

2016-17

TIGER BASKETBALL MEDIA GUIDE

OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY





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Quick Reference

Olivet Nazarene University is located in Bourbonnais, Ill.

Founded: 1907

Enrollment: 4,953 for fall 2016 semester

Nickname: Tigers

School Colors: Purple and Gold

Affiliation: NAIA

Conference: CCAC

University President: Dr. John C. Bowling

Faculty Representative: Tony Grimm

Director of Athletics: Gary Newsome

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Sports Information Policy:

Any questions concerning teams, players or coaches should be directed to the Sports Information Department of Olivet Nazarene University.

The Sports Information Department can be found in the Leslie Parrott Convocation/Athletic Center.

Team and Individual statistics will be available after the game.

Standard NAIA statistical form will be used.

<http://portal.stretchinternet.com/olivet/> for live streaming of athletics events.

<http://onutigers.com> for more information about athletics.



The Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) is one of the largest and strongest conferences in the NAIA.

www.ccacsports.com



The NAIA is proud to be home to nearly 300 institutions, each dedicated to displaying character and respect in academics and athletics.

www.naia.org



The National Christian College Athletic Association is an international organization that exists to promote intercollegiate competition with a Christian perspective.

www.thenccaa.org





AT A GLANCE



UNDERGRADUATE AREAS OF STUDY

Includes majors, minors and concentrations

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| Accounting | Interior Design |
| Actuarial Science | International Business |
| Art | International Marketing |
| Art Education | Leadership Studies |
| Athletic Coaching | Legal Studies |
| Athletic Training | Literature |
| Biblical Languages | Management |
| Biblical Studies | Marketing |
| Biochemistry | Marketing Management |
| Biology | Mass Communication |
| Broadcast Journalism | Mathematics |
| Business Administration | Mathematics Education |
| Business Administration -
Not-for-Profit Mgmt | Media Production |
| Business Information
Systems | Military Affairs |
| Chemistry | Military Science |
| Child Development | Ministerial Missions |
| Children's Ministry | Missions & Intercultural
Studies |
| Christian Education | Multimedia Studies |
| Commercial Graphics/
Marketing | Music |
| Communication Studies | Music Composition |
| Computer Science | Music Education |
| Corporate Communication | Music Ministry |
| Criminal Justice | Music Performance |
| Dietetics | Musical Theatre |
| Digital Media: Graphics | Nursing |
| Digital Media: Photography | Painting |
| Drawing & Illustration | Pastoral Ministry |
| Early Childhood Education | Philosophy & Religion |
| Earth & Space Science
Teaching | Physical Education &
Health Teaching |
| Economics & Finance | Physical Science |
| Elementary Education | Political Science |
| Engineering - Architectural | Pre-Art Therapy |
| Engineering - Chemical | Pre-Dental |
| Engineering - Civil | Pre-Law |
| Engineering - Computer | Pre-Medicine |
| Engineering - Electrical | Pre-Optometry |
| Engineering - Geological | Pre-Pharmacy |
| Engineering - Mechanical | Pre-Physical Therapy |
| English | Pre-Physician's Assistant |
| English as a Second
Language | Pre-Seminary |
| English Education | Pre-Veterinary |
| Environmental Science | Print & Online Journalism |
| Exercise Science | Psychology |
| Family & Consumer
Sciences | Public Policy |
| Family & Consumer
Sciences Education | Public Relations |
| Family Studies | Radio Broadcasting |
| Fashion Merchandising | Recreation,
Sports & Fitness |
| Film Studies | Religion |
| Finance | Religious Studies |
| Forensic Chemistry | Science Education |
| French | Secondary Education |
| General Studies | Social Science |
| Geography | Social Science Education |
| Geological Sciences | Social Work |
| Greek | Sociology |
| Health Education | Spanish |
| Hebrew | Spanish Education |
| History | Special Education |
| History Teaching | Sport Management |
| Hospitality | Television & Video
Production |
| Information Systems | Theatre |
| Information Technology | Writing |
| Intercultural Studies | Youth Ministry |
| | Zoology |

STUDENTS

More than 4,800 – 2,900 of them undergrads --- from nearly every U.S. state, 20 countries and 40 religious denominations.

ADMISSION

Based on ACT score and high school records (college transcripts for transfer students). For incoming freshmen, average ACT score is 24.

ACADEMICS

More than 120 areas of study offered through the School of Business, School of Engineering and Technology, School of Life and Health Sciences, School of Education, School of Music, School of Theology and Christian Ministry, and the College of Arts and Sciences. Study- abroad opportunities have included Australia, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador, England, Egypt, Romania, Japan, Uganda, Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles.

ACCREDITATION

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, the American Dietetics Association, the Council on Social Work Education, the National Association of Schools of Music, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET.

CAMPUS

Beautiful, park-like campus features 31 major buildings on 250 acres. Located in the Village of Bourbonnais, Ill., just 50 miles south of Chicago's Loop, with additional School of Graduate and Continuing Studies locations in Rolling Meadows and Oak Brook, Ill.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Grand Ledge and Grand Rapids, Mich.; and Hong Kong.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Christian community committed to making worship of God the central focus of our lives. Our faith in Jesus Christ cannot be separated from the educational experience, and we seek to honor God in all we learn, say and do. Through chapel services,

each segment of the University community has the opportunity to join with others in worship and receive instruction in the Word and encouragement to serve. Notable and world-renowned speakers regularly address the Olivet community during chapel.

ATHLETICS

At Olivet Nazarene University, student-athletes compete on 21 intercollegiate teams. Olivet provides competitive athletic awards and scholarships for qualifying candidates. Varsity teams for men include basketball, baseball, cheerleading, cross country, football, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, and track and field. Varsity women compete in basketball, cheerleading, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track and field, and volleyball. In addition to varsity sports, more than half of the student body participates in Olivet's thriving intramural and club sports programs.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

More than 90 clubs and organizations representing diverse interests, including campus newspaper, yearbook and literary magazine, ROTC, radio broadcasting (Shine.FM), numerous choral and instrumental ensembles (including marching band and the University orchestra), drama and musical theatre performances, intramural athletics, as well as community volunteer and spiritual life organizations.

ALUMNI

Olivet Nazarene University has graduated many notable alumni who have given back to the University, the Olivet region, the Church and the world in so many ways. There are more than 37,000 alumni living around the world.

GRADUATE STUDIES AND PROGRAMS

Business: Bachelor of Applied Science in Management, Bachelor of Business Administration,+ Master of Organizational Leadership, Master of Business Administration
Criminal Justice: Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
Education: Safety and Driver Education

Endorsement, English as a Second Language Endorsement, Middle School Endorsement, Reading Endorsement, Teacher Leader Endorsement,* Master of Arts in Education: Curriculum and Instruction,+ Master of Arts in Education: Library Information Specialist, Master of Arts in Education: Reading Specialist,+ Doctor of Education: Ethical Leadership - Interdisciplinary
Engineering: Master of Engineering Management
Nursing: Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing,* Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN), Master of Science in Nursing,* Master of Science in Nursing: Family Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner Certification
Ministry: Master of Arts: Biblical Studies, Master of Arts: Christian Ministry, Master of Arts: Family Ministry, Master of Arts: Pastoral Ministry, Master of Arts in Religion, Master of Arts: Pastoral Leadership,* Master of Ministry, Master of Ministry in Spanish, Master of Divinity, Bachelor of Practical Ministry, Master of Practical Ministry, Master of Arts: Urban Pastor Leadership





2016-17 SEASON PREVIEW

To make it three consecutive and the program's 19th national championships appearance, the Olivet Nazarene University men's basketball team will have to answer several question marks as they enter the 2016-17 season. If they answer them, the season could continue the first such streak since the 2006 to 2008 seasons.

The absence of seven seniors and two-time NAIA All-American **Aaron Larson** mark big changes for the team. Over the past four years, Larson and his teammates had 77 wins plus two national tournament appearances and the 2015 CCAC regular season and tournament titles.

Yet, the expectations still remain high, despite the unfamiliar territory the 2016-17 team is in with many new faces and the amount of inexperience on the floor. ONU returns only six players who were in uniform last season and suited up for the 2016 NAIA Division II National Championships. The 2016-17 team will be without nearly 90 percent of last year's scoring and 85 percent of its rebounding. Absent this season is almost three-fourths of the minutes played and shots attempted from last season.

The 2016-17 version of ONU men's basketball has the task of bringing along a host of talented and eager young players and joining them together with veterans who are ready to take the next step in their careers. Head Coach **Ralph Hodge**, a near 750-game winner, and his staff have the job of molding this team in order to realize its potential.

Coach Hodge understands what it take to get this year's team ready, "The key thing for this year is to have a team that will commit to the process on a daily basis. We are young and inexperienced at all positions, so the daily development and how quick all our players learn and grow together will be important."

Over the last two seasons, the Tigers have seen 13 integral team members exhaust their eligibility and leave the program. The 2015-16 senior class sent out seven Tigers who had much to celebrate as they all did their part, starting with Aaron Larson. He was named to the NAIA Second Team All-America list, following his third team selection during his junior season. He was a three-time CCAC First Team All-Conference selection and was named the 2013 CCAC Freshman of the Year. He was also recognized on the 2014 NAIA Honorable Mention All-America list. He was named CCAC Player of the Week 13 times in his career and NAIA Division II National Player of the Week twice last season.

Last season, Larson led the Tigers in 10 statistical categories, including minutes, points and rebounds. He led the CCAC in scoring (22.6) and was 12th in the NAIA. Among ONU leaders, he finished his career with 2,132 career points (3rd), 971 rebounds (4th) (Note: before he was one of only two players all-time to record 2,000 points and 900 rebounds.). He had 813 made field goals (3rd) and 1,518 field goals attempted (3rd), 365 made free-throws (6th) and 495 attempted (9th). Larson is tied 16th all-time in Tiger history with 141 made three-pointers in his career. He is the only player in program history to be in the top 20 for both rebounds and three-pointers.

Alongside Larson was two-time CCAC Honorable Mention All-Conference selection **Zach Wagner**. He started 91 games in his career and finished his career with 1,127 points, good for 34th all-time in ONU history. Last season, he started all 29 games and was third in minutes played (27.1), third on the team in scoring (11.1), third in rebounding (4.7), second in field goal percentage (.507) and second in assists (7.9). He also was a three-time CCAC All-Academic Team member. ONU will also miss **Reid Farchmin**, who started 77 games, averaged 7.2 points and 4.3 rebounds, and shot 71.5 percent from the free-throw line over four years. Last season, he scored 6.7 points and grabbed 4.2 boards a game.

Alex Thorson, point guard, also moved on and is now the graduate assistant for the Tiger men's basketball program. He started all 29 games last year and had 157 assists to only 44 turnovers, leading the CCAC in both assists per game and assist-to-turnover ratio. He finished his career with 328 assists, good for 19th all-time. **Taylor Tucker**, also a point guard, finished his career last year as well. He played in 23 games last year and 45 in his career. He will help as a student assistant this season. **Leke Solanke** finished his second year with the Tigers, starting 15 games and scoring 7.7 points and grabbing 4.9 rebounds a game. **Luke Steelman** finished his fourth season playing in 23 games.

Despite all from the changes from the 2015-16 squad, a familiar face returns to help lead this year's Tigers. **Tyler Crater (Hampshire, Ill.)** is in his fourth season as a Tiger. As the lone senior with significant experience, he will be counted on to raise the level of his game in order for the Tigers to do the same. Throughout his first three years, Crater has played in 91 games, averaging 20.9 minutes and 9.6 points per game. He has 871 points in his career and is heading for 1,000 — which would make him

the 42nd player in the program's history to reach that career milestone. Crater is also currently tied for 19th in career three-pointers made (123) and can make the top 10 with 55 made this season.

As ONU's second-leading scorer (11.3) from a year ago, Crater played in all 29 games and was one of the most consistent contributors off the bench in the CCAC for Olivet, playing 22.4 starter minutes. He was second on the team in field goals (286), making 121, and was third in made three-pointers (44-for-122). He also averaged 2.9 rebounds and 2.0 assists, which are his areas for improvement. He is coming off the 2016 national tournament game, where he led the Tigers in scoring with 18 points (7-for-16), going 3-for-6 from behind the arc. He added three rebounds and assists in 29 minutes. His best attributes are his athleticism and aggressiveness, which he has learned to partner with solid decision-making and leadership abilities to help his team.

Returning for his junior season is **Chris Green (Bonfield, Ill.)**, one of only two returning Tigers who tallied significant time last season. In only his second year, Green played in all 29 games and started in 13. He played 20.6 minutes per game and was fifth on the team in scoring with 7.3 points a game. He also contributed 2.3 rebounds and 1.9 assists, led the team in three-pointers made with 54, and shot 39.4 percent from behind the arc (13th among CCAC leaders). In ONU's fifth game last season, he scored a career-high 23 points, making six three-pointers. Green is coming off a summer of working on attacking the rim, passing, ballhandling, and increasing his overall athleticism, which will help defensively and around the basket. Yet, his ability to stretch the floor and shoot the deep ball will help the Tigers this season.

Possibly the greatest need for this year's team is for the inside game. The only returning Tiger post player from last year is 6-foot, 6-inch senior **Ryan Carl (Galesburg, Ill.)**. He played behind four seniors who are now gone and played in only eight games during his first full season in a varsity uniform. Yet, he has three years of junior varsity experience and is excited for a much awaited opportunity to lead and step up an unestablished post game in 2016-17. Carl brings a knowledge of Hodge's system, is a solid perimeter shooter and has so far been a vocal leader for this young group in the post.

