owns an all-time NCAA Tournament record of 27-13 (.675).

The Villanova coaching tree includes four current college head coaches. Boston University's Joe Jones was an aide to Wright at both Hofstra and Villanova while Patrick Chambers served on the Wildcats' staff from 2004-09. Former VU player Baker Dunleavy was named head coach at Quinnipiac in 2017 and Ashley Howard accepted the head coaching job at La Salle in 2018.

The reach of the Wildcats extends to other parts of the professional ranks. Former Villanova staffers now employed by NBA franchises include Houston Rockets' assistant coach Brett Gunning; Minnesota Timberwolves assistant coach Ed Pinckney; Philadelphia 76ers assistant coach Billy Lange and Delaware 87ers head coach Connor Johnson.

In addition, former Wildcats Mike Nardi and Dwayne Anderson are part of the current VU staff.

Wright began his coaching career at the University of Rochester in 1984. He was hired as a Villanova assistant in 1987 by the late Rollie Massimino and spent five years on staff. He accompanied Massimino to UNLV in 1992 before embarking upon his head coaching career at Hofstra in 1994.

A seven year tenure on Long Island was capped by a powerful three-year run, which concluded in 2001, that saw the Pride



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JAY WRIGHT • HEAD COACH

post a 72-22 (.766) record and make a pair of NCAA Tournament appearances.

Wright earned America East Coach of the Year honors in both 1999-2000 and 2000-01. He was also tabbed Eastern Basketball's Coach of the Year in 1999-2000.

Since becoming a head coach, Wright has also taken time out to work with USA Basketball. During the summer of 2010 he served with Washington's Lorenzo Romar as the co-coach of the USA Select Team, which scrimmaged against the USA National Team in advance of the World Championships.

In August 2005 he served as head coach for the United States' entry in the World University Games which earned a gold medal. Team USA was dominant in amassing an 8-0 record by an average margin of victory of 29.9 points per game. For his efforts Wright was named USA Basketball Co-Developmental Coach of the Year. In the summer of 2007, he served as head coach of the United States' entry in the Pan American Games.

As an undergraduate at Bucknell, Wright earned degrees in economics and sociology. He was a four-year letterman in basketball.

Since returning to Philadelphia, Wright has joined forces with his fellow Division I head coaches in the fight against cancer. Through the work of the head coaches at Drexel, La Salle, Penn, Saint Joseph's, Temple and Villanova, the Philadelphia chapter of Coaches vs. Cancer has become one of the top fundraising groups in the nation.

The product of Churchville, Pa., attended Council Rock High School. He is married to the former Patricia Reilly (Villanova class of 1983). The Wrights have two sons, Taylor (25), Collin (24), and a daughter, Reilly (19).

JAY'S JOURNEY

Overall Record	544-250 (.685)
Villanova (2001-present)	422-165 (.731)
Hofstra (1994-2001)	122-85 (.589)
BIG EAST Regular Season	191-105 (.645)
America East Regular Season	76-49 (.613)
NCAA Record	27-13 (.675) 15 appearances
NIT Record	4-4 (.500); four appearances
Big East Tournament	18-14 (.563)

- **Six NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 Appearances** (2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2016, 2018)
- **Four NCAA Tournament Elite Eights** (2006, 2009, 2016, 2018)
- **Three NCAA Final Four** (2009, 2016, 2018)
- **Two NCAA Championships** (2016, 2018)
- **Two-time Naismith National Coach of the Year** (2006, 2016)
- **Five-time BIG EAST Coach of the Year** (2006, 2009, 2014, 2015, 2016)
- **Five BIG EAST Regular Season Titles**
- **2006 NABC Coach of the Year**

Patty and Jay Wright were the recipients of the inaugural St. Augustine Medal in April 2017. A few weeks earlier, Jay Wright's first book, "Attitude: How to Develop a Winning Mindset On and Off the Court" was released and was included on the New York Times bestsellers' list.

JAY WRIGHT IN DEPTH

DATE OF BIRTH

Dec. 24, 1961

EDUCATION

Council Rock H.S. (1979)
Bucknell University (1983)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Rochester Assistant Coach
(1984-86)

Drexel University Assistant Coach
(1986-87)

Villanova University Assistant Coach
(1987-92)

UNLV Assistant Coach
(1992-94)

Hofstra University Head Coach
(1994-2001)

Villanova University Head Coach
(2001-present)

YEAR-BY-YEAR WITH JAY WRIGHT

Year	Institution	Record	Postseason
1994-95	Hofstra University	10-18	None
1995-96	Hofstra University	9-18	None
1996-97	Hofstra University	12-15	None
1997-98	Hofstra University	19-12	None
1998-99	Hofstra University	22-10	NIT
1999-2000	Hofstra University	24-7	NCAA
2000-2001	Hofstra University	26-5	NCAA
2001-2002	Villanova University	19-13	NIT
2002-2003	Villanova University	15-16	NIT
2003-2004	Villanova University	18-17	NIT
2004-2005	Villanova University	24-8	NCAA
2005-2006	Villanova University	28-5	NCAA
2006-2007	Villanova University	22-11	NCAA
2007-2008	Villanova University	22-13	NCAA
2008-2009	Villanova University	30-8	NCAA
2009-2010	Villanova University	25-8	NCAA
2010-2011	Villanova University	21-12	NCAA
2011-2012	Villanova University	13-19	None
2012-2013	Villanova University	20-14	NCAA
2013-2014	Villanova University	29-5	NCAA
2014-2015	Villanova University	33-3	NCAA
2015-2016	Villanova University	35-5	NCAA
2016-2017	Villanova University	32-4	NCAA
2017-2018	Villanova University	36-4	NCAA
24 years		544-250	



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KYLE NEPTUNE • ASSISTANT COACH



Kyle Neptune made his return to the Villanova staff when he was named an assistant coach in September 2013. He had previously served the Wildcats from 2008-10 as the administrative intern/video coordinator and was a part of the staff that helped lead VU to the 2009 NCAA Final Four in Detroit.

In his five seasons as a Wildcats assistant coach, the program has won more games than any other in America (165). Included in that stretch have been four BIG EAST

regular season championships, three BIG EAST Tournament titles and NCAA national championships captured in 2016 and 2018.

Prior to this stint, Neptune served three seasons as an assistant coach at Niagara University (2010-13) and accompanied former Niagara head coach Joe Mihalich to Hofstra University in the months before accepting his position at Villanova.

“During his time at Villanova, Kyle has demonstrated all the qualities you want to see in a young coach - commitment, passion, and the ability to communicate with young people.” stated head coach Jay Wright. “He is a well-rounded and talented young coach who we are thrilled to have with us.”

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Neptune played four seasons of college basketball at Lehigh University where he served as a team captain in his senior year of 2006-07. The Mountain Hawks claimed the 2004 Patriot League title during Neptune’s freshman campaign. As a junior, Neptune logged 33 minutes as a Lehigh starting forward

KYLE NEPTUNE IN DEPTH

DATE OF BIRTH

January 21, 1985

HOMETOWN

Philadelphia, Pa.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Drexel University (2004)

EXPERIENCE

Assistant Coach, La Salle University (2004-08)

Assistant Coach, Drexel University (2008-12)

Assistant Coach, Xavier University (2012-13)

Assistant Coach, Villanova University (2013-present)

when the Mountain Hawks played Villanova in November of 2005 at the Pavilion.

In his present role, Neptune assists with all elements of the program, including on-court teaching, player development, and recruiting

GEORGE HALCOVAGE • ASSISTANT COACH



George Halcovage, who first joined the Wildcats as a graduate assistant coach in 2008, was elevated to the role of Assistant Coach in the summer of 2017. It marked another step in the rise of the native of Pottsville, Pa., at Villanova.

“George is a longtime member of our staff who has been ready for this position for a long time,” stated Villanova head coach Jay Wright. “We are excited about him taking the next step in his career at Villanova.”

As an assistant coach Halcovage assists with on-court teaching, recruiting, and player development.

Halcovage was a part of the Villanova staff that guided the Wildcats to the 2009 NCAA Final Four in Detroit. In 2010, he moved over to become the Video Coordinator/Graduate Intern. He later was elevated to the role of Director of Basketball Operations and served in that capacity during the Wildcats’ run to the 2016 NCAA national championship.

In his first season as an assistant coach, the Wildcats posted a program record 36 victories on route to a second NCAA national title in the past three seasons.

In 2012 Halcovage earned his Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from Villanova University.

GEORGE HALCOVAGE IN DEPTH

DATE OF BIRTH

January 13, 1986

HOMETOWN

Pottsville, Pa.

EDUCATION

B.A., Babson College (2008)

B.A., Villanova School of Business (2012)

EXPERIENCE

Video Coordinator, Villanova University (2010-14)

Director, Basketball Operations, Villanova University (2014-17)

Assistant Coach, Villanova University (2017-present)

Halcovage is a 2008 graduate of Babson College, where he played four seasons of varsity basketball as a point guard. In his final two seasons he coordinated the New England Coaches Association (NEBCA) “Coaches vs. Cancer” all-star game.



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MIKE **NARDI** • ASSISTANT COACH



Mike Nardi, a four-year starter at guard for the Wildcats from 2003-07, was elevated to the position of Assistant Coach in the spring of 2017 following the departure of Ashley Howard to accept the head coaching position at La Salle University. Since joining the basketball staff at the start of the 2015-16 season, Nardi has been a part of two NCAA national championships, most recently in the capacity of Director of Basketball

Operations.

Previously, the New Jersey native served as Director of Student-Athlete Development (2015-16) and Video Coordinator (2016-17).

“It’s great to have a player of Mike’s caliber working his way up on our staff,” said Villanova head coach Jay Wright. “He is a talented coach with a bright future in our business.”

Nardi originally came to Villanova after an outstanding career at St. Patrick’s High School in New Jersey. The 6-2 native of Linden, N.J., was tabbed New Jersey High School Player of the Year by the Newark Star Ledger.

As a Wildcat, Nardi was named to the 2004 BIG EAST All-Rookie Team after starting all 35 games as a freshman. He would remain an integral part of some of Villanova’s most successful teams in the mid-2000’s, helping VU reach the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 in 2005 and the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight in 2006. As a senior he helped mentor freshman Scottie Reynolds while helping lead the Wildcats back to the NCAA Tournament and he was named

MIKE NARDI IN DEPTH	
DATE OF BIRTH	January 30, 1985
HOMETOWN	Linden, N.J.
EDUCATION	B.A., Villanova University (2007)
EXPERIENCE	Director, S.A. Development Villanova University (2015-16) Video Coordinator, Villanova University (2016-17) Director, Basketball Operations, Villanova University (2017-18) Assistant Coach, Villanova University (2018-present)

Honorable Mention All-BIG EAST.

Nardi scored 1,306 points in his Villanova career. His 423 career assists place him in 12th place in school history. Following graduation in 2007 Nardi played professionally for nine seasons in Italy.

In August 2018 Nardi was married to the former Lauren Christiana in a ceremony at the St. Thomas of Villanova Chapel.

DWAYNE **ANDERSON** • DIR. OF BASKETBALL OPS



Dwayne Anderson, a 2009 Villanova graduate who served as a captain on the unit that brought the Wildcats to the NCAA Final Four in Detroit, returned to his alma mater in May 2018 after serving five seasons on the coaching staff at Penn State University. He assumed the role of Director of Basketball Operations at Villanova.

“We are excited to welcome Dwayne and his wife Lindsay home to Villanova,” stated Villanova head coach

Jay Wright. “As a player, Dwayne’s leadership traits played a critical role on our 2009 NCAA Final Four team. Those same traits have helped make him an outstanding young coach. He will be a great role model for our players.”

A Silver Spring, Md., native, Anderson first came to Villanova by way of St. Thomas More (Conn.) in 2005. As a freshman, he was part of an NCAA Tournament Elite Eight team. In 2007-08, the 6-6 guard/forward earned a starting role for a unit that advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16. One year later, he helped lead the Wildcats to a 78-76 victory over Pittsburgh in the NCAA East Regional Final and the school’s first Final Four appearance in 24 years.

Following a professional career in Germany, Anderson entered the coaching profession, joining the staff of former VU Associate

DWAYNE ANDERSON IN DEPTH	
DATE OF BIRTH	June 26, 1986
HOMETOWN	Silver Spring, Md.
EDUCATION	B.A., Villanova University (2009)
EXPERIENCE	Assistant Coach, Penn State (2013-18) Director, Basketball Operations, Villanova University (2018-present)

Head Coach Patrick Chambers. He spent five seasons in State College as an assistant coach, highlighted by the team’s 2018 run to the National Invitation Tournament title.

Anderson is married to the former Lindsay Davis, who excelled as a four year member of the VU Swimming and Diving team from 2005-09, specializing in the 1 and 3 meter diving events. The couple has two sons, Dash and Nova.



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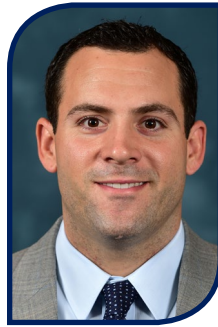
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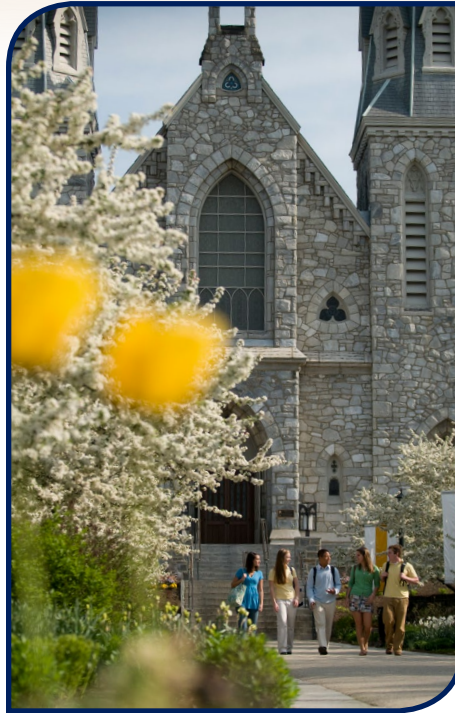
SINCE 1842, Villanova University's Augustinian Catholic intellectual tradition has been the cornerstone of an academic community in which students learn to think critically, act compassionately and succeed while serving others. There are more than 10,000 undergraduate, graduate and law students in the University's six colleges – the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Villanova School of Business, the College of Engineering, the College of Nursing, the College of Professional Studies and the Villanova University School of Law. As students grow intellectually, Villanova prepares them to become ethical leaders who create positive change everywhere life takes them.

Villanova University was founded in 1842 by the Order of Saint Augustine. To this day, Villanova's Augustinian Catholic intellectual tradition is the cornerstone of an academic community in which students learn to think critically, act compassionately and succeed while serving others. Villanova prepares students to become ethical leaders who create positive change everywhere life takes them.

The strength of the Villanova experience comes in part from the University's welcoming community. All members are bonded together by a shared responsibility to uphold the ideals of Saint Augustine and let the principles of truth, unity and love guide their lives. The Villanova community helps students grow intellectually, professionally and spiritually, and challenges them to reach their full potential.

The University's rigorous academic experience, rooted in the liberal arts, forms an environment in which students and professors are partners in learning. The Villanova community is dedicated to providing a personalized experience that fosters every student's intellectual and spiritual well-being. As part of their education, students are encouraged to enrich their own lives by working for those in need. Through academic and service programs, students use their knowledge, skills and compassion to better the world around them.

Villanova University is located in a suburban community 12 miles west of Philadelphia, Pa.



AN EXCELLENT ACADEMIC REPUTATION

For nearly two decades, Villanova has ranked first in *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Colleges" in its category of Master's Universities (North). Villanova is also a member of the two most prestigious honor societies – Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi. Villanova's College of Nursing is designated a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education by the National League for Nursing.

The value of the Villanova education has also been recognized: *U.S. News & World Report* ranks Villanova first in Great Schools, Great Prices (Master's, North Region) and Bloomberg BusinessWeek ranks Villanova in the top 25 nationwide in Top Undergraduate Return on Investment.

THE STUDENTS

Villanova's more than 6,300 undergraduates come from 45 states plus Washington, D.C.; Guam; Puerto Rico; the U.S. Virgin Islands; and 53 foreign countries. The mid 50 percent SAT scores of the recently admitted class is 1330-1440/1600, ACT: 30-33, and the GPA range is 3.80-4.20 on a weighted 4.0 scale. 53 percent of first-year students receive need-based financial assistance from the University.

THE FACULTY

Villanova's 585 full-time faculty - 90 percent of whom hold the highest degree in their field - teach classes that average 22 students. The student : faculty ratio is 11:1.

THE EXPERIENCE

Villanova is a welcoming, caring community of learners. Villanova offers themed Learning Communities, which create innovative educational environments where first-year student live in the same residence hall, take their Augustine and Culture Seminar together, and participate in tailored co-curricular programs. Service to others through volunteerism and service-learning projects is a fundamental part of the Villanova experience, and 75 percent of undergraduates participate. Villanova students may also choose to study abroad for a summer, a semester or a year; compete on one or more of 11 men's and 13 women's sports teams at the NCAA Division I level or on one of 44 club and intramural sports; and take part in any of more than 250 extracurricular groups and activities.

ACCREDITATION

Villanova University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. In addition, Villanova and its undergraduate programs have received accreditation from the American Chemical Society, the Computing Accreditation Commission, and the National Catholic Education Association. Villanova is a member in good standing of the National Association for College Admission Counseling. Villanova School of Business programs are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). Villanova College of Engineering programs are accredited by the Accreditation Commission (EAC) of ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology). The Villanova College of Nursing program is fully accredited by the CCNE (Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education) and is approved by the State Board of Nursing of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Graduates are eligible to sit for the NCLEX (registered nurse licensing exam)

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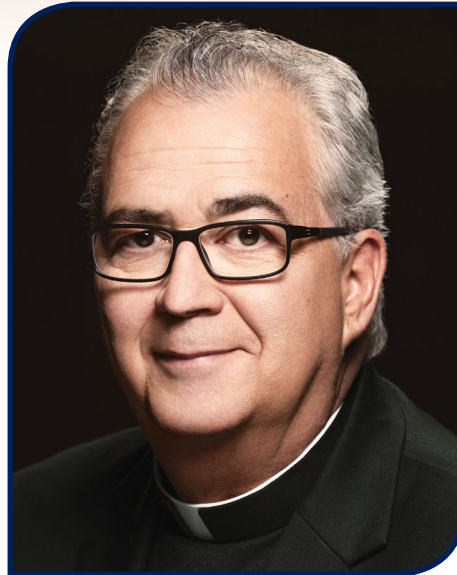
PRESIDENT REV. PETER M. DONOHUE, OSA, PHD.

THE Reverend Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, became the 32nd president of Villanova University on June 1, 2006. Under his leadership, Villanova has charted a course of significant transformation that includes embarking on an ambitious ten-year strategic plan, launching the University's largest comprehensive fundraising campaign, initiating a vibrant physical campus reno

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Throughout this transformative period in Villanova's history, the University has introduced new initiatives, become more nationally recognized for its academic prowess and broken University admission records. Father Donohue has also worked together with students, faculty, staff, alumni and parents to strengthen the Villanova community and renew its commitment to the institution's Augustinian, Catholic educational mission.

A champion of the role of service learning at Villanova, Father Donohue instituted an annual St. Thomas of Villanova Day of Service as a way



for the University community to propel its Augustinian ideals into action. Each September, nearly 5,000 students, faculty, staff and alumni take part in projects throughout Greater Philadelphia. This is just one of the many service learning opportunities

at the University, which boasts more than 250,000 hours of service in the local, national and international community.

AN ACCOMPLISHED SCHOLAR

Born in the Bronx, New York, and raised in Royal Oak, Michigan, Father Peter earned a bachelor's degree from Villanova University in 1975 and was ordained an Augustinian priest in 1979. He has a master's in Theatre from the Catholic University of America, a masters in Divinity from the Washington Theological Union, and a PhD in Theatre from the University of Illinois.

Father Donohue is a tenured associate professor at Villanova who served as chair of the University's department of theatre from 1992 to 2006. He annually directed musical theatre productions on campus, earning six Barrymore Award nominations and one Barrymore Award for Outstanding Direction of a Musical from the Theatre Alliance of Greater Philadelphia.

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DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS MARK JACKSON

MARK Jackson is in his fourth year as the Villanova University Director of Athletics in 2018-19. Jackson is responsible for providing executive leadership, strategic direction and oversight for all of Villanova's 24 varsity sports and more than 550 student-athletes. He is also charged with managing the department's fiscal affairs, personnel, strategic planning, facilities, general operations and public relations. As part of the university's senior leadership, Jackson is a member of the President's Cabinet and is the direct liaison between the Athletic Department and the broader campus community.

Villanova is a member of the BIG EAST Conference and the Colonial Athletic Association Football Conference, and also competes in the Colonial Athletic Association (rowing) and Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (water polo). In addition, club sports and an extensive intramurals and recreation program fall under the auspices of the Athletic Department.

Jackson is committed to excellence in every facet of the student-athlete experience and to fostering an environment that allows the Wildcats to be successful on all fronts while maintaining Villanova's place among the nation's elite institutions for the combination of its academic prestige, athletic achievement and community service. In Jackson's three years leading the Athletic Department, the Wildcats have won two national championships in men's basketball and an individual NCAA title in men's cross country. Seven different teams have competed in national postseason play in the last three years, and during that span Villanova has won 12 conference championships while producing dozens of individual conference titles.

Even for a school that traditionally stands out nationally for the academic success of its student-athletes, 2017-18 was a banner year for Villanova. When the NCAA announced its annual Academic Progress Rate (APR) public recognition awards in May 2018, the Wildcats led all of Division I with the highest percentage of its teams earning public recognition for having a multi-year APR score that ranked within the top 10 percent of their sport. Villanova had a total of 18 teams achieve this distinction, including football and both the men's and women's basketball programs. In addition, the Wildcats topped the BIG EAST Conference with the most student-athletes named to the BIG EAST All-Academic Team for the third straight year.

Villanova student-athletes have extended their streak of consecutive semesters with a grade-point average above a 3.0 to 30 straight semesters over the last 15 academic years. Even more impressive is that the GPA for student-athletes has been above a 3.2 for seven consecutive terms, with the GPA in Spring 2018 setting a semester record at 3.322. On an individual level, there were 375 student-athletes named to the Athletic Director's Honor Roll in Spring 2018 for having a GPA of 3.2 or higher. A group of 23 student-athletes representing a dozen sports had a perfect 4.0 GPA for the semester.