Always one of the most scrutinized positions in Hodge's program is point guard. Returning from the 2015-16 team is **Troy Swindle (Lindenhurst, Ill.)** to fill that position. Now a senior, he played in 14 games last season, primarily as an off guard. He has good size and athleticism for the position and has the ability to push the ball and finish at the rim. Swindle can also use his length to defend all 94 feet.

New this season is **Dane Schlafley (Peoria, Ill.)**, a 6-foot, 1-inch freshman point guard who played four years at Richwoods High School. He has impressed in only a short time this summer and throughout the preseason, showcasing his decision-making abilities and toughness on both ends of the floor, especially defensively. He sees the entire floor in transition and in the half court, also showing the ability to shoot and score from all areas. While at Richwoods, as a senior he averaged 9.4 points, 3.0 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 1.0 steal per game; and shot 81 percent from the free-throw line, 49.0 from behind the arc and 42.0 from the field.

Bolstering the perimeter game alongside Crater and Green are two promising freshmen: 6-foot, 3-inch **Dakota Bennington (Peoria, Ill.)** and 6-foot **Sterling Thornton (Sterling, Ill.)**. Bennington played at Peoria Christian High School, where he averaged a team-high 24.4 points, 7.4 rebounds, 3.1 assists, 2.9 steals and 2.1 steals a game for his senior season. He became Peoria Christian High School's all-time leading scorer with 1,958 career points. He was named IBCA 2A First Team All-State, AP 2A First Team All-State and Chicago Sun-Times 2A First Team All-State. Bennington was the Peoria Journal Star Small School Player of the Year. Entering his senior season, he was the 30th ranked prospect (9th for shooting guard), according to Prep Hoops Illinois. He was 56th ranked in the City/Suburban Hoops Report (12th for shooting guard). He is an outstanding athlete with tremendous bounce (35" vertical, 78" wingspan) and great body control. Bennington also has a very quick first step and can finish very well for a first year player.

Thornton was one of the most productive players in Sterling High School's history, leaving as the sixth all-time leading scorer with 1,113 points. He led his team as a senior with averages of 14.0 points, 4.0 rebounds, 2.1 assists and 2.4 steals. He shot 45.2 from the field, 38.0 from the three-point line and 71.9 percent from the free-throw line. Following his senior season, he was honored as a 2016 Northern Illinois Big 12 All-Conference First Team selection and Sauk Valley Media First Team honoree. Thornton is as competitive and smart as they come, using his experience and success as a quarterback in high school to his advantage.

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From day one of this season, both Bennington and Thornton will be asked to add depth and the talent needed at the perimeter position because of the skillset each of them brings. It is evident, however, that both bring great basketball instinct and the willingness to learn each day. This will help them as they navigate through their first year as Tigers.

Returning on the perimeter are 6-foot, 4-inch sophomore **Christian Dunning (West Frankfort, Ill.)** and senior **Abe Barwegen (Otsego, Mich.)**. Dunning was in uniform last season and played significantly on the junior varsity. After his freshman year, he has come back focused and ready to accept a more demanding role in his second year. He has good size for the guard position and has the ability to score at the rim and post up, similar to former Tiger Reid Farchmin. He continues to get better defensively and on the glass. Barwegen has played the last three years on the junior varsity and dressed as a junior on the varsity team. He can help this year with his skill of shooting from behind the arc, and he brings a great competitiveness.

"We are excited about the makeup of our team," said Coach Hodge about the 2016-17 roster. "They are young, yes, but our perimeter positions have the potential to be as good as any in the conference. Our post play, as it develops, will surprise some people. Never before have we had a year where new players, specifically the freshman class, will have an impact on the type of season we have."

Even though the Tiger post game will look completely different than it did last year, there is ample opportunity for this year's grouping to step up and take advantage of what's available. The 2016-17 post game is also different because of the skill sets Bennington, Thornton, Dunning and Barwegen bring, as all four can shoot the three-pointer and stretch the floor.

Coming off injury and sitting out the entire 2015-16 season is 6-foot, 7-inch **Josiah Blan (Minooka, Ill.)**. He injured his shoulder in the summer of 2015 and redshirted after surgery sidelined him for several months. He returns for a second season, ready to make an impact and bringing a contagious tenacity and readiness to play hard on every play. He is ONU's most athletic big and can play around the rim. Blan runs very well and has a knack for scoring in bunches. He can shoot it from perimeter and from inside with both hands.

Joining him is 6-foot, 3-inch **Zach Tuxhorn (Naperville, Ill.)**. Tuxhorn may be undersized for the position, but he has learned to play around the basket with toughness. In his first year of playing junior varsity for the Tigers, he developed into a consistent rebounder and someone who didn't back down for any matchup. Tuxhorn also has the ability to knock down a perimeter shot and is continuing to work on his game around the rim.

A new addition to ONU's post play is 6-foot, 5-inch **Nic Reed (New Albany, Ind.)**. He played for the Christian Academy of Indiana and left as the all-time leading scorer with 1,254 points. He averaged team-highs as a senior with 23.6 points, 11.1 rebounds and 2.1 assists. He shot 80 percent from the free-throw line, 61 percent from the field and 37 percent from the three-point line. Following his senior season, he was honored as a 2016 IBCA Senior Small School All-State First Team and IBCA All-State All-Academic First Team. Reed was also a News and Tribune All-Area First Team selection and Player of the Year finalist. He was selected to the Hoosier Basketball Magazine Top 60 Workout and Battle of the Bridges All-Star Game. He is still learning to play with his back to the basket but is as aggressive as any post player in purple and gold. He has a soft touch and can shoot the ball with range. Reed is as talented as any freshman in the position, playing with good hands and the ability to finish despite giving up size around the rim. He rebounds hard and is learning how to use his body to post and get position. He should factor into the rotation in his first season.

Together with fellow freshmen Nic Reed, **Luke Tuttle (Hampshire, Ill.)** is one of five freshmen in uniform this season. He led the Whippurs last season by averaging 12.0 points and 4.0 rebounds, shooting 45 percent from the floor and 37 from behind the arc, making 50. Following his senior campaign, he was selected to the Fox Valley All-Conference Team, Daily Herald-Fox Valley All-Area Team and was McHenry County All-Star. Everything is new to Tuttle as he is learning a different position, but has picked things up very quickly. Tuttle is a very smart player who can shoot the perimeter shot. He is a good athlete and is working on his strength each day to help him battle the physicality the position demands.

While the Tigers' primary goal is to return to the NAIA Division II National Championships for the third consecutive season and 19th time in program history, the Tigers would also like to regain CCAC regular season title and/or tournament championship they had back in 2015. Last year's 18-11 record and second place finish in the CCAC was good enough to gain them an at-large bid to the NAIA Division II National Championships, but the first round loss to Keiser University (Fla.) was the sixth straight appearance in which Olivet had not advanced past the first round. The Tigers have expectations to get back and win their first national tournament game since 2006, and they will have to do it with individuals who have never been there.

As for the 2016-17 season's goals, Coach Hodge comments: "Our goals this season are the same as every year. Win the conference and make it to the postseason tournament. We may see a slow start, but we feel this team is capable of finishing strong and accomplishing our goals."

Head Coach Ralph Hodge is one of the best in NAIA basketball and a 2014 NAIA Hall of Fame inductee. He is ranked second among active NAIA Division II coaches with 748 career wins and 10th in win percentage (.623). Among all NAIA coaches, he is third all-time in wins and 22nd in win percentage (coaches on active top 25 list).

The Tigers will play their annual Homecoming game on Saturday, Oct. 29, for the first game of this season. Olivet will host Crossroads League opponent, Goshen College (Ind.). The Maple Leafs finished 19-13 and fourth in their league.

For the fifth consecutive season, the ever-tough CCAC will experience change. Governors State University (Ill.) joins the league and will play in the South Division. In addition, former athletic programs Purdue University-Calumet (Ind.) and Purdue University-North Central (Ind.) have combined to create Purdue University-Northwest (Ind.). Despite these changes, the league still boasts 15 teams, giving the CCAC three automatic bids to the national tournament. The Tigers will play nine nonconference contests and 21 conference games before the conference tournament.

In 2016, the CCAC produced four teams that played in the NAIA Division II National Championships and finished the season with four teams ranked or receiving votes nationally. ONU hosts two of those teams at McHie Arena this season. The CCAC Tournament winner, Robert Morris-Illinois, comes to Bourbonnais on Dec. 13. The defending league-champion, University of St. Francis (Ill.), will be in town on Jan. 11, 2017, just after the new year.

As in the 2015-16 season, the Tigers play away from McHie Arena in 14 of the first 18 games. One of those is on the road on Dec. 14 against NCAA Division I Mid-American Conference opponent, Northern Illinois University. The Huskies were 21-13 last season. On Dec. 10, the Tigers travel to play against NCAA Division II opponent, University of Indianapolis (Ind.), for the second straight season. The Greyhounds finished 21-8 last season, finished as runner-up in the GLVC Tournament and won their first round game in the NCAA DII Midwest Regional.

ONU's first weekend tournament will be played at Indiana Wesleyan University, the defending NAIA DII National Champion, for the Caleb Dimmich Memorial Classic. ONU will play Indiana Wesleyan on Friday, Nov. 4, and Marian University (Ind.) on Saturday, Nov. 5. A week later, the Tigers travel to Fort Wayne, Ind., and play Indiana Tech, the team that finished 23-10 and appeared in the NAIA DII national championships last season.

The week leading up to Christmas, the Tigers travel to Phoenix, Ariz., for three games in the Chandler-Gilbert Classic. The first is against NAIA DI Arizona Christian on Saturday, Dec. 17. The Firestorm finished 23-9 last season, made it to the second round of the national tournament and ranked as high as No. 4 nationally last season. ONU's second game is Monday, Dec. 19, against the University of Great Falls (Mont.). On Tuesday, the Tigers meet William Jessup University (Calif.), the team that finished 19-11 and in the second round of the national tournament after defeating No. 5 Pikeville.



COACHING STAFF



RALPH HODGE - HEAD COACH

Education

- Olivet Nazarene University, Master of Education (1996)
- Olivet Nazarene University, Bachelor of Science: Physical Education (1975)

Professional Experience

- Olivet Nazarene University, Head Coach, Men's Basketball/ Assistant Professor (1979-present)
- Alwood High School (Woodhull, Ill.) – Head Coach, Boy's Basketball (1976–1979)
- Olivet Nazarene University, Men's Basketball Graduate Assistant (1975–1976)

Professional Associations

- National Association of Basketball Coaches
- Illinois Basketball Coaches Association

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Hall of Fame inductions:

- NAIA Hall of Fame (2013), first from Olivet Nazarene University to receive honor
- ONU Athletics Hall of Fame (2014, coach; 1988, athlete)
- Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame (2004)
- CCAC Hall of Fame Inductee (2002)
- NAIA Charles A. Kriegel Award for coach sportsmanship (2002)

As a coach:

- Third winningest active coach in NAIA Division II Men's Basketball
- NAIA National Tournament appearances (2016, 2015, 2011, 2010, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2003, 2002, 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997, 1995, 1992, 1991, 1990, 1989)
- NAIA Fab Four (2000)
- NAIA Elite Eight (2006, 2003, 2002)
- CCAC
 - 12 Regular Season Championships (2015, 2006, 2003, 2002, 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997, 1995, 1994, 1993, 1991, 1990, 1989)
 - 6 Tournament Championships (2015, 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997, 1995)
- Nine-time CCAC Coach of the Year
- IBCA-NAIA Division II Co-Coach of the Year (2016, 2015)
- Recorded 33 winning seasons, 20 seasons of 20-plus wins, and 15 straight from 1989-2003
- 12 NAIA All-Americans (including multiple year selections)
 - 13 NAIA Honorable Mention All-Americans (including multiple year selections)
- 91 CCAC All-Conference players
- 32 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes
- Has been a part of 1,356 of the 1,555 games in school history (.872)

As a player:

- NAIA Honorable Mention All-American (1975)
- NCCAA All-American (1975)
- Finished career in top 20 of Tiger's all-time list in six categories
- Holds the single-season record for both free-throws made (213) and free-throw percentage (.906)
- His No. 20 retired by Olivet Nazarene University

Coaching Philosophy

"The real story of Tiger basketball is the players. They are the heroes of this program."

Personal Information

Hodge and his wife, Janice, have three children: two sons, Scott and Kurt, and one daughter, Kellie. Scott and his wife, Erin, have two sons, Paxton and Crosby, and reside in Florida. Kurt and his wife, Jenni, have twin sons, Hank and Hudson, and reside in the Kansas City area. Kellie and her husband, Darin, also reside in the Kansas City area. Ralph and Janice reside in Bourbonnais.