The 2017-18 academic year was also a notable one in the various fields of competition. Villanova won its second men's basketball national championship in the past three years with a dominant run through the NCAA Tournament. The Wildcats won all six of their NCAA games by double digits, captured the BIG EAST title and finished the season with a school record 36 victories. Jalen Brunson was the consensus National Player of the Year and was also named a second team Capital One Academic All-American.



Also in 2017-18, the women's basketball and men's lacrosse programs each earned at-large berths in the NCAA Tournament after terrific regular season campaigns. It marked the 16th time in the last 19 years that women's basketball advanced to national postseason play, while the men's lacrosse team achieved its highest-ever national ranking when it landed at No. 4 in the USILA Coaches Poll during the year. The women's track & field and cross country programs combined for a BIG EAST "triple crown" in 2017-18, as the Wildcats won conference titles in cross country, indoor track & field and outdoor track & field. Villanova earned a total of nine All-America honors in men's and women's track & field in 2017-18, while the women's swimming & diving program won its fifth consecutive BIG EAST title in dominant fashion.

Villanova was presented with the 2014-15 and 2015-16 BIG EAST Conference President's Cup in each of the first two years that this across-the-board honor has been awarded. The President's Cup recognizes the BIG EAST member school that has excelled at an elite level in athletic competition, academic performance and community service.

During the 2016-17 academic year, the men's basketball team returned to the No. 1 national ranking and won its fourth consecutive BIG EAST regular season title in addition to winning the postseason conference tournament for the second time in three seasons. The women's basketball team won 20 games for the fifth consecutive season and reached the semifinal round of the WNIT for the first time. Men's cross country student-athlete Patrick Tiernan capped his record-setting collegiate career by becoming the second Villanova men's athlete to win the NCAA cross country title. Other highlights from 2016-17 included the football team returning to the FCS playoffs and the men's soccer team reaching the NCAA Tournament for the first time in program history. The women's swimming & diving team won its fourth straight BIG EAST crown in dominant fashion.

The success of Villanova's athletics program in 2016-17 came on the heels of a remarkable 2015-16 campaign which was highlighted by the men's basketball team winning the second national championship in program history. Head coach Jay Wright was named the Naismith Men's College Coach of the Year and the men's basketball team was one of four Wildcats teams that advanced to national postseason play. The women's cross country team earned a berth in the NCAA Championships and the volleyball team made its second-ever NCAA

Tournament appearance. The women's basketball team also returned to national postseason play. Villanova finished the year ranked No. 74 in the NACDA Directors' Cup, including second among BIG EAST programs and fifth among FCS football schools.

Jackson's leadership has enabled Villanova Athletics to reach record levels of fundraising in the past three years. Since his arrival on campus, the Villanova Athletic Fund has raised nearly \$100 million while posting three consecutive record-setting years in terms of fundraising dollars. Jackson has steadily increased the number of leadership and major gift donors in support of athletics facility projects, most significantly helping to make possible \$65 million in fundraising for the 100% donor funded Finneran Pavilion renovation. Other major projects include the October 2016 opening of the \$18 million Andrew J. Talley Athletic Center and \$4 million in facility enhancements to the Davis Center. Jackson also played a key role in securing \$2 million for men's and women's lacrosse locker room upgrades, as well as a \$2 million gift for the renovation of the track & field and cross country locker rooms and office space.

In June 2016 Jackson helped to secure an anonymous \$1.3 million gift, the largest ever to a Villanova Athletics women's program, for the construction of a new home venue for the field hockey team at the Proving Grounds in nearby Conshohocken, Pa. This transformational gift provides a new home for the field hockey team and positively impacts both the competitive and recruiting landscape of the program. A similar project was completed in September 2016 at the Villanova Ballpark at Plymouth, where the baseball team plays its home games. Through the generosity of alumni and friends of the baseball program, artificial turf was installed on the infield and behind home plate. Outfield wall padding was added in March 2017. In addition to numerous capital projects, Jackson has overseen the successful implementation of the "Nova Points" donor and season ticket holder points system and has prioritized fundraising for staffing, scholarship and operational support in the Athletic Department.

In addition to his responsibilities on campus, Jackson is involved with several external committees outside the university. He is currently the chair of the BIG EAST Athletic Directors Committee and the Big Five Athletic Directors Committee, as well as the Co-Chair of the Collegiate Sports Summit For Athletic Directors.

Jackson came to Villanova with nearly 20 years of experience and a comprehensive knowledge of all sports and the associated support that is necessary to sustain a high-level collegiate athletic program. He most recently served as the Senior Associate Director of Athletics and Chief Innovation Officer at the University of Southern California, where he had responsibility for the university's flagship football program along with baseball, women's lacrosse and support services, including sports medicine, strength and conditioning, nutrition, security and equipment and apparel operations.

Jackson was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and played defensive back at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. He received his bachelor's degree in government from Colby in 1995 and a master's degree in public policy from Trinity College in 1997. Jackson, 45, and his wife, Tricia, are parents to four children: Grace, 17; Hannah, 15; Kevin, 13; and Sean, 11.

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- A season ticket holder.
- A member of an institutional athletics booster club.
- Involved in providing jobs or internships for enrolled student-athletes.
- Involved in promoting the institution’s athletics program.
- Has ever been involved with the Villanova University athletics program.
- Has made contributions to booster clubs or to the athletics department.

Once “athletics representative” status has been reached, fans retain that status for life. Under NCAA legislation, “athletics representatives” are prohibited from any contact (e.g., letters, telephone calls, face-to-face, and social media) with a prospective student-athlete or the prospect’s relatives or legal guardians for purposes of recruiting. Such contacts are to be initiated exclusively by authorized athletics department staff members.

Athletics representatives are subject to NCAA legislation which requires member institutions to revoke or withhold privileges from any individual who has engaged in conduct that is determined by the NCAA, or its member conferences, to be in violation of NCAA legislation, regardless of whether such violation results in the imposition of sanctions. Such benefits or privileges may include, but are not limited to, ticket privileges being withheld by the University to any University-hosted athletics event, for a period of time which the NCAA, and its member conferences, deems appropriate.

We request that “athletics representatives” do not make recruiting contact with prospective student-athletes at any time. No matter how well-meaning your intentions, any contact you make with a prospective student-athlete places you, our University, and the Villanova University athletics program at risk of receiving NCAA sanctions.

If you have any questions, before taking action, please contact our compliance office at the address below and telephone number for clarification. Should you wish to receive more information on applicable NCAA policies, our compliance office will be happy to provide additional information and clarification to you. To request a free copy of our “Guide to NCAA Rules...for Alumni, Faculty & Friends” or to receive clarification of NCAA rules before taking any actions, please email athletics.compliance@villanova.edu or call 610-519-6607.

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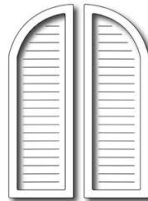
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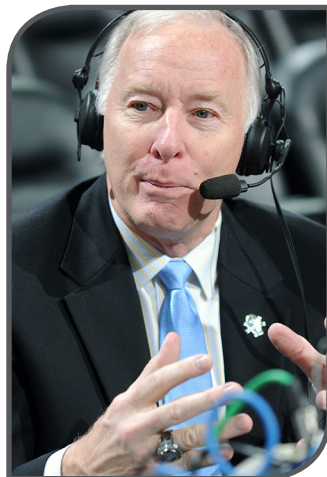
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PLAY-BY-PLAY RYAN FANNON

Ryan Fannon returns to the sidelines for his 21st season as the play-by-play voice of Villanova Basketball. Fannon is a 1993 Villanova graduate who began his association with the Wildcat network as host of the pre-game and post-game shows shortly after his graduation. This marks his 21st season as one of the signature voices of Villanova Basketball.

Fannon is also the radio play-by-play voice of Villanova Wildcats Football on 610 Sports and also co-hosts "Talking Villanova Football with Andy Talley".

Fannon and his wife Laura are the parents of three children and make their home in Alexandria, Va.

COLOR COMMENTARY WHITEY RIGSBY

Whitey Rigsby came to Villanova in 1974 and went on to become the starting point guard for Coach Rollie Massimino and a 1978 Wildcats squad that advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament. He was a three-year starter who dished out 393 career assists and was inducted into the Villanova Athletics Hall of Fame in 1995.

The new basketball campaign marks Rigsby's 39th as a team broadcaster. In that span he helped call VU's 1985 NCAA and 1994 National Invitation Tournament titles and in 2009 he was behind the microphone as the Wildcats marched back to the NCAA Final Four in Detroit and the 2016 NCAA national

championship.

Rigsby is a director in the office of the Villanova Athletic Fund.

Rigsby makes his home in Malvern, Pa., with his wife Becky, a 1979 Villanova graduate. The couple has seven children: Deborah, VU class of 2005; Rob Jr., VU class of 2007; Frederick, VU class of 2007; Mary; Matthew, VU class of 2010; Joseph, VU class of 2012 and John.

INSIDE VILLANOVA BASKETBALL WITH JAY WRIGHT

The television program that brings Wildcat fans behind the scenes of their favorite team is "Inside Villanova Basketball with Jay Wright". This show was nominated for a 2014 Mid-Atlantic Emmy.

Ten shows will air locally on NBCSN Philly in Philadelphia and in selected northeast markets as well. The show is produced by WipeOut Productions and its executive producer Scott Graham. The program gives viewers an inside look at life within the Villanova Basketball program.

TALKING VILLANOVA BASKETBALL WITH JAY WRIGHT PRESENTED BY HARTFORD FUNDS

The "Talking Villanova Basketball with Jay Wright presented by Hartford Funds" program entered a new era in 2018-19, as it shifts away from its previous format as a locally based radio broadcast to an audio podcast in its 18th season.

The debut program will be made available this month and is to be followed in succeeding months by a new podcast available via download free of charge. Fans can follow @NovaMBB on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook to receive instant alerts when a new podcast becomes available for download.

As he has in previous seasons, Wright will welcome a range of guests to the program, including current Wildcats players, coaches, basketball alumni and other notables from the local and national basketball scene. Hartford Funds returns for its fourth season as presenting partner of Talking Villanova Basketball.

"We're excited to continue our partnership with Hartford Funds as we enter a new era of Talking Villanova Basketball," stated Drew Young, Vice President of Villanova Sports Properties. "This new platform makes Talking Villanova Basketball accessible to a wider audience than it was previously, available on demand via mobile devices."