CAREER COACHING RECORD		
Year	Wins	Losses
2015-2016	18	11
2014-2015	25	9
2013-2014	16	13
2012-2013	18	13
2011-2012	19	12
2010-2011	21	12
2009-2010	19	11
2008-2009	16	15
2007-2008	17	15
2006-2007	19	10
2005-2006	23	11
2004-2005	20	12
2003-2004	15	16
2002-2003	23	14
2001-2002	27	9
2000-2001	22	11
1999-2000	30	9
1998-1999	28	9
1997-1998	28	9
1996-1997	21	13
1995-1996	20	14
1994-1995	21	15
1993-1994	26	8
1992-1993	23	10
1991-1992	25	11
1990-1991	22	13
1989-1990	26	10
1988-1989	22	9
1987-1988	19	17
1986-1987	12	19
1985-1986	15	18
1984-1985	15	13
1983-1984	19	10
1982-1983	9	17
1981-1982	14	13
1980-1981	20	9
1979-1980	15	13
Total	748	453

In 37 seasons, Head Coach Ralph Hodge has presided over a program that has racked up a long list of team and individual accomplishments:

- 18 NAIA National Tournament appearances
- 12 NAIA All-Americans
- 91 All-CCAC players
- 6 CCAC Player of the Years
- 32 NAIA Scholar-Athletes



NICK BIRKEY - ASSISTANT COACH

Education

- Olivet Nazarene University, Master of Organizational Leadership (2013)
- Olivet Nazarene University, Bachelor of Science: Sport Management and Business Administration (Magna Cum Laude) (2007)

Professional Experience

- Olivet Nazarene University, Head Assistant Coach, Men's Basketball (2008–present)
- Olivet Nazarene University, Men's Sports Information Director (FB, MSOC, MG, WG, MBB, WBB, BB) (2008–present)
- Eureka College (Ill.), Head Assistant Coach, Men's Basketball (2007–2008)
- Eureka College (Ill.), Head Coach, Men's Golf (2007–2008)
- Olivet Nazarene University, Men's Basketball Junior Varsity Head Coach (2006–2007)
- Olivet Nazarene University, Men's Basketball Student Assistant (2003–2007)

Professional Associations

- National Basketball Coaches Association (NABC) (2007–present)
- Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) (2008–present)
- College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) (2011–present)
- NAIA National Player of the Week Voting Committee (Men's Basketball) (2013–present)

Awards and Recognition

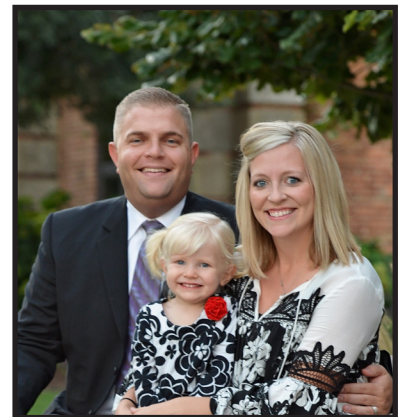
- Helped ONU to 152-965 (89–34, CCAC) record (2008–present)
- CCAC Regular Season Co-Championship (2015)
- CCAC Tournament Championship (2015)
- CCAC South Division Regular Season champions (2014)
- NAIA National Tournament appearances (Division II, 2016, 2015) (Division I, 2011, 2010)
- Helped ONU to 77 wins (2003–2007) and two NAIA National Tournament appearances (2007, 2006) and Elite Eight (2006)

Coaching Philosophy

"I have a deep passion and love for the game of basketball. I fully appreciate the college game and what it demands from players — mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually. My wish is for our players to play and love the game while excelling in these four areas, not sacrificing one for another."

Personal Information

Nick's wife, Ashley, earned her Reading Specialist graduate degree from ONU in 2014. She is a first grade teacher in the Reed-Custer School District. They have a daughter, Parker, and reside in Bourbonnais.





COACHING STAFF



ALEX THORSON - GRADUATE ASSISTANT

Education:

- Olivet Nazarene University - Master of Business Administration (2016-present)
- Olivet Nazarene University - Bachelor of Science: Sport Management (2016)

Professional Experience:

- Olivet Nazarene University, Men's Basketball Graduate Assistant (2016-present)

Awards and Recognition (Player):

- CCAC All-Academic Team (2016, 2015)
- Led CCAC in assists (157) and assists per game (5.41) senior season (2016)
- Finished career 19th in assists on Tigers' Top 20 list (328)
- Helped lead Tigers to NAIA Division II National Championships (2016, 2015)
- Led Tigers to CCAC Tournament title and Regular Season championship (2015)

Coaching Philosophy:

"I want to be able to give back to the game that has given me so much. Basketball has always been my number one passion. Now, I want to put as much effort into coaching as I did into playing the game I love."



TAYLOR TUCKER - STUDENT ASSISTANT

Education:

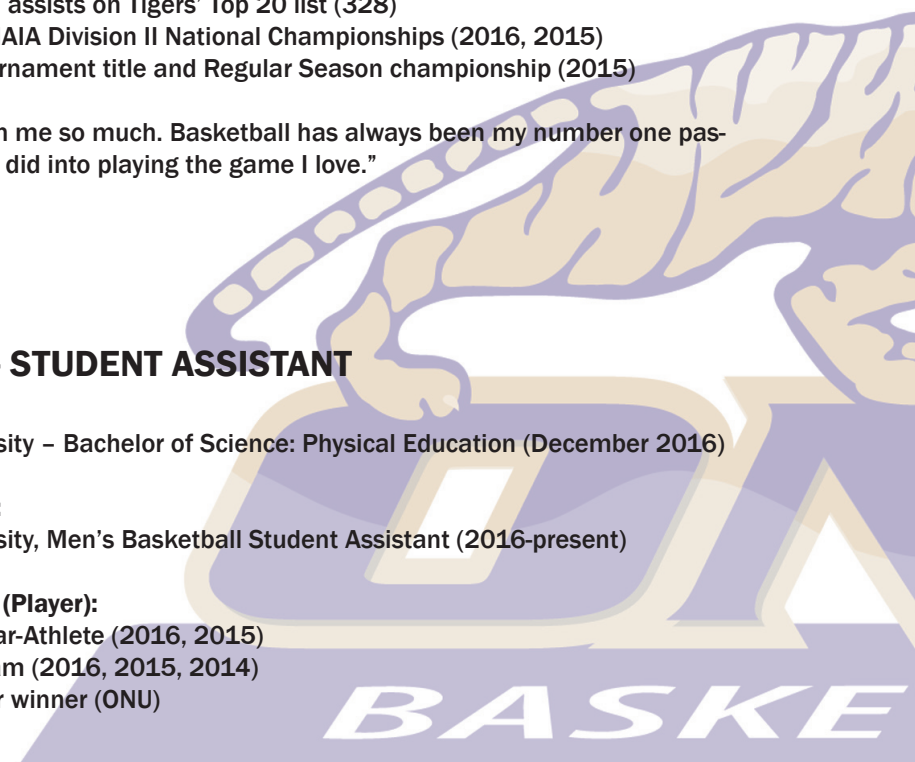
- Olivet Nazarene University - Bachelor of Science: Physical Education (December 2016)

Professional Experience:

- Olivet Nazarene University, Men's Basketball Student Assistant (2016-present)

Awards and Recognition (Player):

- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete (2016, 2015)
- CCAC All-Academic Team (2016, 2015, 2014)
- Three-year varsity letter winner (ONU)



MICHAEL HARRISON
ASSISTANT COACH

SUPPORT STAFF



Alyssa Carl, Jake Tuttle, Brennen Bollinger and Jacob Hildebrandt

2016-17 VARSITY SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
10/29	Goshen College (Ind.) (Homecoming)	1 p.m.
11/4-5	Caleb Dimmich Memorial Classic (Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Ind.) @ Indiana Wesleyan University	6 p.m. (EST)
	vs. Marian University (Ind.)	1 p.m. (EST)
11/12	@ Indiana Institute of Technology	1 p.m. (EST)
11/16	@ Trinity Christian College (Ill.)*	7:30 p.m.
11/19	@ Judson University (Ill.)*	3 p.m.
11/22	@ Purdue University Northwest (Ind.)*	7 p.m.
11/30	Calumet College of St. Joseph (Ind.)*	7:30 p.m.
12/3	St. Ambrose University (Iowa)*	3 p.m.
12/10	@ University of Indianapolis (Ind.)	1 p.m. (EST)
12/13	Robert Morris University - Illinois*	7 p.m.
12/14	@ Northern Illinois University	7 p.m.
12/17,19-20	Cactus Classic (Chandler-Gilbert CC, Phoenix, Ariz.) @ Arizona Christian University	5 p.m. (MST)
	vs. University of Great Falls (Mont.)	12 p.m. (MST)
	vs. William Jessup University (Calif.)	9 a.m. (MST)
1/3	@ Governors State University (Ill.)*	7 p.m.
1/5	@ Indiana University-South Bend*	7:30 p.m. (EST)
1/7	@ Roosevelt University (Ill.)*	3 p.m.
1/11	University of St. Francis (Ill.)*	7:30 p.m.
1/14	Trinity International University (Ill.)*	3 p.m.
1/18	@ Holy Cross College (Ind.)*	7:30 p.m. (EST)
1/21	@ St. Xavier University (Ill.)*	3 p.m.
1/25	Trinity Christian College (Ill.)*	7:30 p.m.
1/28	Cardinal Stritch University (Wis.)*	3 p.m.
2/1	Purdue University Northwest (Ind.)*	8:15 p.m.
2/4	@ Calumet College of St. Joseph (Ind.)*	3 p.m.
2/8	Governors State University (Ill.)*	7:30 p.m.
2/11	Indiana University-South Bend*	3 p.m.
2/15	@ University of St. Francis (Ill.)*	7:30 p.m.
2/18	Holy Cross College (Ind.)* (Senior Day)	3 p.m.
2/22-28	CCAC Division II Tournament	
3/8-14	2016 NAIA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship (College of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, Mo., Keeter Gymnasium)	

* Conference Event

Bold: Home Event



2016-17 JUNIOR VARSITY SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent/Location	Time
10/27	Trinity Christian College (Ill.) JV	7 p.m.
11/1	@ Joliet Junior College (Ill.)	7 p.m.
11/7	Governors State University (Ill.) JV	7 p.m.
11/10	@ Kankakee Community College (Ill.)	7:30 p.m.
11/15	@ Illinois Central College	7 p.m.
11/17	@ Harper College (Ill.)	7 p.m.
11/21	Robert Morris University – Illinois JV	7 p.m.
11/28	@ Parkland College (Ill.)	7 p.m.
11/29	Judson University (Ill.) JV	7 p.m.
12/1	@ Illinois Wesleyan University JV	7 p.m.
12/5	Joliet Junior College (Ill.)	7 p.m.
12/8	Robert Morris University – Illinois JV	7 p.m.
1/12/16	North Central College (Ill.) JV	7 p.m.
1/16	@ Governors State University (Ill.) JV	7 p.m.
1/19	Illinois Wesleyan University JV	7 p.m.
1/20	Parkland College (Ill.)	6:30 p.m.
1/23	Trinity Christian College (Ill.) JV	7:30 p.m.
1/26	Judson University (Ill.) JV	7 p.m.

Bold: Home Game



2016-17
JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

When the Tigers aren't hard at work preparing for their next opponent, they're often giving back to the community. In 2016, more than 170 children attended one or more of three summer basketball camps held at Olivet Nazarene University.

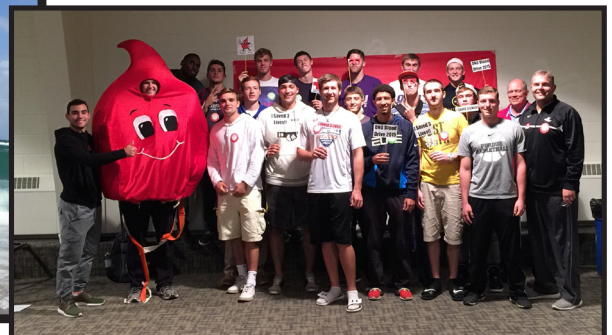
Once again, the men's basketball team also utilized the state-of-the-art Douglas E. Perry Student Life and Recreation Center for one of two high school summer shootouts. The Tigers hosted 34 statewide prep teams, including six from the local area, on campus during the two-day events.

This year also marked the 10th consecutive year the team traveled to Chicago Heights Church of the Nazarene in Chicago Heights, Ill., to spend the day with a youth basketball league, Nazarene Athletics. After attending the church service and having lunch with the children, Tigers' players and coaches held a clinic, including drills, contests to win prizes and even an autograph session with Tigers' players.

Jeff Hale, the founder/director of Nazarene Athletics, ONU alum and friend of Tiger basketball, passed away in August and will be greatly missed. Many players and coaches have had the joy of experiencing his passion for sharing the message of Christ through athletics.

The Tigers also participated in the American Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the ONU Nursing Students' Association (NSA). It was the second year the players and coaches were able to donate. Also during the 2015-16 season, the Tigers spent the day with River Valley Recreation, helping to provide a day of exercise and fun for the mentally challenged.

In addition to their work on the court, the Tigers have the special opportunity to take an annual trip to a warm-weather state around the Christmas season. While there, the Tigers play two or three nonconference games against great competition. At the same time, the team enjoys the weather and has a little fun. This season, the Tigers will make a trip to Arizona for three games. Over the past three seasons, they have visited Florida twice and California once. Also, Coach Hodge and his teams have taken trips to Hawaii multiple times during his 37 years with the team.





OPPONENTS

ARIZONA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Phoenix, Ariz.
 Enrollment: 779
 Nickname: Firestorm
 School Colors: Red and Gold
 Conference: Golden State Athletic
 National Affiliation: NAIA Division I
 President: Len Munsil
 Director of Athletics: Jeff Rutter
 Director of Sports Information: Tim Gooszen
 Home Arena: Fultz Memorial Gymnasium
 Web: acufirestorm.com

CALUMET COLLEGE OF ST. JOSEPH (IND.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Whiting, Ind.
 Enrollment: 1,200
 Nickname: Crimson Wave
 School Colors: Crimson and Gray
 Conference: Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic
 National Affiliation: NAIA Division II
 President: Dr. Daniel Lowery
 Director of Athletics: Peter Haze Haring
 Director of Sports Information: Mike DeVader
 Home Arena: Dennis and Leslie Rittenmeyer Center
 Web: ccsj.edu/athletics

CARDINAL STRITCH UNIVERSITY (WIS.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Milwaukee, Wis.
 Enrollment: 3,176
 Nickname: Wolves
 School Colors: Burgundy and Gray
 Conference: Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic
 National Affiliation: NAIA Division II
 President: Dr. James P. Loftus
 Director of Athletics: Tim Van Alstine, Ph.D
 Director of Sports Information: Dan Kuklinski
 Home Arena: Cardinal Stritch University Field House
 Web: stritchwolves.com

GOSHEN COLLEGE (IND.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Goshen, Ind.
 Enrollment: 983
 Nickname: Maple Leafs
 School Colors: Purple and White
 Conference: Crossroads League
 National Affiliation: NAIA Division II
 President: James E. Brenneman
 Director of Athletics: Josh Gleason
 Director of Sports Information: Tony Miller
 Home Arena: Gunden Gymnasium
 Web: goleafs.net

GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY (ILL.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: University Park, Ill.
 Enrollment: 5,600
 Nickname: Jaguars
 School Colors: Black and Orange
 Conference: Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic
 National Affiliation: NAIA Division II
 President: Dr. Elaine P. Maimon
 Director of Athletics: Tony Bates
 Director of Sports Information: Daniel Jankowski
 Home Arena: Gunden Gymnasium
 Web: gsujaguars.com

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE (IND.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Notre Dame, Ind.
 Enrollment: 500
 Nickname: Saints
 School Colors: Maroon and Gray
 Conference: Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic
 National Affiliation: NAIA Division II
 President: Brother John Rhodes Paige, C.S.C
 Director of Athletics: Aimee Niespodziany
 Director of Sports Information: Drew Schauss
 Home Arena: McKenna Arena
 Web: hcsaints.com

INDIANA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Fort Wayne, Ind.
 Enrollment: 1,510
 Nickname: Warriors
 School Colors: Orange and Black
 Conference: Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic
 National Affiliation: NAIA Division II
 President: Dr. Arthur E. Snyder
 Director of Athletics: Debbie Warren
 Director of Sports Information: Tyler Stevenson
 Home Arena: Schaefer Center
 Web: indianatechwarriors.com

INDIANA UNIVERSITY-SOUTH BEND

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: South Bend, Ind.
 Enrollment: 8,600
 Nickname: Titans
 School Colors: Red, White and Black
 Conference: Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic
 National Affiliation: NAIA Division II
 Chancellor: Dr. Terry L. Allison
 Director of Athletics: Steve Bruce
 Director of Sports Information: Tom Norris
 Home Arena: Student Activities Center
 Web: iusbtitans.com

INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Marion, Ind.
 Enrollment: 3,118
 Nickname: Wildcats
 School Colors: Red and Gray
 Conference: Crossroads League
 National Affiliation: NAIA Division II
 President: Dr. David Wright
 Director of Athletics: Mark DeMichael
 Director of Sports Information: Kyle Schmidt
 Home Arena: Luckey Arena
 Web: iwuwildcats.com

JUDSON UNIVERSITY (ILL.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Elgin, Ill.
 Enrollment: 1,200
 Nickname: Eagles
 School Colors: Navy Blue and White
 Conference: Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic
 National Affiliation: NAIA Division II
 President: Dr. Gene C. Crume, Jr.
 Director of Athletics: Chad Gassman
 Director of Sports Information: Brandon Fowkes
 Home Arena: Lindner Fitness Center
 Web: judsoneagles.com

MARIAN UNIVERSITY (IND.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Indianapolis, Ind.
 Enrollment: 2,500
 Nickname: Knights
 School Colors: Blue and Gold
 Conference: Crossroads League
 National Affiliation: NAIA Division II
 President: Daniel J. Elsener
 Director of Athletics: Steve Downing
 Director of Sports Information: Zach Wadley
 Home Arena: Physical Education Center
 Web: muknights.com

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: DeKalb, Ill.
 Enrollment: 20,130
 Nickname: Huskies
 School Colors: Cardinal and Black
 Conference: Mid-American
 National Affiliation: NCAA Division I
 President: Dr. Douglas D. Baker
 Director of Athletics: Sean T. Frazier
 Director of Sports Information: Jeremy Reid
 Home Arena: Convocation Center
 Web: niuhuskies.com

PURDUE UNIVERSITY-NORTHWEST (IND.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Hammond, Ind.
 Enrollment: 15,000
 Nickname: Pride
 School Colors: Black and Gold
 Conference: Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic
 National Affiliation: NAIA Division II
 Chancellor: Dr. Thomas L. Keon
 Director of Athletics: Rick Costello
 Director of Sports Information: Nicole Watkins
 Home Arena: H.D. Kesling Gymnasium
 Web: pnwathletics.com

ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY-ILLINOIS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Chicago, Ill.
 Enrollment: 4,500
 Nickname: Eagles
 School Colors: Maroon and Gold
 Conference: Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic
 National Affiliation: NAIA Division II
 President: Mablene Krueger
 Director of Athletics: Megan Smith Eggert
 Director of Sports Information: Tom Czop
 Home Arena: RMU Athletic & Convocation Center
 Web: rmueagles.com

ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY (ILL.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Chicago, Ill.
 Enrollment: 5,352
 Nickname: Lakers
 School Colors: Green and White
 Conference: Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic
 National Affiliation: NAIA Division II
 President: Dr. Ali R. Malekzadeh
 Interim Director of Athletics: John Jaramillo
 Director of Sports Information: John Jaramillo
 Home Arena: Lillian and Larry Goodman Center
 Web: rooseveltlakers.com

ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY (IOWA)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Davenport, Iowa
 Enrollment: 3,623
 Nickname: Fighting Bees
 School Colors: Navy Blue and White
 Conference: Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic
 National Affiliation: NAIA Division II
 President: Sister Joan Lescinski, CSJ PhD
 Director of Athletics: Ray Shovlain
 Director of Sports Information: Brian Thiessen
 Home Arena: Lee Lohman Arena
 Web: saubees.com

SAINT XAVIER UNIVERSITY (ILL.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Chicago, Ill.
 Enrollment: 5,700
 Nickname: Cougars
 School Colors: Scarlet and Gray
 Conference: Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic
 National Affiliation: NAIA Division II
 President: Christine M. Wiseman, J.D.
 Director of Athletics: Bob Hallberg
 Director of Sports Information: Rob Huizenga
 Home Arena: Shannon Center
 Web: sxucougars.com

TRINITY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE (ILL.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Palos Heights, Ill.
 Enrollment: 1,300
 Nickname: Trolls
 School Colors: Blue and White
 Conference: Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic
 National Affiliation: NAIA Division II
 President: Kurt D. Dykstra
 Director of Athletics: Bill Schepel
 Director of Sports Information: Amy Strong
 Home Arena: Trinity Athletics and Recreation Complex (TARC)
 Web: athletics.trnty.edu

TRINITY INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (ILL.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Deerfield, Ill.
 Enrollment: 1,904
 Nickname: Trojans
 School Colors: Royal Blue and White
 Conference: Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic
 National Affiliation: NAIA Division II
 President: Dr. David S. Dockery
 Director of Athletics: Michael Gorsline
 Director of Sports Information: Greg Gorham
 Home Arena: Meyers Sports Complex
 Web: tiutrojans.com

UNIVERSITY OF GREAT FALLS (MONT.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Great Falls, Mont.
 Enrollment: 1,117
 Nickname: Argonauts
 School Colors: Sky Blue and Harvest Gold
 Conference: Frontier
 National Affiliation: NAIA Division I
 President: Dr. Anthony Aretz
 Director of Athletics: Dave Gantt
 Director of Sports Information: Josh Wetmore
 Home Arena: McLaughlin Center Gymnasium
 Web: ugfargos.com

UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Indianapolis, Ind.
 Enrollment: 5,432
 Nickname: Greyhounds
 School Colors: Crimson and Grey
 Conference: Great Lakes Valley
 National Affiliation: NCAA Division II
 President: Dr. Robert Manuel
 Director of Athletics: Dr. Sue Willey
 Director of Sports Information: Kyle Piercy
 Home Arena: Nicoson Hall
 Web: athletics.uindy.edu

UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS (ILL.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Joliet, Ill.
 Enrollment: 3,452
 Nickname: Fighting Saints
 School Colors: Brown and Gold
 Conference: Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic
 National Affiliation: NAIA Division II
 President: Dr. Arvid C. Johnson
 Director of Athletics: Dave Laketa
 Director of Sports Information: Dave Hilbert
 Home Arena: Pat Sullivan Center
 Web: gofightingsaints.com

WILLIAM JESSUP UNIVERSITY (CALIF.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Rocklin, Calif.
 Enrollment: 1,200
 Nickname: Warriors
 School Colors: Red and Blue
 Conference: Golden State Athletic
 National Affiliation: NAIA Division I
 President: John Jackson, Ph.D.
 Director of Athletics: Lance Von Vogt
 Director of Sports Information: Brie Campbell
 Home Arena: Warrior Arena
 Web: jessupathletics.com



ROSTER

VARSITY

#	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
4	Dane Schlafley	FR	G	6-1	157	Peoria, Ill.
5	Josiah Blan	SO	F/C	6-7	183	Minooka, Ill.
10	Troy Swindle	SR	G	6-2	170	Lindenhurst, Ill.
12	Dakota Bennington	FR	G	6-3	172	Peoria, Ill.
13	Sherrarr Tate	SR	G	5-11	170	Chillicothe, Ill.
14	Abe Barwegen	SR	G	6-1	197	Otsego, Mich.
22	Chris Green	JR	G	6-0	186	Bonfield, Ill.
23	Luke Tuttle	FR	F	6-5	160	Hampshire, Ill.
25	Christian Dunning	SO	G	6-4	201	West Frankfort, Ill.
30	Sterling Thornton	FR	G	6-0	174	Sterling, Ill.
32	Nic Reed	FR	F	6-5	204	New Albany, Ind.
34	Zach Tuxhorn	SO	F	6-3	191	Naperville, Ill.
42	Tyler Crater	SR	G	6-3	191	Hampshire, Ill.
52	Ryan Carl	SR	F/C	6-6	205	Galesburg, Ill.
RS	Ethan Chitty	JR	F/C	6-7	211	White Heath, Ill.

JUNIOR VARSITY

#	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
4	Solomon Barwegen	SO	G	6-0	180	Otsego, Mich.
5	Zack Pruum	SO	G	6-2	169	Lansing, Ill.
10	Zac Craig	SO	G	5-11	173	Monroe, Tenn.
12	Kensen Vaughan	FR	F	6-6	195	Red Oak, Texas
13	Josh Berquist	FR	G	6-1	187	Crown Point, Ind.
22	Nathan Eckerle	FR	G	5-11	176	Solsberry, Ind.
32	Brett Cramer	FR	F	6-4	167	Elgin, Ill.
42	Logan Chitty	FR	C	6-6	265	White Heath, Ill.
45	Josh Friesen	FR	C	6-9	234	Crystal Lake, Ill.

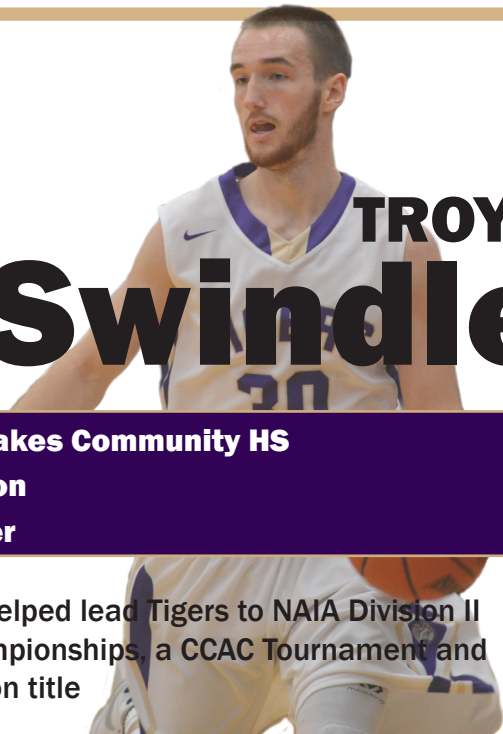


PLAYER PROFILES - SENIORS

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TROY
Swindle



Senior | Guard | 6-2/170 | Lindenhurst, Ill. | Lakes Community HS
Major: Business Administration
Family: Kenny and Dawn; Tyler

CAREER HONORS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2015-2016: Helped lead Tigers to NAIA Division II National Championships

2014-2015: Helped lead Tigers to NAIA Division II National Championships, a CCAC Tournament and Regular Season title

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring							
			fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2013-14	6-0	21/3.5	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.2	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.3
2015-16	14-0	69/4.9	3-10	.300	1-5	.200	2-9	.222	3	7	10	0.7	6	0	7	4	0	3	9	0.6
TOTAL	20-0	90/4.5	4-14	.286	1-5	.200	2-9	.222	3	8	11	0.6	6	0	8	6	0	3	11	0.6

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Sherrarr
Tate

Senior | Guard | 5-11/170 | Chillicothe, Ill. | Illinois Valley Central HS
Major: Criminal Justice
Family: Melissa; Myron, Alex, DeyVon, Rachel, Andrea, TeRyn



PLAYER PROFILES - SENIORS

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ABRAHAM Barwegen

Senior | Guard | 6-1/197 | Otsego, Mich. | Vicksburg Community HS
Major: Criminal Justice/Business Administration
Family: Michael and Sherri; Solomon, Elizabeth, Nathaniel

CAREER HONORS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2015-2016: Helped lead Tigers to NAIA Division II National Championships; Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-

Athlete; CCAC All-Academic Team
 2014-2015: CCAC All-Academic Team

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring							
			fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2015-16	4-0	9/2.3	1-5	.200	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	0.5	2	0	0	1	0	1	2	0.5
TOTAL	4-0	9/2.3	1-5	.200	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	0.5	2	0	0	1	0	1	2	0.5

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TYLER Crater

Senior | Guard | 6-3/191 | Hampshire, Ill. | Hampshire HS
Major: Marketing
Family: Jeffrey and Frances; Marisa