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1991

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1995

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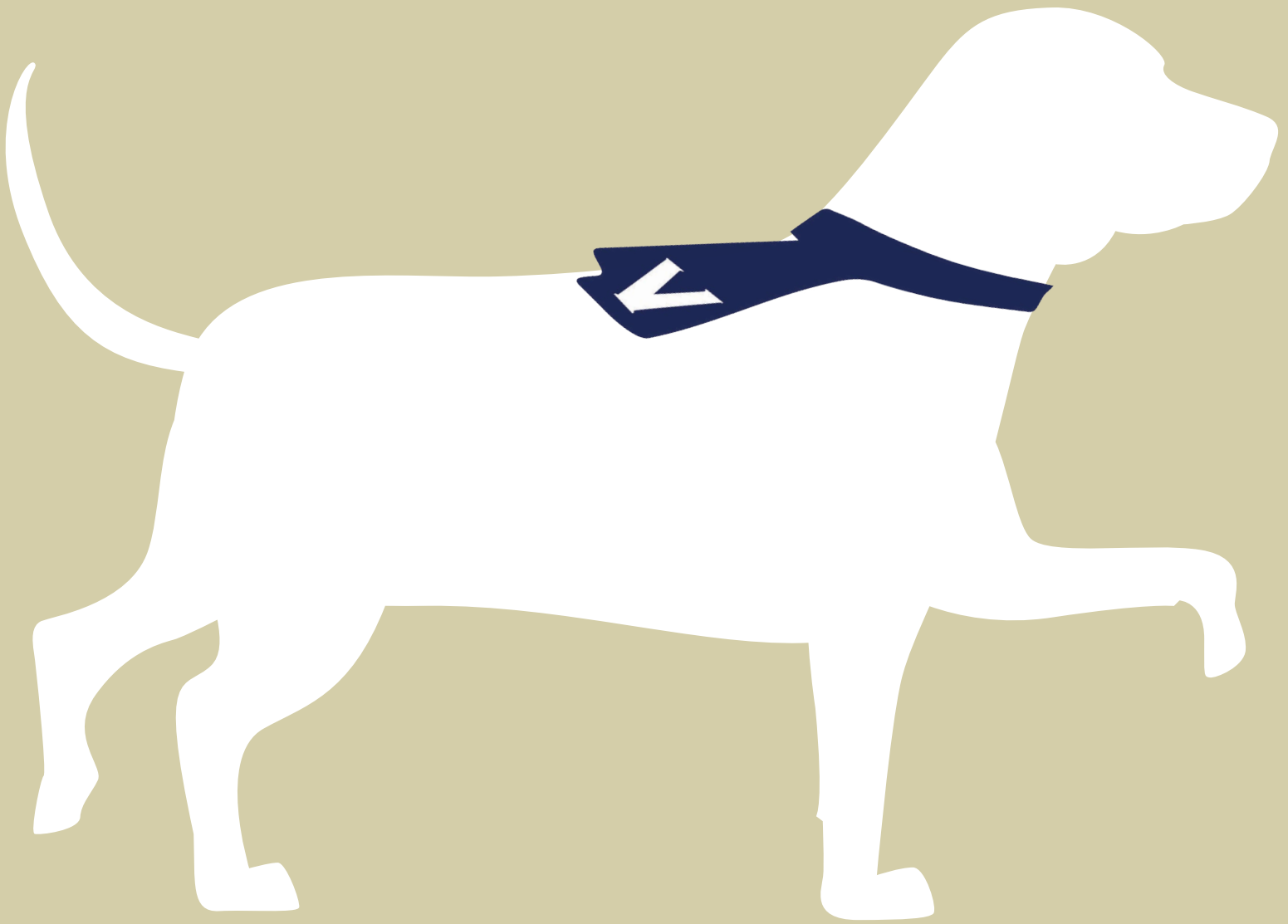


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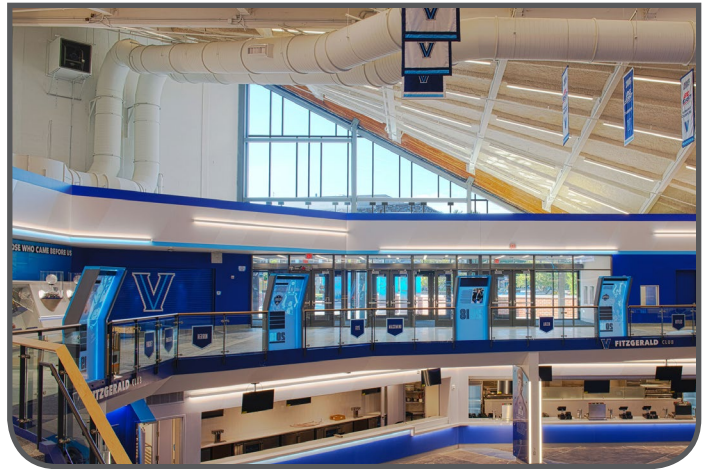
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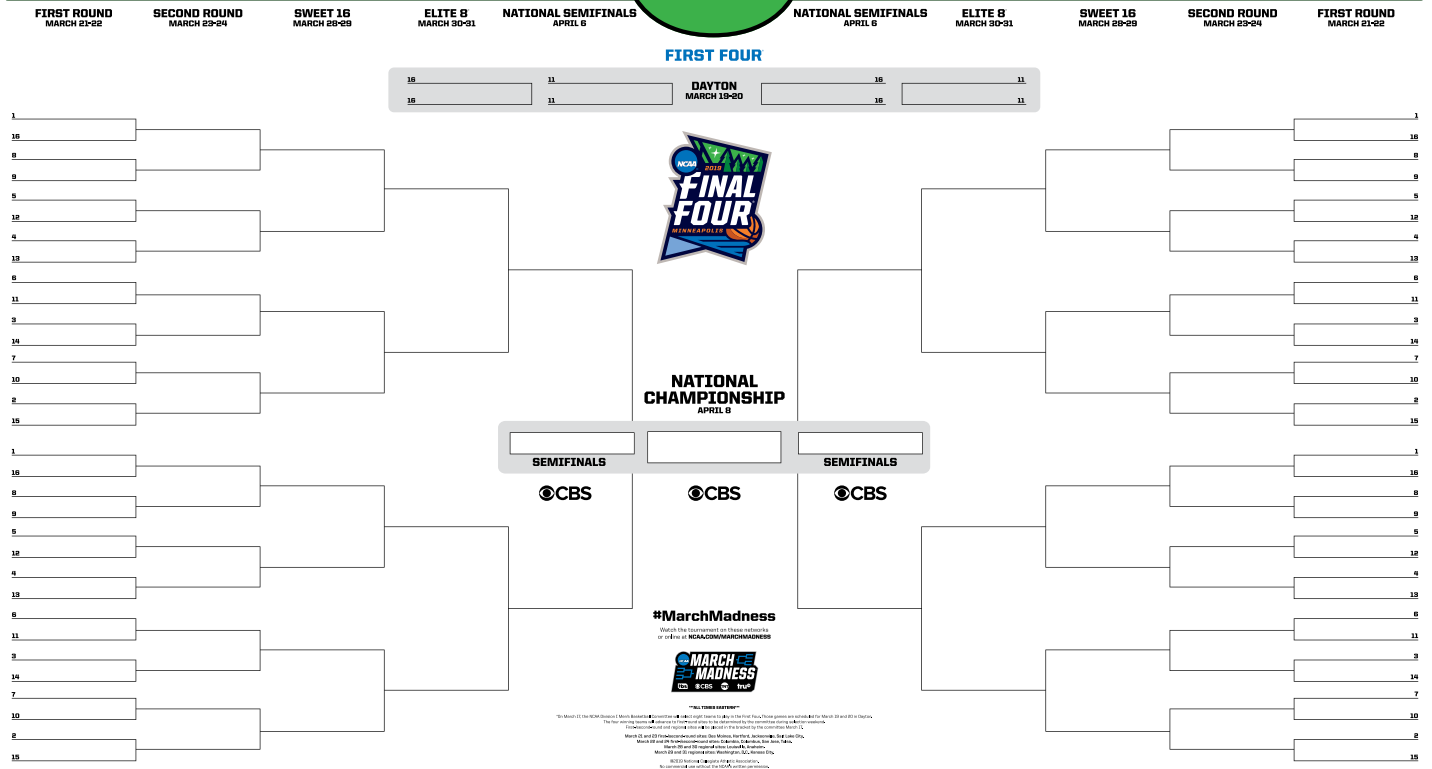
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CAREER SCORING LEADERS (OVER 1,000 POINTS)

Player	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
1. Kerry Kittles (1992-96)	122	821	323	18.4	2,243
2. Scottie Reynolds (2006-10)	139	658	631	16.0	2,222
3. Keith Herron (1974-78)	117	918	334	18.5	2,170
4. Bob Schafer (1951-55)	111	726	642	18.9	2,094
5. Doug West (1985-89)	138	779	336	14.8	2,037
6. Howard Porter (1968-71)	89	828	370	22.8	2,026
7. Allan Ray (2002-06)	130	658	397	15.6	2,025
8. John Pinone (1979-83)	126	697	630	16.1	2,024
9. Randy Foye (2002-06)	131	682	389	15.0	1,966
10. Josh Hart (2013-17)	146	677	360	13.2	1,921
11. Ed Pinckney (1981-85)	129	637	591	14.4	1,865
12. Gary Buchanan (1999-03)	122	569	324	14.8	1,799
13. Larry Hennessy (1950-53)	75	720	297	23.2	1,737
14. Jalen Brunson (2015-18)	116	579	332	14.4	1,667
15. Corey Fisher (2007-11)	137	523	447	12.1	1,652
16. Curtis Sumpter (2002-07)	124	567	396	13.3	1,651
17. Paul Arizin (1947-50)	82	589	470	20.1	1,648
18. Alex Bradley (1977-81)	111	617	400	14.7	1,634
19. Tom Ingelsby (1970-73)	87	632	352	18.6	1,616
20. Bill Melchionni (1963-66)	84	646	320	19.2	1,612
21. Hubie White (1959-62)	78	624	360	20.6	1,608
22. Ryan Arcidiacono (2012-16)	144	487	369	11.1	1,604
23. JayVaughn Pinkston (2011-15)	136	495	567	11.7	1,590
24. Harold Pressley (1982-86)	135	612	348	11.6	1,572
25. Johnny Jones (1966-69)	80	618	332	19.6	1,568
26. Jason Lawson (1993-97)	131	534	497	12.1	1,565
27. Lance Miller (1989-93)	121	527	414	12.9	1,560
28. Larry Herron (1973-77)	104	692	169	14.9	1,553
29. Dwayne McClain (1981-85)	125	643	248	12.4	1,544
30. Darrun Hilliard (2011-15)	132	491	320	11.4	1,511
31. Tom Greis (1986-90)	134	603	298	11.2	1,504
32. Chris Ford (169-72)	91	74	285	15.7	1,433
33. Wali Jones (1961-64)	85	581	266	16.8	1,428
34. Alvin Williams (1993-97)	131	485	320	11.0	1,423
35. Eric Eberz (1992-96)	120	495	182	11.6	1,397
36. Kenny Wilson (1985-89)	137	452	410	10.1	1,390
37. Kris Jenkins (2013-17)	146	432	255	9.5	1,383
38. Dante Cunningham (2005-09)	139	514	305	9.7	1,334
39. Greg Woodard (1992-96)	128	378	369	10.2	1,312
40. Mikal Bridges (2015-18)	116	456	224	11.3	1,311
41. Reggie Robinson (1974-78)	119	537	235	11.0	1,309
42. Stewart Granger (1979-83)	125	498	311	10.5	1,307
43. Mike Nardi (2003-07)	129	423	209	10.1	1,306
44. Corey Stokes (2007-11)	133	409	223	9.8	1,301
45. Tom Sienkiewicz (1977-81)	115	525	221	11.1	1,271
46. Jack Devine (1951-55)	113	485	293	11.2	1,263
47. John Celestand (1995-99)	124	420	242	9.9	1,227
48. Hank Siemiontkowski (1969-72)	90	474	276	13.6	1,224
49. Ricky Wright (1999-03)	124	437	355	9.8	1,221
50. Mark Plansky (1984-88)	134	456	240	9.1	1,217
51. Maalik Wayns (2009-12)	95	379	339	12.5	1,191
52. Rory Sparrow (1976-80)	124	489	205	9.5	1,183
53. Jim Huggard (1958-61)	75	471	242	15.8	1,184
54. Harold Jensen (1983-87)	130	450	203	8.9	1,155
55. Jim Washington (1962-65)	85	469	208	13.5	1,146
56. Malik Allen (1996-00)	125	435	261	9.0	1,131
57. Joe Lord (1941-43, 45-47)	71	462	201	15.8	1,125
58. Howard Brown (1995-99)	127	407	169	8.8	1,122
59. John Olive (1973-77)	113	390	342	9.9	1,122
60. Antonio Pena (2007-11)	137	407	275	8.0	1,093
61. Mouphtaou Yarou (2009-13)	120	384	299	8.9	1,068
62. James Bell (2010-14)	122	344	168	8.6	1,046
63. Daniel Ochefu (2012-16)	141	404	207	7.2	1,015
Brooks Sales (1998-02)	123	359	295	8.3	1,015
65. Jimmy Smith (1953-57)	80	360	294	12.7	1,014