CAREER HONORS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2015-2016: Helped lead Tigers to NAIA Division II National Championships; Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete; CCAC All-Academic Team

2014-2015: Helped lead Tigers to NAIA Division II National Championships, a CCAC Tournament and Regular Season title; CCAC All-Academic Team

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring							
			fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2013-14	28-0	574/20.5	73-206	.354	36-110	.327	43-58	.741	16	44	60	2.1	68	4	47	46	1	17	225	8.0
2014-15	34-0	678/19.9	113-278	.406	43-133	.323	50-71	.704	19	74	93	2.7	66	1	51	46	7	13	319	9.4
2015-16	29-0	649/22.4	121-286	.423	44-122	.361	41-59	.695	23	62	85	2.9	70	1	58	41	6	16	327	11.3
TOTAL	91-0	1901/20.9	307-770	.399	123-365	.337	134-188	.713	58	180	238	2.6	204	6	156	133	14	46	871	9.6

PLAYER PROFILES - SENIORS

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**RYAN
Carl**

Senior | Foward/Center | 6-6/205 | Galesburg, Ill. | Galesburg HS
Major: Engineering
Family: Wayne and Meg; Jared, Alyssa, Jacob, Aaron, Nolan

CAREER HONORS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2015-2016: Helped lead Tigers to NAIA Division II National Championships; Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete; CCAC All-Academic Team

2014-2015: CCAC All-Academic Team

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds					Scoring						
			fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2015-16	8-0	19/2.4	2-7	.286	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	4	3	7	0.9	2	0	1	1	0	0	7	0.9
TOTAL	8-0	19/2.4	2-7	.286	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	4	3	7	0.9	2	0	1	1	0	0	7	0.9





PLAYER PROFILES - VARSITY



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Chris Green

Position: Guard
Hometown: Bonfield, Ill.
Class: Junior
Height: 6-0
Weight: 186
Major: Business Administration
High School: Kankakee Trinity Academy
Family: Dan and Amy; Sammi, Ben, Luke, Libby

Career Honors/Accomplishments

2015-2016: Helped lead Tigers to NAIA Division II National Championships; CCAC All-Academic Team

2014-2015: Helped lead Tigers to NAIA Division II National Championships, a CCAC Tournament and Regular Season title



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Ethan Chitty

Position: Forward/Center
Hometown: Champaign, Ill.
Class: Junior
Height: 6-7
Weight: 211
Major: Criminal Justice
High School: Judah Christian
Family: Michael and Shelley; Hannah, Logan, Cade, Luke



05

Josiah Blan

Position: Forward/Center
Hometown: Minooka, Ill.
Class: Sophomore
Height: 6-7
Weight: 183
Major: Criminal Justice
High School: Families of Faith Christian Academy
Family: Joseph and Sherry



25

Christian Dunning

Position: Guard
Hometown: West Frankfort, Ill.
Class: Sophomore
Height: 6-4
Weight: 201
Major: Business Administration
High School: Frankfort Community
Family: Joey and Patricia; Makayla, Laura

Career Honors/Accomplishments

2015-2016: Helped lead Tigers to NAIA Division II National Championships



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Zach Tuxhorn

Position: Forward
Hometown: Naperville, Ill.
Class: Sophomore
Height: 6-3
Weight: 191
Major: Accounting/Finance
High School: Naperville North
Family: Brian and Sally; Jack

PLAYER PROFILES - VARSITY



04

Dane Schlafley

Position: Guard
Hometown: Peoria, Ill.
Class: Freshman
Height: 6-1
Weight: 157
Major: Engineering
High School: Richwoods
Family: Max and Bridget; Brianna, Alayna, Peyton



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Dakota Bennington

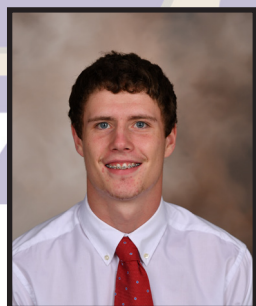
Position: Guard
Hometown: Peoria, Ill.
Class: Freshman
Height: 6-3
Weight: 172
Major: Business Administration
High School: Peoria Christian
Family: Jeff and Jamie; Reily, Noah, Molly



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Luke Tuttle

Position: Forward
Hometown: Hampshire, Ill.
Class: Freshman
Height: 6-5
Weight: 160
Major: Accounting
High School: Hampshire
Family: Owen and Theresa; Jake, Ashton



30

Sterling Thornton

Position: Guard
Hometown: Sterling, Ill.
Class: Freshman
Height: 6-0
Weight: 174
Major: Exercise Science
High School: Sterling
Family: Andy and Dawn; Nathan, Noah, Isabella



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Nic Reed

Position: Forward
Hometown: New Albany, Ind.
Class: Freshman
Height: 6-5
Weight: 204
Major: Business Administration/Finance
High School: Christian Academy of Indiana
Family: Steve and Susan; Kelsi



PLAYER PROFILES - JUNIOR VARSITY



04

Solomon Barwegen

Position: Guard
Hometown: Otsego, Mich.
Class: Sophomore
Height: 6-0
Weight: 180
Major: Undeclared
High School: Otsego
Family: Michael and Sherri; Abe, Elizabeth, Nathaniel



05

Zack Pruim

Position: Guard
Hometown: Lansing, Ill.
Class: Sophomore
Height: 6-2
Weight: 169
Major: Business Administration
High School: Illiana Christian
Family: Rob and Kristi; Cody, Dylan, Mikinsey



10

Zac Craig

Position: Guard
Hometown: Monroe, Tenn.
Class: Sophomore
Height: 5-11
Weight: 173
Major: Biology
High School: Livingston Academy
Family: Todd and Angela; Jakob



12

Kensen Vaughan

Position: Forward
Hometown: Red Oak, Texas
Class: Freshman
Height: 6-6
Weight: 195
Major: Actuarial Science
High School: Life Waxahachie
Family: Scott and Lynelle; Skylan, Kyler, Kaden



13

Josh Berquist

Position: Guard
Hometown: Crown Point, Ind.
Class: Freshman
Height: 6-1
Weight: 187
Major: Engineering
High School: Crown Point
Family: Rob and Iris; Dan, Derek, Grant

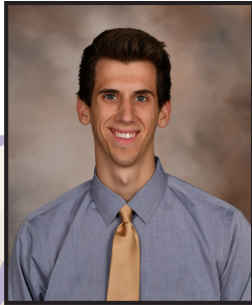
PLAYER PROFILES - JUNIOR VARSITY



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Nathan Eckerle

Position: Guard
Hometown: Solsberry, Ind.
Class: Freshman
Height: 5-11
Weight: 176
Major: Engineering
High School: Eastern Greene
Family: Mark and Susan; Zak



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Brett Cramer

Position: Forward
Hometown: Elgin, Ill.
Class: Freshman
Height: 6-4
Weight: 167
Major: Business Administration
High School: Harvest Christian Academy
Family: Bob and Nancy; Daniel, Kayleigh



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Logan Chitty

Position: Center
Hometown: White Heath, Ill.
Class: Freshman
Height: 6-6
Weight: 265
Major: Political Science
High School: Judah Christian
Family: Michael and Shelley; Hannah, Ethan, Cade, Luke



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Josh Friesen

Position: Center
Hometown: Crystal Lake, Ill.
Class: Freshman
Height: 6-9
Weight: 234
Major: Mathematics
High School: Crystal Lake South
Family: Doug and Lisa; Katelyn



2015-16 RESULTS



The Automated ScoreBook Olivet Nazarene University Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 14, 2016) All games



Overall record: 18-11 Conf: 17-4 Home: 9-2 Away: 9-7 Neutral: 0-2

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total			3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pts	avg					
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf			dq	a	to	blk	stl
24	Larson, Aaron	29-29	1023	35.3	248-476	.521	52-145	.359	107-135	.793	73	203	276	9.5	63	0	56	48	13	26	655	22.6
42	Crater, Tyler	29-0	649	22.4	121-286	.423	44-122	.361	41-59	.695	23	62	85	2.9	70	1	58	41	6	16	327	11.3
45	Wagner, Zach	29-29	786	27.1	140-276	.507	0-0	.000	42-64	.656	44	93	137	4.7	67	3	79	43	10	21	322	11.1
23	Solanke, Leke	29-15	526	18.1	79-176	.449	0-4	.000	66-105	.629	50	92	142	4.9	81	2	26	43	31	8	224	7.7
22	Green, Chris	29-13	598	20.6	76-186	.409	54-137	.394	7-9	.778	12	56	68	2.3	24	0	56	41	0	9	213	7.3
32	Farchmin, Reid	29-29	727	25.1	73-152	.480	11-37	.297	37-57	.649	46	77	123	4.2	47	0	71	48	1	17	194	6.7
12	Thorson, Alex	29-29	854	29.4	51-116	.440	12-42	.286	20-36	.556	29	98	127	4.4	58	1	157	44	3	38	134	4.6
13	Schwarzkopf, Mitch	12-0	110	9.2	11-44	.250	7-36	.194	2-4	.500	0	7	7	0.6	8	0	8	3	0	9	31	2.6
04	Schimmelpfennig, Be	17-0	131	7.7	11-29	.379	10-26	.385	1-5	.200	3	19	22	1.3	9	0	19	13	0	1	33	1.9
05	Tucker, Taylor	23-0	176	7.7	9-25	.360	4-12	.333	5-6	.833	5	11	16	0.7	20	0	29	17	0	5	27	1.2
25	Dunning, Christian	1-0	3	3.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	1.0
52	Carl, Ryan	8-0	19	2.4	2-7	.286	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	4	3	7	0.9	2	0	1	1	0	0	7	0.9
10	Steelman, Luke	23-1	120	5.2	9-22	.409	0-0	.000	2-5	.400	9	18	27	1.2	14	0	8	4	0	2	20	0.9
30	Swindle, Troy	14-0	69	4.9	3-10	.300	1-5	.200	2-9	.222	3	7	10	0.7	6	0	7	4	0	3	9	0.6
14	Barwegen, Abe	4-0	9	2.3	1-5	.200	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	0.5	2	0	0	1	0	1	2	0.5
Team											4	0	4									
Team											46	39	85				10					
Total.....		29	5800		834-1810	.461	196-572	.343	335-498	.673	352	786	1138	39.2	473	7	575	362	64	156	2199	75.8
Opponents.....		29	5800		755-1734	.435	241-682	.353	303-442	.686	238	688	926	31.9	502	-	391	341	80	189	2054	70.8

TEAM STATISTICS	ONU	OPP
SCORING	2199	2054
Points per game	75.8	70.8
Scoring margin	+5.0	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	834-1810	755-1734
Field goal pct	.461	.435
3 POINT FG-ATT	196-572	241-682
3-point FG pct	.343	.353
3-pt FG made per game	6.8	8.3
FREE THROWS-ATT	335-498	303-442
Free throw pct	.673	.686
F-Throws made per game	11.6	10.4
REBOUNDS	1138	926
Rebounds per game	39.2	31.9
Rebounding margin	+7.3	-
ASSISTS	575	391
Assists per game	19.8	13.5
TURNOVERS	362	341
Turnovers per game	12.5	11.8
Turnover margin	-0.7	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.6	1.1
STEALS	156	189
Steals per game	5.4	6.5
BLOCKS	64	80
Blocks per game	2.2	2.8
ATTENDANCE	5649	5714
Home games-Avg/Game	11-514	16-298
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	2-476

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
Olivet Nazarene Univer	1017	1182	2199
Opponents	978	1076	2054

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
11/10/15	at Huntington University	w 84-83	479
11/14/15	at Columbia College	L 70-80	112
* 11/18/15	TRINITY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE	w 89-65	523
* 11/21/15	JUDSON UNIVERSITY	w 84-70	609
* 11/24/15	at Purdue University-Calumet	w 77-60	326
* 12/02/15	at Calumet College of St. Joseph	w 71-70	219
* 12/05/15	at St. Ambrose University	w 74-64	412
12/09/15	at Lewis University	L 67-83	588
12/12/15	at University of Indianapolis	L 65-89	269
* 12/16/15	at Robert Morris Univ.-Illinois	w 77-76	175
\$ 12/29/15	vs Warner University	L 54-71	119
\$ 12/30/15	at Keiser University	L 66-72	309
* 01/05/16	at Purdue-North Central	w 84-82	112
* 01/07/16	INDIANA UNIVERSITY-SOUTH BEND	w 103-78	432
* 01/09/16	ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY	w 94-64	454
* 01/13/16	at University of St. Francis (IL)	L 71-80	585
* 01/16/16	at Trinity International Univ.	L 78-79	182
* 01/20/16	HOLY CROSS COLLEGE	w 74-64	452
* 01/23/16	ST. XAVIER UNIVERSITY	w 81-64	602
* 01/27/16	at Trinity Christian College	w 71-43	231
* 01/30/16	at Cardinal Stritch University	w 86-64	213
* 02/03/16	PURDUE UNIVERSITY-CALUMET	w 81-65	321
* 02/06/16	CALUMET COLLEGE OF ST. JOSEPH	w 76-58	609
* 02/10/16	PURDUE-NORTH CENTRAL	w 81-69	312
* 02/13/16	at Indiana University-South Bend	w 77-62	204
* 02/17/16	UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS (IL)	L 67-71	924
* 02/20/16	at Holy Cross College	L 56-61	345
# 02/25/16	INDIANA UNIVERSITY-SOUTH BEND	L 75-90	411
! 03/09/16	vs Keiser University	L 66-77	834

x = Inactive/Injured Player
 \$ = Marietta Rappaport Holiday Classic (Keiser University (Fla.))
 * = CCAC Game # = CCAC Tournament
 ! = NAIA Division II National Championships (Point Lookout, Mo.)

SEASON-BY-SEASON RECORDS

YEAR	COACH	W-L	MVP
1966-67	C.W. Ward	4-6	Ray Williams
1967-68	C.W. Ward	5-6	Larry Mulder
1968-69	C.W. Ward	16-11	Tom Pasko
1969-70	C.W. Ward	19-10	Dan Harris, Don Neal
1970-71	C.W. Ward	15-13	Don Neal
1971-72	C.W. Ward	21-13	Larry Schmallfeldt
1972-73	C.W. Ward	22-8	Pat Allen
1973-74	C.W. Ward	13-14	Ralph Hodge, Barry Stevenson
1974-75	C.W. Ward	30-4	Ralph Hodge, Jim Shoff
1975-76	C.W. Ward	23-7	Ted Allen, Jim Shoff
1976-77	Frank Wilson	22-11	Steve Harris, Gerald Steagall
1977-78	Frank Wilson	24-9	Steve Harris
1978-79	Frank Wilson	17-11	Don Stevens
1979-80	Ralph Hodge	15-13	Gary Corzett
1980-81	Ralph Hodge	20-9	Gary Corzett
1981-82	Ralph Hodge	14-13	Pat Martin
1982-83	Ralph Hodge	9-17	Skyler Hasselbring
1983-84	Ralph Hodge	19-10	John Allhan
1984-85	Ralph Hodge	15-13	Todd Leander
1985-86	Ralph Hodge	15-18	Kenton Hasselbring
1986-87	Ralph Hodge	12-19	Dennis Metcalf
1987-88	Ralph Hodge	19-17	Jeff Prather
1988-89	Ralph Hodge	22-9	Jeff Prather
1989-90	Ralph Hodge	26-10	Steve McCarty
1990-91	Ralph Hodge	22-13	Mike Carr, Kent Chezem
1991-92	Ralph Hodge	25-11	Bob Cook
1992-93	Ralph Hodge	23-10	Bob Cook
1993-94	Ralph Hodge	26-8	Corey Zink
1994-95	Ralph Hodge	21-15	Corey Zink
1995-96	Ralph Hodge	20-14	Jeff Dillingham
1996-97	Ralph Hodge	21-13	Jeff Dillingham, Jack Michaels
1997-98	Ralph Hodge	28-9	Chris Graham
1998-99	Ralph Hodge	28-9	Jack Michaels
1999-00	Ralph Hodge	30-9	Lee Coomler
2000-01	Ralph Hodge	22-11	Zach Freeman
2001-02	Ralph Hodge	27-9	Zach Freeman
2002-03	Ralph Hodge	23-14	Jeremy Riddle
2003-04	Ralph Hodge	15-16	Jeremy Riddle
2004-05	Ralph Hodge	20-12	Jonathan Williams
2005-06	Ralph Hodge	23-11	Stan Chismark
2006-07	Ralph Hodge	19-10	Stan Chismark, Phil French
2007-08	Ralph Hodge	17-15	Phil French
2008-09	Ralph Hodge	16-15	Tyler Wallenfang
2009-10	Ralph Hodge	19-11	Tyler Wallenfang
2010-11	Ralph Hodge	21-12	Cory Hainlen
2011-12	Ralph Hodge	19-12	Antonio Marshall
2012-13	Ralph Hodge	18-13	Jake Boyce
2013-14	Ralph Hodge	16-13	Aaron Larson
2014-15	Ralph Hodge	25-9	Aaron Larson
2015-16	Ralph Hodge	18-11	Aaron Larson



Program Totals: 50 Years

979-576 (.629)



ALL-TIME HONORS

Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference 2015-16 Award Winners

All-CCAC First Team:	Aaron Larson
All-CCAC Honorable Mention:	Zach Wagner
All-Academic Team:	Abe Barwegen
	Ryan Carl
	Tyler Crater
	Reid Farchmin
	Chris Green
	Bennet Schimmelpfennig
	Alex Thorson
	Taylor Tucker
	Zach Wagner

ALL-CCAC

1987	Dennis Metcalf, Jeff Prather
1988	Dave DeFries, Jeff Prather
1989	Steve McCarty, Jeff Prather (Player of the Year)
1990	Mike Carr, Scott Hollywood, Steve McCarty (Player of the Year)
1991	Warren Brent, Mike Carr, Kent Chezem
1992	Bob Cook, Jeff Residori
1993	Tony Baker, Bob Cook (Player of the Year), Jeff Residori, Corey Zink
1994	Tony Baker, Tim Sennett, Brian Williams, Corey Zink (Player of the Year)
1995	Tony Baker, Corey Zink
1996	Jeff Dillingham, Scott McLellan, Adrian Provost, Jeremy Yoder
1997	Jeff Dillingham, Chris Graham, Brian McCauley (Freshman of the Year), Jack Michaels (Player of the Year)
1998	Lee Coomler, Jeremy Foster, Chris Graham, Jack Michaels, Jeremy Yoder
1999	Lee Coomler, Jack Michaels, Zach Freeman
2000	Lee Coomler (Player of the Year), Zach Freeman, Drew Neal
2001	Zach Freeman, Jeff Park Jeremy Riddle (Freshman of the Year)
2002	Zach Freeman, Jeff Park, Jeremy Riddle, Rodney Smith
2003	Tony Hodge, Andy McCormick, Jeremy Riddle
2004	Marcus Lyte, Erik Rhinehart, Jeremy Riddle
2005	Zach Birkey, Erik Rhinehart, Jonathan Williams, Phil French (Freshman of the Year)
2006	Zach Birkey, Stan Chismark, Phil French
2007	Stan Chismark, Phil French
2008	Josh Bronke, Phil French, Ryan Paxson, Tyler Wallenfang
2009	Antonio Marshall (Co-Freshman of the Year), Rashad Mitchell, Tyler Wallenfang
2010	Cory Hainlen (Sixth Man of the Year), Rashad Mitchell, Jordan Harks (Freshman of the Year), Antonio Marshall
2011	Cory Hainlen, Nick Klomstad, Antonio Marshall
2012	Jake Hasselbring, Antonio Marshall, Brandon Streets, Ben Wornor
2013	Jake Boyce, Ben Wornor, Aaron Larson (Freshman of the Year)
2014	Aaron Larson, Austin Davis
2015	Aaron Larson, Austin Davis, Zach Wagner
2016	Aaron Larson, Zach Wagner

NAIA SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

Brian McCauley	2000
Drew Neal	2000
Matt Bromley	2001, 2002
Scott Hodge	2003
Aaron Hird	2003, 2004
Brandon Barr	2004, 2005
Zach Birkey	2005, 2006
Zach Johnson	2005, 2006
Phil Howell	2006
Tyler Baldwin	2009, 2010
Dustin Rennewanz	2009, 2010
Tyler Wallenfang	2009, 2010
Nick Klomstad	2011
Matt Wells	2011
Matt Ryan	2014, 2015
Taylor Tucker	2014, 2015, 2016
Reid Farchmin	2015, 2016
Abe Barwegen	2016
Ryan Carl	2016
Tyler Crater	2016

NAIA ALL-AMERICANS

Corey Zink	1994 (2nd Team)
	1995 (3rd Team)
Lee Coomler	2000 (2nd Team)
Zach Freeman	2001 (2nd Team)
	2002 (1st Team)
Jeremy Riddle	2003 (3rd Team)
Stan Chismark	2006 (3rd Team)
Phil French	2007 (2nd Team)
	2008 (2nd Team)
Antonio Marshall	2012 (3rd Team)
Aaron Larson	2015 (3rd Team)
	2016 (2nd Team)

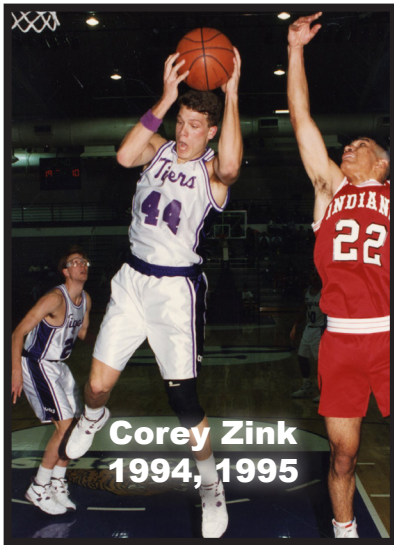
NAIA ALL-AMERICAN HONORABLE MENTION

Jeff Prather	1989
Steve McCarty	1990
Jack Michaels	1997, 1999
Drew Neal	2000
Jeremy Riddle	2002
Stan Chismark	2007
Tyler Wallenfang	2009
Jordan Harks	2010
Rashad Mitchell	2010
Antonio Marshall	2011
Ben Wornor	2012
Aaron Larson	2014

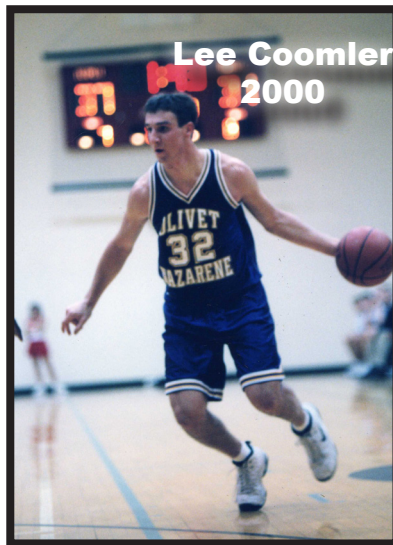
ONU RETIRED JERSEY NUMBERS

#20	Ralph Hodge	1972-75
#40	Jeff Prather	1986-89
#44	Cory Zink	1992-95
#50	Zach Freeman	1999-02

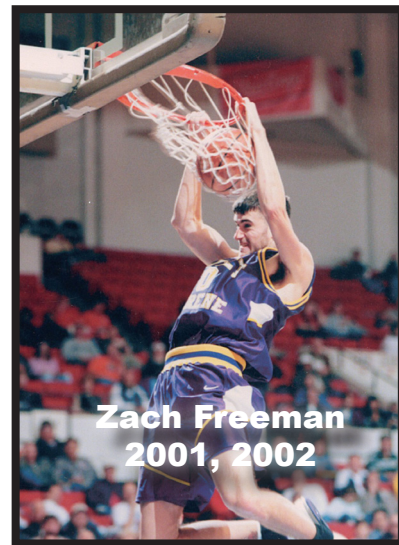
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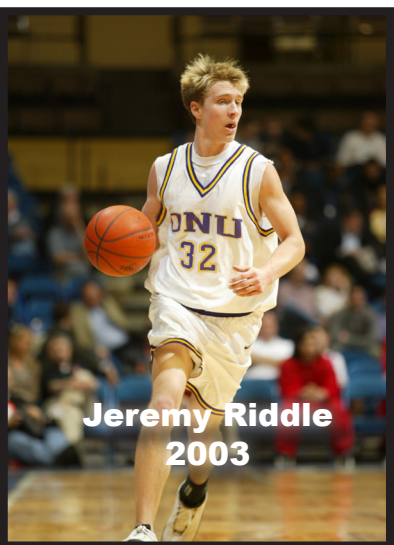
Corey Zink
1994, 1995



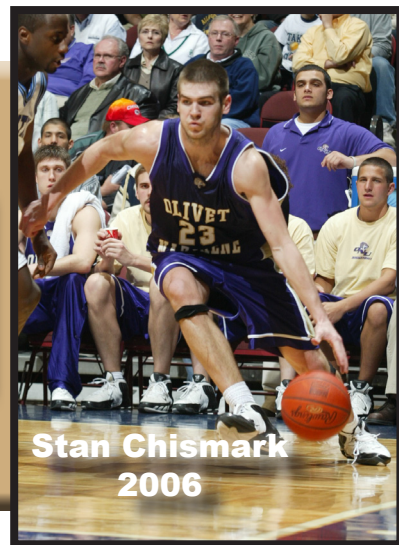
Lee Coomler
2000



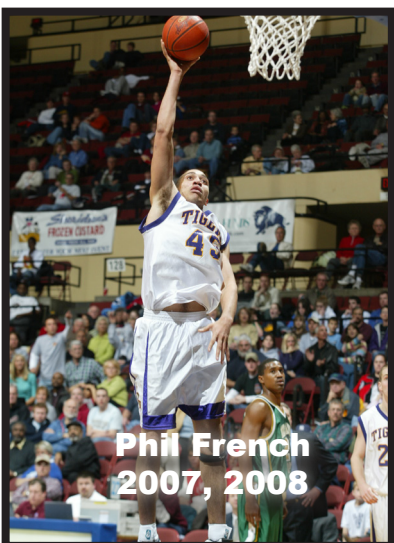
Zach Freeman
2001, 2002



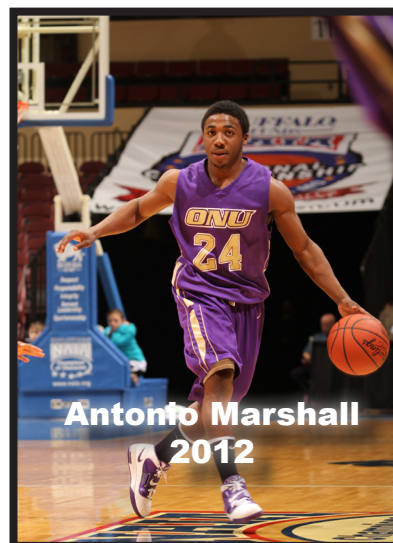
Jeremy Riddle
2003



Stan Chismark
2006



Phil French
2007, 2008



Antonto Marshall
2012



Aaron Larson
2015, 2016



PROGRAM HISTORY – CHAMPIONSHIPS

District/Conference Championships (15 regular season, 4 district, 5 tournament)