SINGLE GAME SCORING LEADERS (40 OR MORE POINTS)

Player	Pts.	Opponent	Date
1. Paul Arizin	85	NAMC	Feb. 12, 1949
2. Bob Schafer	46	Baldwin-Wallace	Jan. 8, 1954
3. Joe Lord	45	Kings Point	Feb. 5, 1947
Larry Hennessy	45	Boston College	Feb. 14, 1953
5. Kerry Kittles	44	Boston College	Feb. 28, 1995
Larry Hennessy	44	Canisius	Feb. 4, 1953
Bill Melchionni	44	St. Bonaventure	Feb. 16, 1966
7. Bob Schafer	43	N.C. State	Jan. 2, 1954
8. Paul Arizin	41	Seton Hall	Feb. 8, 1950
9. Scottie Reynolds	40	Seton Hall	Jan. 6, 2009
Scottie Reynolds	40	Connecticut	Feb. 28, 2007
Rich Moore	40	Seton Hall	Mar. 3, 1964
Bill Melchionni	40	Oregon State	Dec. 11, 1965
Larry Hennessy	40	Rider	Mar. 4, 1953
Howard Porter	40	Seton Hall	Mar. 2, 1970

**SINGLE SEASON SCORING LEADERS
(500 OR MORE POINTS)**

Player	Year	Pts
1. Bob Schafer	1954	836
2. Bill Melchionni	1966	801
3. Howard Porter	1971	799
4. Jalen Brunson	2018	756
5. Paul Arizin	1950	735
6. Kerry Kittles	1995	706
7. Larry Hennessy	1951	703
8. Randy Foye	2006	677
9. Josh Hart	2017	673
10. Keith Herron	1977	652
11. Howard Porter	1970	645
12. Michael Bradley	2001	645
13. Tom Ingelsby	1973	638
14. Kerry Kittles	1994	630
15. Harold Pressley	1986	620
16. Josh Hart	2016	618
Keith Herron	1978	618
18. Kerry Kittles	1996	613
19. Dante Cunningham	2009	612
20. Doug West	1989	608
21. Allan Ray	2004	607
22. Hubie White	1962	604
23. Scottie Reynolds	2010	602
24. Paul Arizin	1949	594
25. Bob Schafer	1955	592
26. Doug West	1988	583
27. Howard Porter	1969	582
28. Alvin Williams	1997	580
29. Gary Buchanan	2001	571
30. Larry Hennessy	1952	567
31. Johnny Jones	1968	565
32. Curtis Sumpter	2007	556
33. Scottie Reynolds	2008	555
34. John Pinone	1982	550
35. Ed Pinckney	1985	546
36. Kris Jenkins	2016	545
37. Bill Melchionni	1965	542
Tim Thomas	1997	542
39. Bob Schafer	1953	537
Hank Siemiontkowski	1971	537
41. John Pinone	1983	534
Jalen Brunson	2017	526
43. Tom Ingelsby	1972	526
44. Eric Eberz	1995	519
Allan Ray	2005	519
46. Dwayne McClain	1985	518
47. Johnny Jones	1969	511
48. Maalik Wayns	2012	510
49. Hubie White	1961	509
50. Darrun Hilliard	2015	501



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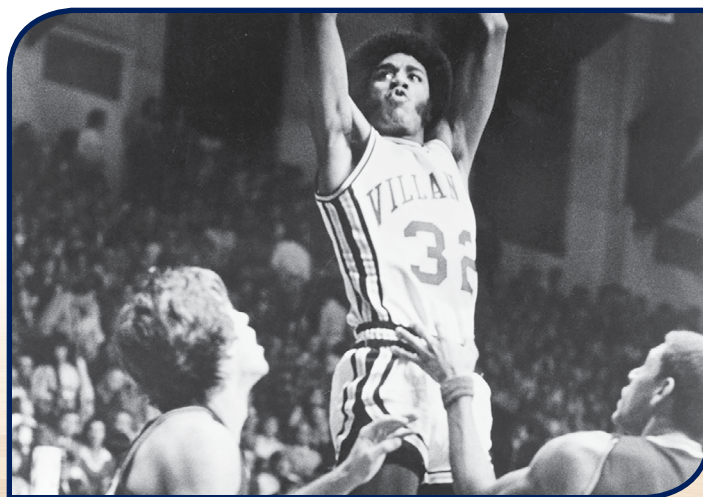
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Year	Player	Pts.	Avg.
2017-18	Jalen Brunson	756	18.9 ppg
2016-17	Josh Hart	673	18.7 ppg
2015-16	Josh Hart	618	15.5 ppg
2014-15	Darrun Hilliard	501	14.3 ppg
2013-14	James Bell	491	14.4 ppg
2012-13	JayVaughn Pinkston	453	13.3 ppg
2011-12	Maalik Wayns	510	17.6 ppg
2010-11	Corey Fisher	494	15.4 ppg
2009-10	Scottie Reynolds	602	18.2 ppg
2008-09	Dante Cunningham	612	16.1 ppg
2007-08	Scottie Reynolds	555	15.9 ppg
2006-07	Curtis Sumpter	556	17.4 ppg
2005-06	Randy Foye	677	20.5 ppg
2004-05	Allan Ray	519	16.2 ppg
2003-04	Allan Ray	607	17.3 ppg
2002-03	Gary Buchanan	400	15.4 ppg
2001-02	Gary Buchanan	571	17.8 ppg
2000-01	Michael Bradley	645	20.8 ppg
1999-00	Malik Allen	467	14.2 ppg
1998-99	John Celestand	462	14.9 ppg
1997-98	John Celestand	384	13.2 ppg
1996-97	Alvin Williams	580	17.1 ppg
1995-96	Kerry Kittles	613	20.4 ppg
1994-95	Kerry Kittles	706	21.4 ppg
1993-94	Kerry Kittles	630	19.7 ppg
1992-93	Lance Miller	371	13.7 ppg
1991-92	Lance Miller	431	14.9 ppg
1990-91	Lance Miller	481	15.0 ppg
1989-90	Tom Greis	442	13.4 ppg
1988-89	Doug West	608	18.4 ppg
1987-88	Doug West	583	15.8 ppg
1986-87	Harold Jensen	492	15.9 ppg
1985-86	Harold Pressley	620	16.8 ppg
1984-85	Ed Pinckney	546	15.6 ppg
1983-84	Ed Pinckney	478	15.4 ppg
1982-83	John Pinone	534	16.7 ppg
1981-82	John Pinone	550	17.2 ppg
1980-81	John Pinone	490	15.8 ppg
1979-80	John Pinone	540	14.5 ppg
1978-79	Alex Bradley	485	17.3 ppg
1977-78	Keith Herron	618	19.8 ppg
1976-77	Keith Herron	652	19.2 ppg
1975-76	Keith Herron	465	16.1 ppg
1974-75	Larry Herron	449	17.9 ppg
1973-74	Chubby Cox	306	11.8 ppg
1972-73	Tom Ingelsby	683	25.5 ppg
1971-72	Hank Siemiontkowski	534	19.1 ppg
1970-71	Howard Porter	799	23.5 ppg
1969-70	Howard Porter	645	22.2 ppg
1968-69	Howard Porter	582	22.4 ppg
1967-68	Johnny Jones	565	10.1 ppg
1966-67	Johnny Jones	492	18.9 ppg
1965-66	Bill Melchionni	801	27.6 ppg

Year	Player	Pts.	Avg.
1964-65	Bill Melchionni	542	19.4 ppg
1963-64	Wali Jones	461	16.4 ppg
1962-63	Wali Jones	487	16.7 ppg
1961-62	Hubie White	604	21.5 ppg
1960-61	Hubie White	509	21.2 ppg
1959-60	Hubie White	495	19.0 ppg
1958-59	Joe Ryan	384	15.4 ppg
1957-58	Jack Kelly	342	15.4 ppg
1956-57	Richard Griffith	330	13.2 ppg
1955-56	James Smith	357	13.7 ppg
1954-55	Bob Schafer	592	21.2 ppg
1953-54	Bob Schafer	836	27.0 ppg
1952-53	Bob Schafer	537	17.3 ppg
1951-52	Larry Hennessy	567	21.0 ppg
1950-51	Larry Hennessy	703	22.0 ppg
1949-50	Paul Arizin	735	25.3 ppg
1948-49	Paul Arizin	594	22.0 ppg
1947-48	Paul Arizin	267	11.1 ppg
1946-47	Joseph Lord	438	
1945-46	Joseph Lord	303	
1944-45	Lee Carter	149	
1943-44	Fank Frascella	263	
1942-43	William Wood	221	
1941-42	William Wood	230	
1940-41	Paul Nugent	128	
1939-40	George Dusminski	213	
1938-39	James Montgomery	145	
1937-38	George Dusminski	296	
1936-37	James Montgomery	145	
1935-36	Michael O'Meara	131	
1934-35	Michael O'Meara	136	
1933-34	Benjamin Geraghy	114	
1932-33	Arthur Lynch	75	
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Year	Player	Rebs.	Avg.
2017-18	Omari Spellman	321	8.0 rpg
2016-17	Josh Hart	230	6.4 rpg
2015-16	Daniel Ochefu	278	7.5 ppg
2014-15	Daniel Ochefu	305	8.5 ppg
2013-14	JayVaughn Pinkston	208	6.1 rpg
	Daniel Ochefu	208	6.1 rpg
2012-13	Mouphtaou Yarou	265	7.8 rpg
2011-12	Mouphtaou Yarou	261	8.2 rpg
2010-11	Antonio Peña	230	7.2 rpg
2009-10	Antonio Peña	232	7.0 rpg
2008-09	Dante Cunningham	284	7.5 rpg
2007-08	Dante Cunningham	226	6.5 rpg
2006-07	Curtis Sumpter	230	7.2 rpg
2005-06	Will Sheridan	207	6.3 rpg
2004-05	Curtis Sumpter	210	7.2 rpg
2003-04	Jason Fraser	193	7.1 rpg
	Curtis Sumpter	226	7.1 rpg
2002-03	Ricky Wright	218	7.8 rpg
2001-02	Brooks Sales	292	9.1 rpg
2000-01	Michael Bradley	303	9.8 rpg
1999-00	Malik Allen	243	7.4 rpg
1998-99	Malik Allen	201	6.3 rpg
1997-98	Malik Allen	168	5.8 rpg
1996-97	Jason Lawson	258	7.6 rpg
1995-96	Kerry Kittles	213	7.1 rpg
1994-95	Jason Lawson	222	6.7 rpg
1993-94	Jason Lawson	212	6.6 rpg
1992-93	James Bryson	183	6.8 rpg
1991-92	James Bryson	172	5.9 rpg
1990-91	Lance Miller	219	6.8 rpg
1989-90	Tom Greis	215	6.5 rpg
1988-89	Rodney Taylor	214	6.3 rpg
1987-88	Tom Greis	224	6.1 rpg
1986-87	Mark Plansky	184	5.9 rpg
1985-86	Harold Pressley	374	10.1 rpg
1984-85	Ed Pinckney	311	8.9 rpg
1983-84	Ed Pinckney	246	7.9 rpg
1982-83	Ed Pinckney	301	9.7 rpg
1981-82	Ed Pinckney	249	7.8 rpg
1980-81	John Pinone	229	7.4 rpg
1979-80	John Pinone	221	7.1 rpg
1978-79	Alex Bradley	209	7.5 rpg
1977-78	Alex Bradley	231	7.2 rpg
1976-77	John Olive	183	5.5 rpg
1975-76	John Olive	169	6.8 rpg
1974-75	John Olive	169	6.5 rpg
1973-74	John Olive	169	6.5 rpg
1972-73	Tom Ingelsby	154	6.2 rpg
	Larry Moody	154	6.2 rpg
1971-72	Hank Siemionkowski	291	10.4 rpg
1970-71	Howard Porter	503	14.9 rpg
1969-70	Howard Porter	438	15.1 rpg
1968-69	Johnny Jones	244	8.7 rpg
1966-67	Johnny Jones	234	9.0 rpg
1965-66	Bernie Schaffer	238	8.2 rpg
1964-65	Jim Washington	442	15.8 rpg
1963-64	Jim Washington	398	14.2 rpg
1962-63	Jim Washington	354	12.2 rpg
1961-62	Hubie White	285	10.2 rpg
1960-61	Hubie White	233	9.7 rpg
1959-60	George Raveling	341	13.1 rpg
1958-59	George Raveling	405	16.5 rpg