Competed within NAIA District 20 until 1992 season

Member of Northern Illinois Intercollegiate Conference prior to 1987

Member of Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference since 1987

1977	NIIC	1997	CCAC Regular Season, CCAC Tournament
1978	NIIC	1998	CCAC Tournament
1981	NIIC	1999	CCAC Tournament
1984	NIIC	2000	CCAC Regular Season, CCAC Tournament
1989	CCAC Regular Season, NAIA District 20	2002	CCAC Regular Season
1990	CCAC Regular Season, NAIA District 20	2003	CCAC Regular Season
1991	CCAC Regular Season, NAIA District 20	2006	CCAC Regular Season
1992	NAIA District 20	2015	CCAC Regular Season, CCAC Tournament
1993	CCAC Regular Season		
1994	CCAC Regular Season		
1995	CCAC Regular Season, CCAC Tournament		

NAIA Division I National Tournament appearances (16) Record (12-16)

Most appearances at NAIA Division I National Championships for a team from Illinois

1989	2000 - Final Four	2011
1990	2002 - Elite Eight	
1991	2003 - Elite Eight	
1992 - Second Round	2006 - Elite Eight	
1995	2007	
1997	2008	
1998 - Second Round	2010	
1999 - Second Round		

NAIA Division II National Tournament appearances (2) Record (0-2)

2015
2016



ALL-TIME STATISTICS/TOP 20

INDIVIDUAL – CAREER

TOP 20 SCORING

1.	Zach Freeman	4	1999-2002	2,768
2.	Ralph Hodge	4	1972-1975	2,449
3.	Aaron Larson	4	2013-2016	2,132
4.	Jeremy Riddle	4	2001-2004	1,960
5.	Jeff Prather	4	1986-1989	1,948
6.	Lee Coomler	3	1998-2000	1,913
7.	Jim Shoff	3	1974-1976	1,867
8.	Corey Zink	4	1992-1995	1,801
9.	Jack Michaels	4	1996-1999	1,612
10.	Drew Neal	4	1997-2000	1,575
11.	Phil French	4	2005-2008	1,547
12.	Mike Carr	4	1988-1991	1,538
13.	Antonio Marshall	4	2009-2012	1,534
14.	Gary Corzett	4	1978-1981	1,509
15.	Larry Schmallfeldt	3	1970-1972	1,491
16.	Pat Martin	4	1979-1982	1,456
17.	Tyler Wallenfang	4	2007-2010	1,438
18.	Stan Chismark	4	2004-2007	1,433
19.	Steve McCarty	3	1988-1990	1,423
19.	Bob Cook	4	1990-1993	1,423

TOP 20 FIELD GOALS MADE

1.	Zach Freeman	4	1999-2002	1,083
2.	Ralph Hodge	4	1972-1975	869
3.	Aaron Larson	4	2013-2016	813
4.	Jeff Prather	4	1986-1989	792
5.	Jim Shoff	3	1974-1976	754
6.	Corey Zink	4	1992-1995	733
7.	Lee Coomler	3	1998-2000	666
8.	Gary Corzett	4	1978-1981	648
9.	Jack Michaels	4	1996-1999	642
10.	Pat Martin	4	1979-1982	623
11.	Jeremy Riddle	4	2001-2004	617
12.	Ted Allen	4	1973-1976	612
13.	John Allhands	4	1981-1984	600
14.	Drew Neal	4	1997-2000	594
15.	Phil French	4	2005-2008	590
16.	Larry Schmallfeldt	3	1970-1972	585
17.	Tyler Wallenfang	4	2007-2010	555
18.	Mike Carr	4	1988-1991	550
18.	Gerald Steagall	4	1975-1978	550
20.	Dave DeFries	4	1986-1989	549

TOP 20 FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTED

1.	Zach Freeman	4	1999-2002	1,909
2.	Ralph Hodge	4	1972-1975	1,706
3.	Aaron Larson	4	2013-2016	1,518
4.	Jeff Prather	4	1986-1989	1,486
5.	Lee Coomler	3	1998-2000	1,402
6.	Jim Shoff	3	1974-1976	1,398
7.	Jeremy Riddle	4	2001-2004	1,354
8.	Ted Allen	4	1973-1976	1,354
9.	Corey Zink	4	1992-1995	1,286
10.	Gary Corzett	4	1978-1981	1,244
11.	Pat Martin	4	1979-1982	1,234
12.	Mike Carr	4	1988-1991	1,209
13.	Larry Schmallfeldt	3	1970-1972	1,162
14.	John Allhands	4	1981-1984	1,147
15.	Dave DeFries	4	1986-1989	1,133
16.	Dennis Metcalf	4	1984-1987	1,123
17.	Drew Neal	4	1997-2000	1,113
18.	Antonio Marshall	4	2009-2012	1,093
19.	Kenton Hasselbring	4	1983-1986	1,088
20.	Jack Michaels	4	1996-1999	1,082

TOP 20 FREE THROWS MADE

1.	Ralph Hodge	4	1972-1975	711
2.	Zach Freeman	4	1999-2002	560
3.	Jeremy Riddle	4	2001-2004	514
4.	Bob Cook	4	1990-1993	395
5.	Drew Neal	4	1997-2000	384
6.	Aaron Larson	4	2013-2016	365
7.	Lee Coomler	3	1998-2000	362
8.	Jim Shoff	3	1974-1976	359
9.	Phil French	4	2005-2008	353
10.	Corey Zink	4	1992-1995	333
11.	Jack Michaels	4	1996-1999	328
12.	Don Neal	3	1969-1971	327
13.	Larry Schmallfeldt	3	1970-1972	321
14.	Antonio Marshall	4	2009-2012	317
15.	Tyler Wallenfang	4	2007-2010	303
16.	Dave DeFries	4	1986-1989	291
17.	Jeff Prather	4	1986-1989	287
18.	Kent Chezem	4	1987-1990	268
19.	Sam Harris	4	1975-1978	259
19.	Steve McCarty	3	1988-1990	259

TOP 20 FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED

1.	Ralph Hodge	4	1972-1975	846
2.	Zach Freeman	4	1999-2002	729
3.	Jeremy Riddle	4	2001-2004	615
4.	Bob Cook	4	1990-1993	573
5.	Corey Zink	4	1992-1995	565
6.	Phil French	4	2005-2008	550
7.	Drew Neal	4	1997-2000	508
8.	Jack Michaels	4	1996-1999	498
9.	Aaron Larson	4	2013-2016	495
10.	Don Neal	3	1969-1971	472
11.	Tyler Wallenfang	4	2007-2010	456
12.	Larry Schmallfeldt	3	1970-1972	448
13.	Jim Shoff	3	1974-1976	437
14.	Lee Coomler	3	1998-2000	424
15.	Kenton Hasselbring	4	1983-1986	386
16.	Antonio Marshall	4	2009-2012	376
17.	Tyler Wallenfang	4	2007-2010	371
18.	Kent Chezem	4	1987-1990	370
19.	Steve McCarty	3	1988-1990	369
20.	Tom Pasko	3	1968-1970	352

TOP 20 REBOUNDING

1.	Zach Freeman	4	1999-2002	1,234
2.	Dan Fowler	4	1972-1975	997
3.	Corey Zink	4	1992-1995	986
4.	Aaron Larson	4	2013-2016	971
5.	Drew Neal	4	1997-2000	935
6.	Gary Corzett	4	1978-1981	888
7.	Jack Michaels	4	1996-1999	831
8.	Steve McCarty	3	1988-1990	816
9.	Phil French	4	2005-2008	765
10.	Don Neal	3	1969-1971	761
11.	Tom Pasko	3	1968-1970	663
12.	Jim Shoff	3	1974-1976	656
13.	Jeremy Yoder	4	1995-1998	642
14.	Denny Followell	3	1976-1978	634
15.	Tyler Wallenfang	4	2007-2010	632
15.	John Allhands	4	1981-1984	632
17.	Jeff Prather	4	1986-1989	629
18.	Dave DeFries	4	1986-1989	605
19.	Daryl Nelson	4	1979-1982	597
19.	Bob Cook	4	1990-1993	597



ALL-TIME STATISTICS/TOP 20

TOP 20 ASSISTS

1.	Kent Chezem	4	1987-1990	687
2.	Steve Davis	4	1983-1986	656
3.	Ralph Hodge	4	1972-1975	601
4.	Antonio Marshall	4	2009-2012	554
5.	Tyler Field	4	1997-2000	515
6.	Jeff Dillingham	4	1994-1997	510
7.	Keith Peachey	4	1979-1982	508
8.	Ted Allen	4	1973-1976	488
9.	Tim Sennett	4	1991-1994	464
10.	Don Barr	4	1977-1980	423
11.	Mike Carr	4	1987-1990	414
12.	Zach Birkey	4	2003-2006	398
13.	Zach Freeman	4	1999-2002	391
14.	Kenton Hasselbring	4	1983-1986	347
15.	Dennis Metcalf	4	1984-1987	344
16.	Stan Chismark	4	2004-2007	337
17.	Josh Bronke	4	2006-2010	332
18.	Jeremy Foster	4	1995-1998	329
19.	Alex Thorson	4	2013-2016	328
20.	Larry Schmallfeldt	3	1970-1972	326
20.	Austin Davis	4	2012-2015	326

TOP 20 THREE-POINTERS

1.	Brian McCauley	4	1997-2000	258
2.	Austin Davis	4	2012-2015	250
3.	Antonio Marshall	4	2009-2012	241
4.	Lee Coomler	3	1998-2000	219
5.	Jeremy Riddle	4	2001-2004	212
6.	Ben Worner	4	2010-2013	203
7.	Mike Carr	4	1988-1991	196
8.	Shane Davis	4	1989-1992	189
9.	Tony Baker	4	1992-1995	187
10.	Jeff Residori	4	1990-1993	178
11.	Stan Chismark	4	2004-2007	176
12.	Gary Tidwell	3	1992-1994	161
13.	Josh Bronke	4	2006-2010	157
14.	Jeff Dillingham	4	1994-1997	145
15.	Cory Hainlen	4	2008-2011	143
16.	Aaron Larson	4	2013-2016	141
17.	Jeff Park	4	1999-2002	138
17.	Ryan Paxson	2	2006-2007	138
19.	Andy Roberts	3	2000-2002	123
19.	Tyler Crater	3	2014-	123

1,000-POINT CLUB

1.	Zach Freeman	2,768
2.	Ralph Hodge	2,449
3.	Aaron Larson	2,132
4.	Jeremy Riddle	1,960
5.	Jeff Prather	1,948
6.	Lee Coomler	1,913
7.	Jim Shoff	1,867
8.	Corey Zink	1,801
9.	Jack Michaels	1,612
10.	Drew Neal	1,575
11.	Phil French	1,547
12.	Mike Carr	1,538
13.	Antonio Marshall	1,534
14.	Gary Corzett	1,509
15.	Larry Schmallfeldt	1,491
16.	Pat Martin	1,456
17.	Tyler Wallenfang	1,438
18.	Stan Chismark	1,433
19.	Steve McCarty	1,423
19.	Bob Cook	1,423
21.	Dave DeFries	1,393
22.	Ted Allen	1,371
23.	Tony Baker	1,345
24.	Brian McCauley	1,339
25.	Don Neal	1,329
26.	John Allhands	1,311
27.	Dennis Metcalf	1,274
28.	Gerald Steagall	1,262
29.	Austin Davis	1,239
30.	Daryl Nelson	1,222
31.	Kenton Hasselbring	1,214
32.	Jeff Dillingham	1,149
33.	Todd Leander	1,146
34.	Zach Wagner	1,127
35.	Dan Fowler	1,115
36.	Cory Hainlen	1,082
37.	Brian Williams	1,079
38.	Jeff Residori	1,078
39.	Chris Graham	1,065
40.	Ben Worner	1,061
41.	David Grasse	1,030

PROGRAM RECORDS/HALL OF FAME

INDIVIDUAL – SINGLE GAME

Points			
Jim Shoff	50	vs. Grace College	1975-76
Rebounds			
Dan Fowler	30	vs. Lincoln Christian	1972-73
Assists			
Don Barr	16	vs. Judson	1979-80
Keith Peachy	16	vs. Concordia	1981-82
Free throws made			
Jim Shoff	21	vs. Grace College	1975-76
3-pointers made			
Austin Davis	9	vs. IU South Bend	2014-15

TEAM – SINGLE GAME

Points	142*	vs. Trinity Christian	1977-78
Points allowed	122	vs. Indiana Central	1971-72
Field goals	59	vs. Trinity Christian	1977-78
3-pointers	16	vs. Illinois Tech	2007-08
Margin of victory	86 (133-47)	vs. Robert Morris	1993-94

*Most points record in a game at McHie Arena is 133, set versus Robert Morris during the 1993-94 season.