Daniel Ochefu

1957-58	Tom Brennan	263	12.0 rpg
1954-55	Jack Devine	335	12.0 rpg
1953-54	Jack Devine	387	12.0 rpg
1952-53	Jack Devine	293	10.9 rpg
1951-52	Thomas J. Brennan	383	14.7 rpg
1950-51	Jim Mooney	455	14.7 rpg

ASSISTS

Year	Player	Assists	Avg.
2017-18	Jalen Brunson	184	4.6 apg
2016-17	Jalen Brunson	148	4.1 apg
2015-16	Ryan Arcidiacono	169	4.2 apg
2014-15	Ryan Arcidiacono	129	3.6 apg
2013-14	Ryan Arcidiacono	118	3.5 apg
2012-13	Ryan Arcidiacono	119	3.5 apg
2011-12	Maalik Wayns	133	4.6 apg
2010-11	Corey Fisher	159	4.8 apg
2009-10	Corey Fisher	129	3.9 apg
2008-09	Scottie Reynolds	128	3.4 apg
2007-08	Scottie Reynolds	113	3.2 apg
2006-07	Scottie Reynolds	130	3.9 apg
2005-06	Kyle Lowry	122	3.7 apg
2004-05	Mike Nardi	107	3.3 apg
2003-04	Mike Nardi	130	3.7 apg
2002-03	Derrick Snowden	108	3.5 apg
2001-02	Derrick Snowden	125	3.9 apg
2000-01	Jermaine Medley	110	3.6 apg
1999-00	Brian Lynch	114	3.5 apg

1998-99	John Celestand	137	4.4 apg
1997-98	John Celestand	148	5.1 apg
1996-97	Alvin Williams	129	3.8 apg
1995-96	Alvin Williams	177	5.4 apg
1994-95	Alvin Williams	159	4.8 apg
1993-94	Jonathan Haynes	177	5.6 apg
1992-93	Jonathan Haynes	137	5.0 apg
1991-92	Chris Walker	96	3.7 apg
1990-91	Chris Walker	139	4.3 apg
1989-90	Chris Walker	128	3.8 apg
1988-89	Kenny Wilson	153	4.5 apg
1987-88	Kenny Wilson	170	4.9 apg
1986-87	Kenny Wilson	159	5.1 apg
1985-86	Kenny Wilson	145	3.9 apg
1984-85	Gary McLain	150	4.3 apg
1983-84	Gary McLain	160	5.3 apg
1982-83	Stewart Granger	177	5.5 apg
1981-82	Stewart Granger	183	5.7 apg
1980-81	Stewart Granger	165	5.3 apg
1979-80	Rory Sparrow	127	4.1 apg
1978-79	Rory Sparrow	103	3.7 apg
1977-78	Rory Sparrow	153	4.6 apg
1976-77	Joey Rogers	153	4.6 apg
1975-76	Joey Rogers	118	4.4 apg
1974-75	Joey Rogers	136	5.0 apg
1973-74	Joey Rogers	67	2.7 apg
1972-73	Ed Hastings	88	3.5 apg
1971-72	Chris Ford	145	5.2 apg
1970-71	Chris Ford	245	7.0 apg



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1985 NCAA CHAMPIONS

It was April 1, 1985 when David met and beat Goliath.

It was a game remembered by many as one of the most perfectly-played NCAA championship games ever. It was a game few felt the undermanned Villanova Wildcats had much of a chance winning.

What the capacity crowd in Rupp Arena, and one of the largest national television audiences ever witnessed on April 1, 1985 was as stunning of an upset as there has ever been in an NCAA championship game. Head coach Rollie Massimino's Wildcats claimed Villanova's first national basketball title by shocking one of college basketball's greatest teams ever, Georgetown, 66-64.

It was a trio that coined themselves "The Expansion Crew," Ed Pinckney, Dwayne McClain and Gary McLain. And of course it was a typical Villanova team effort with Harold Pressley, Harold Jensen and Dwight Wilbur being most noticeable.

And Villanova's victory was no fluke. On April 1, 1985, Villanova was simply the best team.

The Wildcats, as expected, played stellar defense and controlled the tempo just as many thought they would have to in order to keep it a game. Massimino, in a press conference the day before the championship clash, stated that he believed in order for his Wildcats to upend the Georgetown Hoyas it would probably take a perfect game.

His Wildcats weren't perfect, but they were close. The 'Cats sank an amazing 22 of 28 field goal tries for a sizzling and unheard of 78.6 percent field goal percentage. Even more startling, the 'Cats in the second half, when things really began cooking, connected on nine of 10 field goals. 90 percent field goal shooting! From the foul line the 'Cats went 22 of 27, including 11 of 14 pressure packed ones in the last two minutes.

What made Villanova's shooting performance even more startling was who it was accomplished against. Patrick Ewing and company were the number one defense in the country and had limited opponents to just 39 percent shooting from the field for the entire season.

Having lost twice to Georgetown in the regular season, the two squads were familiar foes. Georgetown jumped on the 'Cats



THE 1984-85 VILLANOVA WILDCATS (L TO R): Dwight Wilbur, Veltra Dawson, R.C. Massimino, Gary McLain, Brian Harrington, Harold Jensen, Steve Pinone.
STANDING: Wyatt Maker, Ed Pinckney, Mark Plansky, Harold Pressley, Head Coach Rollie Massimino, Dwayne McClain, Connally Brown, Chuck Everson.

quickly and enjoyed 10-6, 18-12 and 20-14 leads in the game's early going. But for every Georgetown offensive, Villanova regrouped and rallied and when Harold Pressley followed up his own missed shot with just four seconds left before half, Villanova went to the locker room leading 29-28 while a nationwide audience stared in disbelief.

Villanova's halftime lead lasted until 10:41 was left when the Hoyas moved into the lead 42-41. The lead would exchange hands five times until Villanova had silently slipped out to a 53-48 advantage. But Georgetown roared back, and with 4:50 to go had a 54-53 lead. In possession of a one-point lead and the ball, Georgetown tried to spread the floor and run the clock. However, the 'Cats Dwayne McClain, a player remembered for the many big shots he made in his career, came up with a crucial steal and as Villanova patiently worked for a good shot, freshman Harold Jensen nailed a 16 footer to push Villanova to a 55-54

lead with 2:36 to go.

Pinckney, at the other end, blocked David Wingate's driving baseline layup and was fouled retrieving the ball, and after making both free throws, the Wildcats had a 57-54 lead. Villanova's ability to sink free throws was crucial in the closing minutes and with 18 seconds left, Villanova led 65-60. A Villanova free throw and two Georgetown layups made it 66-64 with two seconds left. Dwayne McClain, who had tripped and fallen to the floor, caught the inbound pass on the floor and when the final two seconds ticked off the clock, the victory was Villanova's.

"Needless to say, this is probably the greatest moment in Villanova basketball history. I am extremely elated, proud and grateful for everything that happened this year. These kids were just great. I think we beat one of the greatest teams in history. Georgetown played extremely well and we played great."

For the Villanova Wildcats, it was a fairy tale finish.

VILLANOVA 66, GEORGETOWN 64

APRIL 1, 1985 — RUPP ARENA, LEXINGTON, KY

VILLANOVA	MIN	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS
Pressley	40	4	6	3	4	4	1	1	11
McClain	40	5	7	7	8	1	3	3	17
Pinckney	37	5	7	6	7	6	5	3	16
Wilbur	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
McLain	40	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	8
Jensen	34	5	5	4	5	1	2	2	14
Plansky	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Everson	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	22	28	22	27	17	14	12	66

Turnovers: 17 (Jensen 6; McClain 5; Pinckney 3; McLain 2; Pressley, 1);

Blocks: 1 (Pressley); **Steals:** 8 (Pressley 3; McClain, Pinckney 2; Jensen 1).

G'TOWN	MIN	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS
Martin	37	4	6	2	2	5	1	2	10
Williams	29	5	9	0	2	4	2	3	10
Ewing	39	7	13	0	0	5	2	4	14
Jackson	37	4	7	0	0	0	9	4	8
Wingate	39	8	14	0	0	2	2	4	16
McDonald	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Broadnax	13	1	2	2	2	1	2	4	4
Dalton	4	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	2
TOTALS	200	29	53	6	8	17	18	22	64

Turnovers: 11 (Wingate 4; Williams 3; Martin, Ewing, McDonald, Broadnax 1);

Blocks: 1 (Ewing); **Steals:** 6 (Ewing 2; Williams, Jackson, Wingate, Broadnax 1);

Halftime Score: VU 29-28; **Attendance:** 23,124



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2009 FINAL FOUR

IT arrived at Villanova in the fall of 2005 without fanfare. With the school's first NCAA Sweet 16 Tournament appearance in 17 years fresh in the rear view mirror, little heed was taken of an incoming crop of freshmen who seemed destined to wait their turn behind a veteran core that included two All-Americans and a starting lineup of accomplished upperclassmen.

Four years later that same class, consisting of Dwayne Anderson, Shane Clark, Dante Cunningham and Frank Tchuisi, completed their career as the cornerstones of a unit that will long be recalled on the Main Line.

They exited the stage literally, on the elevated floor before more than 70,000 people at Detroit's Ford Field, home of the 2009 Final Four. Behind them were the treasured memories of a remarkable farewell tour that included a school-record 30 victories and the program's first Final Four appearance since the 1985 NCAA championship.

"Even through our last practice in Detroit the day before the Final Four," said head coach Jay Wright, "this team kept getting better."

It was a glamorous and thrilling end for a no-frills contingent that simply went about its business calmly and with a clear purpose.

Ahead was a BIG EAST Conference that would establish a new record in January with no fewer than nine of its members ranked in the Top 25.

The challenges proved formidable in the early going. There were three losses in the first 18 days of January to top 25 squads - Marquette, Louisville and Connecticut - by a total of 14 points. But Villanova's players got together in Cunningham's hotel room in Florida before facing USF and that gathering helped ignite an impressive run that began with a hard-fought 70-61 win over the Bulls. Next, came a methodical 67-57 win over No. 3 Pitt in the final basketball game ever at the Spectrum that set the tone for the second half of the BIG EAST

regular season.

Villanova then hit its stride in February rolling to wins over Cincinnati, Providence, Syracuse and Marquette. By the time the regular season wrapped up at the Pavilion win a 97-81 win over Providence, Villanova was 13-5 and the owner of a double-bye to the BIG EAST Conference Tournament in Manhattan.

In New York, the Wildcats found themselves up against Marquette for the third time in 12 weeks. VU built a large half-time lead, saw the Golden Eagles rally to reclaim the edge, and then watched as Reggie Redding found Anderson under the basket for a layup that nearly rimmed out as the horn sounded for a 76-75 win.

On Selection Sunday, Villanova learned it would begin its NCAA Tournament journey just down the road at the Wachovia Center in South Philadelphia as a No. 3 seed in the East Region. Patriot League champion American would be the opening round foe and the Eagles were firing in long-range bombs en route to a 12-point edge early in the second half. But Villanova's veterans, led by Anderson and Cunningham, methodically wore down American and the 'Cats ultimately pulled away to an 80-67 victory.

From start to finish against a storied UCLA program, Villanova was in command. Fisher was electric in helping stake the 'Cats to a 38-19 lead they never looked back from. The final was 89-69.

With its fourth visit to the Sweet 16 in the past five seasons, the Wildcats advanced to the TD Banknorth Garden

in Boston where another brand name of college basketball awaited. ACC Tournament champion Duke, the region's second seed, never did get untracked against the 'Cats with Villanova pulling away to a 77-54 win after halftime.

That set up a return engagement with BIG EAST rival Pitt for a trip to the Final Four.

It was a seesaw contest with 15 lead changes that captivated the sell-out crowd from the opening tip to the final horn. Pitts-

burgh carved out a 67-63 lead with 3:24 left in regulation but an Anderson steal and 3-point play changed the texture of the final minutes (the senior would finish with 17 points and be named to the All-East Region team along with Cunningham and Most Outstanding Player Reynolds). Villanova sank 5-of-6 free throws down the stretch and appeared to be in control with less than 10 seconds left. But an errant inbounds pass that sailed over the head of Cunningham on an inbounds play and a Wildcat foul allowed Pitt to tie the game at 76 on a pair of LeVance Fields free throws with 5.5 seconds left.

That set up one of the more notable plays in Villanova basketball history. With the official counting down near the five second limit to inbound the basketball, Redding lobbed a high pass to Cunningham near midcourt. Cunningham leaped high, collected the pass and immediately dished it off to a streaking Reynolds. The junior guard dribbled down the right side, eluded DeJuan Blair and drove into the lane, where he hung in the air and sent a shot over Jermaine Dixon towards the net.

The shot fell, the horn sounded, and after a final desperation heave from Pitt's LeVance Fields was off line, Villanova celebrated a trip to the Final Four.

The Wildcats fell to eventual champion North Carolina in the national semifinals but the legacy of the class of 2009 was secure: through workmanlike toil, it had authored a truly spectacular final act.



BACK ROW: Graduate Manager Adam Fisher; Administrative Intern Kyle Neptune; Assistant Coach Jason Donnelly; Shane Clark; Antonio Peña; Frank Tchuisi; Casiem Drummond; Head Coach Jay Wright; Maurice Sutton; Dante Cunningham; Taylor King; Dwayne Anderson; Corey Stokes; Assistant Coach Doug West; Team Chaplain Rev. Rob Hagan, O.S.A.; Graduate Manager George Halcovage.
FRONT ROW: Head Athletic Trainer Jeff Pierce; Strength Coach Lon Record; Russell Wooten; Reggie Redding; Corey Fisher; Scottie Reynolds; Jason Colenda; Manager of Basketball Operations Keith Urgo; Associate Head Coach Patrick Chambers

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2016 NCAA CHAMPIONS

ON the heels of consecutive upset defeats in the NCAA Tournament Round of 32 in 2014 and 2015, the prevailing sentiment greeting the 2015-16 Wildcats was that this team had something to prove. And that something could only be addressed in March.

Villanova head coach Jay Wright disagreed with the premise. He asked his team, which included two returning starters, to embrace the actual day-to-day grunt work it would take to even position themselves for another chance at postseason glory.

The challenges were real. Holdover captains Ryan Arcidiacono and Daniel Ochefu were joined in the revamped starting lineup by juniors Josh Hart and Kris Jenkins along with freshman guard Jalen Brunson. The key reserves were sophomore guard Phil Booth, redshirt freshman Mikal Bridges and junior forward Darryl Reynolds.

The Wildcats opened with four straight victories at the Pavilion by an average margin of 26.3 points. Next came a Thanksgiving stop in Brooklyn where they earned the NIT Season Tipoff title with wins over Stanford and Georgia Tech. They then took care of Saint Joseph's on Hawk Hill for their seventh consecutive triumph.

Next came a long journey to Pearl Harbor where the No. 9 Wildcats would take on No. 7 Oklahoma set against the backdrop of the 74th anniversary of the attack on the island. It was a thoughtful weekend of reflection off the court but Villanova proved no match for the Sooners on this warm day at Bloch Arena, falling 78-55.

Villanova rebounded with a home-court victory over La Salle before flying south to meet another Top 10, squad, Virginia. The Cavaliers outlasted the Wildcats 86-74.

The Wildcats went back to the workshop and posted home-court wins over Delaware and Penn, setting the stage for a BIG EAST Conference opener at the Pavilion against undefeated, sixth ranked Xavier.

A scary fall in the first two minutes suffered by the Musketeers' Edmond Sumner changed the tenor of the meeting quickly. With Brunson battling the effects of a virus, Arcidiacono stepped forward with a brilliant offensive performance. The senior's 27 points ignited the Wildcats' offense as Villanova rolled past Xavier 91-64.

VU reeled off six more BIG EAST wins, including a pair over Seton Hall, to carve a 7-0 conference mark headed into a scheduled showdown with Providence. A winter storm delayed the game by a day to Jan. 24 and PC upended VU 82-79 in overtime.

Less than two weeks later, the two teams met again in Providence. With Ochefu sidelined by the effects of a concussion, Reynolds started and provided 19 points and 10 rebounds in 36 minutes to key a 72-60 win. VU was 10-1 in the BIG EAST and poised for a promotion from its No. 3 national ranking when the polls were released on Feb. 8.

For the first time in its history, Villanova was ranked at the top of both the Associated Press and USA Today Coaches poll when the polls were announced.



BACK ROW (L-R): Graduate Manager Nick DiPaola; Equipment Director Lionel Brodie; Strength Coach John Shackleton; Head Athletic Trainer Jeff Pierce; Assistant Coach Kyle Neptune; Associate Head Coach Baker Dunleavy; Eric Paschall; Tim Delaney; Kevin Rafferty; Head Coach Jay Wright; Daniel Ochefu; Darryl Reynolds; Mikal Bridges; Kris Jenkins; Special Assistant to the Head Coach Jason Donnelly; Director of Student-Athlete Development Mike Nardi; Graduate Assistant Ryan Harkins; Graduate Manager Mickey Mikulski; Graduate Manager Mike Clark.
FRONT ROW (L-R): Video Coordinator George Halcover; Donte DiVincenzo; Jalen Brunson; Josh Hart; Ryan Arcidiacono; Patrick Farrell; Phil Booth; Henry Lowe; Assistant Coach Ashley Howard

The Wildcats picked up wins over DePaul and St. John's to remain at No. 1 for a second week. Wins at Temple and on Senior Day over Butler extended the run atop the polls into a third week.

Xavier got the better of the Wildcats in the rematch on Feb. 24 in Cincinnati before Villanova closed out the year with three more BIG EAST wins to complete a 27-4 regular season. For the third time in as many seasons, VU's 16-2 conference record earned it the BIG EAST regular season championship.

Villanova's quest to repeat as BIG EAST Tournament champions took it to the title game against Seton Hall. In a close game throughout, the Wildcats were unable to score on their final possession and Seton Hall won, 69-67.

A No. 2 seed in the East Region of the NCAA Tournament brought the Wildcats back to Brooklyn for the second time. A late first half spurt helped carry Villanova past UNC Asheville 86-56 to set up a second round clash with Iowa, a team that had spent much of the season ranked in the Top 25. Villanova cleared the second round hurdle with little fuss. Hart scored 19 points to spark a balanced attack in an 87-68 triumph.

In the Sweet 16, Miami and Villanova were both challenged to contain the opponents' substantial firepower. The Wildcats strung together enough second half stops to pull away to a 92-69 win in Louisville. That set up an Elite Eight clash with Kansas and this time Villanova won a gritty game unlike anything they had seen to this

point in the NCAA Tournament.

Some fine defensive work by Bridges and clutch free throws from Arcidiacono helped the Wildcats slip past the Jayhawks 64-59.

Awaiting Villanova at the Final Four in Houston was Oklahoma. Against the Sooners, Villanova earned the largest margin of victory ever recorded in a Final Four game, a 95-51 victory. Hart's 23 points and eight rebounds led the way.

On championship Monday, the Wildcats and Tar Heels staged a classic. North Carolina took a 39-34 lead into halftime.

The Wildcats opened a 67-57 lead near the end of the second half but North Carolina kept coming. The Tar Heels forged a 74-74 tie when Marcus Paige tossed in a

deep 3-pointer while being hounded by a defender. 4.7 seconds remained on the clock.

Jenkins inbounced the basketball to Arcidiacono, who accepted the feed and began dribbling towards the frontcourt along the left side. As he crossed half-court, the Tar Heels defense shifted towards the Villanova guard. Behind him, Arcidiacono heard Jenkins calling his name. Arcidiacono drifted two his right and sent a pass to a trailing, open Jenkins.

Jenkins took the pass, stepped into the shot, and it fell through the net as the horn sounded. NRG Stadium erupted.

The Villanova Wildcats were the 2016 NCAA national champions.

VILLANOVA 77, NORTH CAROLINA 74

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#	PLAYER	TOT-FG		3-PT		FT-FTA		REBOUNDS		PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	STL	MIN
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	OFF	DEF	TOT								
02	JENKINS, Kris	f	6-11	2-4	0-1	0	2	2	4	14	1	3	0	2	21	
23	OCHFUFU, Daniel	f	4-5	0-0	1-2	1	5	6	2	9	2	2	2	0	32	
01	BRUNSON, Jalen	g	1-4	1-2	1-2	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	22	
03	HART, Josh	g	4-9	1-3	3-4	1	7	8	3	12	1	2	1	1	38	
15	ARCIDIACONO, Ryan	g	6-9	2-3	2-2	0	2	2	2	16	2	2	0	1	37	
05	BOOTH, Phil	f	6-7	2-2	6-6	0	2	2	0	20	0	1	1	1	25	
25	BRIDGES, Mikal	f	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	15	
45	REYNOLDS, Darryl	g	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	10	
Team																
Totals			28-48	8-14	13-17	2	21	23	16	77	6	10	5	5	200	
FT % 1st Half:		14-24	58.3%	14-24		58.3%	Game:		28-48	58.3%						
3PT % 1st Half:		3-7	42.9%	5-7		71.4%	Game:		8-14	57.1%						
FT % 2nd Half:		3-4	75.0%	10-13		76.9%	Game:		13-17	76.5%						
Deadball Rebounds: /																

NORTH CAROLINA • 33-7

#	PLAYER	TOT-FG		3-PT		FT-FTA		REBOUNDS		PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	STL	MIN
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	OFF	DEF	TOT								
03	MEEKS, Kennedy	f	1-8	0-0	2-2	6	1	7	5	4	0	2	0	1	21	
11	JOHNSON, Bryce	f	6-10	0-0	2-3	1	7	8	2	14	1	1	1	0	31	
44	JACKSON, Justin	f	3-8	3-4	0-2	2	2	4	2	9	2	2	1	1	34	
02	BERRY II, Joel	g	7-12	4-4	2-2	0	3	3	2	20	4	3	0	0	37	
05	PAIGE, Marcus	g	7-17	4-7	3-4	2	3	5	3	21	6	1	0	1	34	
00	BRITT, Nate	f	1-4	0-2	0-0	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	9	
01	PINSON, Theo	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	12	
04	HINES, Sarah	f	2-4	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	4	4	0	1	1	2	20	
42	JAMES, Joel	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Team																
Totals			27-63	11-17	9-13	16	20	36	20	74	16	11	3	5	200	
FT % 1st Half:		15-28	53.6%	12-35		34.3%	Game:		27-63	42.9%						
3FG % 1st Half:		7-9	77.8%	4-8		50.0%	Game:		11-17	64.7%						
FT % 2nd Half:		2-3	66.7%	7-10		70.0%	Game:		9-13	69.2%						

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2016 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Score By Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Villanova	34	43	77
North Carolina	39	35	74

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2018 NCAA CHAMPIONS

Before the 2017-18 college basketball season began, the Villanova Wildcats understood that they would be without two elements that have often been crucial ingredients to success.

Villanova's roster included exactly zero scholarship seniors.

What's more, the Wildcats would also be without an on-campus home, due to the \$65 million renovation project that transformed the original Pavilion into the Finneran Pavilion. The campaign would be a road show of sorts, with 12 games played at the team's second home, the Wells Fargo Center, and others in neutral settings like Allentown, Pa., and Hempstead, N.Y.

On paper, those loomed as significant obstacles.

In reality, they became mere footnotes to as impressive a march through a season as Villanova has made its 98 years of Division I hoops. From opening night - a 75-60 triumph over Columbia - to the final Monday night of the season in San Antonio, Tex., the Wildcats were extraordinary.

Junior floor leader Jalen Brunson teamed with classmates Mikal Bridges and Phil Booth to lead the way on a remarkable journey that hit an early high note with the program's second Battle 4 Atlantis championship in five years. The Wildcats rallied from a 46-34 halftime deficit to upend Tennessee 85-76 in the semifinals and then held off UNI 64-50 in the title game in the Bahamas. Brunson was selected as the event's Most Outstanding Player.

It would only be the first of what turned out to be a series of awards in what would become the most decorated single season in program history.

Villanova turned back the clock by hosting a regular season game in the Jake Nevin Field House - capacity 2,200 - for the first time since Jan. 4, 1986 when Penn came to campus on Nov. 29. In front of a raucous audience comprised mostly of students, the Wildcats rolled as redshirt freshman Omari Spellman flashed his upside with 14 points and seven rebounds in a 90-62 Philadelphia Big Five triumph.

A trip to New York City for the Jimmy V Classic was a December highlight. A 28-point outburst by Bridges that included a highlight reel second half dunk helped lift VU past 2017 NCAA Finalist Gonzaga 90-72. The Wildcats took a 12-0 mark into the opening of BIG EAST play on Dec. 27 at DePaul and came away with a 103-85 victory in their first ever visit to Wintrust Arena.

For the second time in three seasons, Butler handed Villanova its first loss, on Dec. 30. Brunson's 31 points weren't enough as sizzling long range shooting pushed the Bulldogs to a 101-93 win before a raucous crowd at Hinkle Field House.

The Cats' quickly got back on track in January, climbing the BIG EAST standings thanks to a perfect month that also included an 81-61 non-conference win over former league rival Connecticut on Jan. 20. After posting a 98-78 victory over Creighton at the Wells Fargo Center on Feb. 1, the Wildcats stood at 21-1.

Injuries that had begun to mount in January became more challenging in a month with nine games in 28 days. Three Wildcats - Collin Gillespie,

Jermaine Samuels, and Phil Booth - were sidelined for multiple games with the same injury - a broken bone in the hand. Booth's loss following a Jan. 23 win over Providence, was especially damaging. Then, when Eric Paschall went to the sidelines with a concussion following a Feb. 4 win over Seton Hall, the mountain grew steeper still.

St. John's knocked off Villanova 79-75 in South Philadelphia on Feb. 7. But the Wildcats bounced back with terrific effort, downing Butler 86-75 with Brunson and Donte DiVincenzo combining for 57 points. There would be two more BIG EAST defeats in the month - at Providence and at Creighton - but the most significant element is that the 'Cats were regaining their health. Booth returned on Feb. 24 in a win over DePaul, joining Gillespie and Samuels who had returned earlier.

Not long after their arrival in Manhattan, it was announced that Brunson was the recipient of both the BIG EAST Player and Scholar Athlete of the Year awards. It would begin a run of honors that saw him become the consensus National Player of the Year, becoming the first Wildcat to be named the winner of the John R. Wooden, Naismith and Oscar Robertson Trophy as the country's top player.

The Wildcats continued to roll in their first two games, downing Marquette 94-70 and then blitzing Butler 19-0 in the opening minutes to take control of a semifinal clash. The theatrics of Bridges and Brunson helped carry the Wildcats past Providence in overtime 76-66 to produce the program's third BIG



BACK ROW (L-R): Donte DiVincenzo, Eric Paschall, Tim Dulaney, Dhamir Cosby-Roundtree, Head Coach Jay Wright, Dylan Painter, Omari Spellman, Mikal Bridges, Jermaine Samuels.
FRONT ROW (L-R): Denny Grace, Matt Kennedy, Collin Gillespie, Phil Booth, Team Physician Michael Duncan, Jalen Brunson, Tom Liebig, Peyton Heck.

EAST Tournament crown in four seasons. Bridges took home the Dave Gavitt Award as the event's Most Outstanding Player.

Villanova earned the No. 1 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament and travelled to Pittsburgh to meet Radford in the opening round. The Wildcats built a 44-23 halftime lead over Radford and glided to an 87-61 win in the opening round. Booth and Bridges helped to contain Alabama star Collin Sexton in the second round. That, and a burst early in the second half carried VU past the Crimson Tide. Bridges finished with 23 points and DiVincenzo added 18.

The Wildcats returned to Boston, the launching point of their 2009 march to the NCAA Final Four, for the 2018 Eastern Regional.

In the semifinal, the Wildcats found themselves in old school BIG EAST battle against their former conference rival West Virginia. The Mountaineers held a 57-51 lead with 11:08 remaining to play in regulation.

Enter Brunson and Spellman. The duo fueled a monstrous closing burst that culminated in a 90-78 triumph. Two days later, the Wildcats downed another representative of the Big 12, holding off Texas Tech 71-59.

The Wildcats thus punched their ticket to Texas, site of their 2016 NCAA national title victory.

In the semifinals, Villanova drained an NCAA Final Four record 18 3-pointers on their way to a 95-79 win over Kansas. Paschall was sensational, dropping in 10-of-11 field goal attempts while compiling 24 points.

Two nights later, the Wildcats found themselves

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		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OFF	DEF									
04	LIVERIS, Isaijah	f	0-2	0-2	0-0	1	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	20
13	WAGNER, Moritz	f	6-11	1-4	3-4	0	7	7	4	16	1	4	0	0	33
01	MATTHEWS, Charles	g	3-9	0-2	0-4	0	3	5	6	1	3	1	3	1	34
05	SIMPSON, Zavier	g	4-8	0-2	2-3	1	2	3	1	10	2	3	0	2	33
12	ABOUR-RAHKMAN, M-A	g	8-15	2-7	5-6	0	1	2	25	0	0	0	0	1	54
02	POOLE, Jordan	f	1-5	0-2	1-1	0	1	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	10
05	SIMPSON, Isaron	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
15	TESKE, Jon	f	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	7
22	ROBINSON, Duncan	g	0-3	0-3	0-0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	22
23	WATSON, Ibi	f	1-2	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
24	BAIRD, CJ	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
51	DAVIS, Austin	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55	BROOKS, Eli	Team	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Totals			24-55	3-25	11-18	6	21	27	20	62	6	10	1	6	200
FG % 1st half:		11-28	39.3%	2nd half:		15-27	48.1%	Game:		24-55	43.6%				
3FG % 1st half:		2-13	15.4%	2nd half:		1-10	10.0%	Game:		3-23	13.0%				
FT % 1st half:		4-7	57.1%	2nd half:		7-11	63.6%	Game:		11-18	61.1%				
Deadball Rebounds:		4													
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#	PLAYER	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBOUNDS		PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	STL	MIN	
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OFF	DEF									
04	PASCHALL, Eric	f	2-5	1-3	1-2	1	7	8	4	6	0	2	1	0	27
14	SPELLMAN, Omari	f	3-8	0-2	2-2	4	7	11	3	8	0	1	0	0	29
25	BRIDGES, Mikal	f	7-12	3-7	2-2	2	2	4	2	19	1	2	0	1	36
01	BRUNSON, Jalen	g	4-13	1-5	0-0	0	2	2	4	9	2	2	0	2	28
05	BOOTH, Phil	g	1-4	0-3	0-0	1	1	2	4	2	0	0	0	1	23
02	GILLESPIE, Collin	g	0-0	0-0	4-4	0	5	5	0	4	1	0	0	1	16
10	DIVINCENZO, Donte	f	5-7	6-10	3-2	5	2	5	1	31	3	4	2	0	37
21	COSBY-ROUNDTREE, D	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
25	SAMUELS, Jermaine	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	DELANEY, Tim	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals			27-57	10-27	15-20	12	26	38	18	79	7	12	3	5	200
FG % 1st half:		14-31	45.2%	2nd half:		13-26	50.0%	Game:		27-57	47.4%				
3FG % 1st half:		4-13	30.8%	2nd half:		6-14	42.9%	Game:		10-27	37.0%				
FT % 1st half:		5-6	83.3%	2nd half:		10-14	71.4%	Game:		15-20	75.0%				
Deadball Rebounds:		2,2													



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