NAIA Hall of Fame: Men's Basketball

Ralph Hodge (coach) 2013

ONU Athletics Hall of Fame: Men's Basketball

C.W. Butch Ward (coach)	1982
Ray Williams	1985
Bill Ulmet	1986
Ralph "Tres" Hodge	1988
Tom Pasko	1989
Jim Shoff	1989
Daniel Fowler	1990
Larry Schmalfeldt	1990
Ted Allen	1991
Don Neal	1991
Larry Watson (coach)	1991
Gary Corzett	1992
Randy Tumblin	1995
Jeff Prather	1997
Steve McCarty	2000
Corey Zink	2006
Zach Freeman	2007
Lee Coomler	2009
Drew Neal	2009
Ralph Hodge (coach)	2014
Phil French	2015
1999-2000 Men's Basketball Team	2016

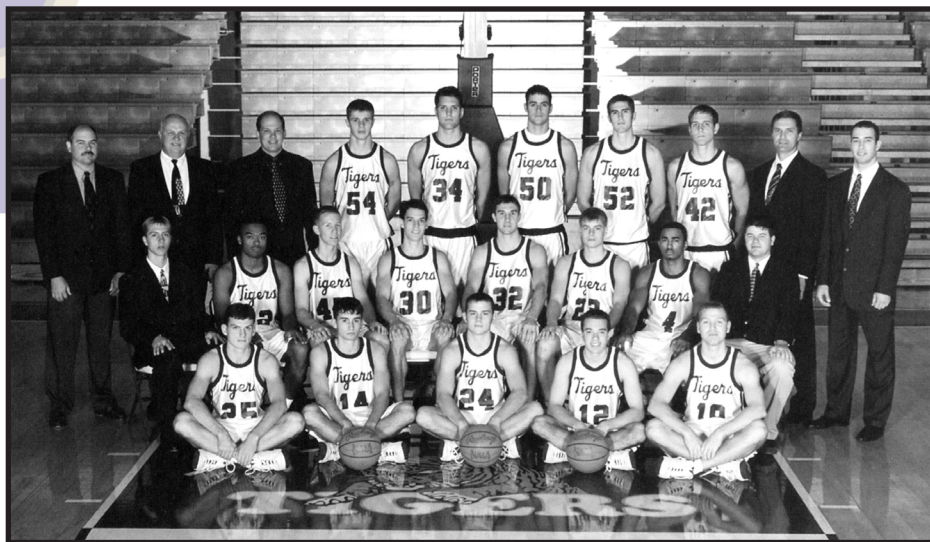
INDIVIDUAL – SEASON

Points			
Zach Freeman	783 (21.8, 39 games)		2001-02
Aaron Larson	655 (22.6, 29 games)		2015-16
Rebounds			
Tom Pasko	393		1968-69
Assists			
Keith Peachy	229		1981-82
Free throws made			
Ralph Hodge	213-257		1972-73
Consecutive free throws made			
Jeff Residori	38		1992-93
3-pointers made			
Austin Davis	102-256		2014-15

TEAM – SEASON

Offensive Average	93.5 (34 games)	1971-72
Defensive Average	61.6 (33 games)	1976-77
3-pointers made	259 (.405)	2001-02
Consecutive Wins	16	1993-94
Consecutive Home Wins (McHie)	26*	1999-00
Consecutive Losses	7	1973-74

* Consecutive wins record at Birchard Gymnasium is 19, set during the 1973-74 season.



1999-2000 Men's Basketball Team



NATIONAL TOURNAMENT HISTORY

1989 – Kansas City, Mo. (Kemper Arena)
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1995 – Tulsa, Okla. (Mabee Center)
1997 – Tulsa, Okla. (Mabee Center)
1998 – Tulsa, Okla. (Mabee Center)
1999 – Tulsa, Okla. (Reynolds Center)

(All season records can be found online - www.onutigers.com)

2000 – Tulsa, Okla. (Tulsa Convention Center)

The Tigers won both the CCAC's regular-season and tournament titles, which propelled them to their fourth straight national tournament appearance.

Against 13th-seeded Columbia College (Mo.) in the first round, senior Lee Coomler led four Tigers in double figures with 15 points. Fellow senior Drew Neal finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds in a 62-59 win.

In round two, the Tigers ran away from unseeded Lewis-Clark State University (Idaho), thanks to 21 points from Coomler and another double-double (15 points, 10 rebounds) from Neal.

That victory moved the Tigers into the national quarterfinals for the first time, where they faced 12th-seeded Spring Hill College (Ala.). The Tigers wore down Spring Hill in the second half, and a win for the defense led to a 62-44 victory that pushed the Tigers into the Final Four. And for the third straight game, the combination of Coomler, Zach Freeman, Brian McCauley and Neal again scored in double figures.

In their third game, the Tigers ran into the top-ranked team in the country, Life University (Ga.), in the national semifinals. The Tigers outscored Life in the second half, but an 18-point halftime deficit was too much to overcome in an 85-69 loss. Freeman led the team with 26 points and eight rebounds. The loss ended the careers of Coomler, McCauley, Neal, Tyler Field and Jason Mulligan, all of whom had been instrumental in leading the Tigers to their first-ever Final Four appearance. Coomler, McCauley and Neal all passed the 1,000-point plateau, with Coomler ranking third all-time with 1,913 points. Neal's 938 rebounds ranked him third, and Field's 515 ranked him fourth. Meanwhile, McCauley and Coomler are still Nos. 1 and 3, respectively, in three-pointers.

Coomler earned NAIA All-American Second Team honors, while Neal was named a NAIA All-American Honorable Mention. Freeman was chosen to the NAIA All-Tournament Team. The Tigers finished 30-9, one of two times Olivet has reached the 30-win plateau.

2002 – Kansas City, Mo. (Municipal Auditorium)

A loss to Barat College (Ill.) in the CCAC Tournament championship left the Tigers needing an at-large bid to qualify for the national tournament, where they faced 13th-seeded Edward Waters College (Fla.) in the first round. Led by senior Zach Freeman's 23 points and sophomore Jeremy Riddle's 20, the Tigers overcame first-half turnovers to win 80-64, their fourth straight first-round win.

In the second round, the Tigers withstood a furious second-half rally from longtime NAIA District 20 rival McKendree College (Ill.) to pick up an 85-78 win. Freeman led the way with 35 points and 14 rebounds, while Riddle and junior Tony Hodge chipped in 18 and 13 points, respectively.

In the Elite Eight for the second time in three years, the Tigers' early lead against Oklahoma Baptist University didn't last in an 89-69 loss. In the final game of his career, Freeman recorded yet another double-double with 22 points and 10 rebounds. Freeman is still the school's all-time leading scorer and rebounder with 2,768 points and 1,234 rebounds. He also became the Tigers' third two-time NAIA All-American, and was named to the NAIA All-Tournament Team for a second time. The Tigers finished 27-9.

2003 – Kansas City, Mo. (Municipal Auditorium)

Senior Tony Hodge hit a jumper at the buzzer to send the Tigers to the CCAC Tournament title game – Coach Ralph Hodge's 500th victory – but there they fell to St. Xavier University (Ill.) and needed an at-large bid to qualify for the national tournament.

In the opening round, the Tigers finished with a flurry to knock off the 2001 national champion, Faulkner University (Ala.), 63-58. Junior Jeremy Riddle scored a game-high 17 points, while junior Marcus Lyte finished with 10 points, all in the second half.

Riddle again led all scorers with 26 points in an 83-78 second-round win over John Brown University (Ark.), one that required another strong finish by the Tigers. Lyte, Hodge and senior Andy McCormick all finished in double figures. In the quarterfinals, the Tigers faced a familiar opponent in McKendree College (Ill.), which had beaten Olivet by 16 earlier in the season. This time, the game was closer, but McKendree escaped with a 64-62 win. Hodge led the Tigers with 25 points.

Tony Hodge and Scott Hodge are in the top 20 in school history for three-pointers and assists, respectively. The Tigers finished 23-14, their 15th straight 20-win season.

2006 – Kansas City, Mo. (Municipal Auditorium)

The Tigers qualified for the 2006 national tournament via an at-

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large bid and entered ranked No. 17 in the NAIA Top 25 poll, their highest-ever ranking entering the tournament. It was also their 12th appearance, the most by an Illinois school. In the first round, sophomore Phil French came off the bench to tally 16 points and eight rebounds — both team highs — to lead the Tigers past 16th-seeded Wayland Baptist University (Texas). Junior Stan Chismark and seniors Zach Birkey and Zach Johnson reached double figures and helped the Tigers overcome 18 turnovers.

Then in the second round, the Tigers turned in perhaps their best performance of the season. The Tigers held top-ranked Mountain State University (W.Va.) to its lowest point total of the season in a 79-65 win to advance to the national quarterfinals. Chismark poured in 27 points, French scored 16 points, and Birkey chipped in 11 points and 10 assists.

The good fortune ended there, however. Against Oklahoma Baptist University, the same team that ended Olivet's run in 2002, the Tigers trailed by double digits early and didn't recover. French led the way with 16 points and six rebounds. Chismark earned NAIA All-America Third Team honors and was named to the NAIA All-Tournament Team. The Tigers finished 23-11.

2007 – Kansas City, Mo. (Municipal Auditorium)

After receiving a fourth straight at-large bid to the national tournament, the Tigers squared off in the first round against No. 7 Park University (Mo.), a team with two transfers from NCAA Division I Central Michigan University. The Tigers led by as many as 14 points but couldn't hold on in a 68-62 loss.

Junior Phil French scored 18 points to lead the Tigers, who fell in the first round for the first time since 1997. Ryan Paxson added 17 points, while Tyler Wallenfang and Josh Bronke chipped in 15 and 12, respectively.

NAIA All-American Stan Chismark, the team's second-leading scorer, missed the game with a knee injury. He finished his career as only the third player in school history to rank in the top 20 in scoring (1,433), rebounding (596) and assists (337). He was named a NAIA All-American Honorable Mention, and French was named to the NAIA All-America Second Team. The Tigers finished 19-10.

2008 - Kansas City, Mo. (Municipal Auditorium)

The Tigers' strength of schedule helped them earn a fifth-straight at-large bid, and they squared off in the first round against fifth-seeded Mountain State University (W.V.), which finished the regular season with a 30-2 record.

The Tigers' second-half comeback forced overtime. NAIA All-American Phil French fouled out, but Tyler Wallenfang made one of two free throws with 34 seconds left to send the game to another overtime. Mountain State rattled off 13 unanswered points in the second OT, and the Tigers fell 86-75. French finished his Tigers' career 10th all time in points (1,547), eighth in rebounds (765) and eighth in free throws made. The Tigers finished 17-15.

2010 - Kansas City, Mo. (Municipal Auditorium)

After a one-year absence, the Tigers returned to the national tournament to face 12th-seed Lee University (Tenn.) in the first round.

The Tigers struggled against Lee, which entered the tournament winning 13 of its last 14 games. Freshman Jordan Harks scored 10 and grabbed nine rebounds, but the effort wasn't enough in the 21-point loss.

The first-round loss ended the Tigers' career of NAIA All-American Tyler Wallenfang, who finished 15th in points (1,438) and 14th in rebounds (632). Josh Broken ended his career 10th in three-pointers (157) and 16th in assists (332). The Tigers finished 19-11.

2011 - Kansas City, Mo. (Municipal Auditorium)

The Tigers returned to the national tournament for the fifth time in six years and faced Georgetown College (Ky.), ranked No. 7 in the NAIA Top 25 poll.

Thanks to sharp three-point shooting and solid bench play, the Tigers kept the game close. But Georgetown, winner of both its conference's regular-season and tournament titles, pulled away late to hand Olivet an 83-76 loss.

Junior Antonio Marshall led the Tigers with 18 points, while seniors Nick Klomstad and Cory Hainlen added 14 and 11, respectively.

Hainlen ended his Tigers' career with 143 three-pointers, 13th on the school's all-time list. Matt Mitchell finished his with 106 three-pointers, the 18th best mark in school history.

2015 –Point Lookout, Mo. (Keeter Gymnasium – College of the Ozarks)

For the first time in program history, the Olivet Nazarene University men's basketball team earned a trip to the NAIA Division II National Championships. It was the 17th overall appearance and first since



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2011 for the Tigers in national tournament play.

The Tigers (25-9, 16-3) won CCAC Regular Season and Tournament titles, earning an automatic bid to the postseason tournament. ONU had not won the regular season (12th overall) since 2006 and tournament (6th overall) since 2000.

In the first round, the Tigers played Warner Pacific College (Ore.), ranked No. 16 in the NAIA Top 25 poll. Warner Pacific entered the tournament with a 25-7 record and had finished in a three-way tie for first in the Cascade Collegiate Conference – arguably the toughest league in NAIA Division II – sending four teams to the national tournament.

Olivet drew the late game on Wednesday, March 11, but was ready to gain a first round win nonetheless. The Tigers led early through a sloppy group of opening minutes, but costly turnovers and streaking shooting by the Knights gave them the lead. Olivet was able to keep it close until five minutes to go in the first half when Warner Pacific took a double-digit lead for the remainder of the game. Olivet was unable to get back any momentum and fell 79-54.

The Tigers were led by junior forward Aaron Larson's 13 points and eight rebounds. Senior Austin Davis chipped in 12 points, including three from long distance. Junior Zach Wagner added six points and three rebounds. Senior Hunter Jacobs had two points and two rebounds. Matt Ryan had three rebounds.

The first-round loss ended the career of five Olivet seniors: Austin Davis, Matt Ryan, Hunter Jacobs, Seth Johnson and Riley Johnson. Davis was named All-CCAC Second Team, and Matt Ryan was a Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete. Davis became the 40th player in school history to reach 1,000 points, finishing with 1,239 (29th all-time). He also ended his career with 250 three-pointers, second on the school's all-time list. He also made 102 three-pointers his senior year, breaking ONU's single season record.

2016 – Point Lookout, Mo. (Keeter Gymnasium – College of the Ozarks)

Not since 2010 and 2011 had the the Olivet Nazarene University men's basketball team made back-to-back national postseason appearances. In 2016, the Tigers made a return trip to the NAIA Division II National Championships, their 18th overall appearance.

The Tigers (18-11, 17-4) finished second in the CCAC regular season standings, forcing them to earn an automatic bid by

winning the postseason tournament. However, Olivet slipped up in the quarterfinals, falling to IU-South Bend 90-75. Yet, the season wasn't over for the Tigers as an at-large bid awaited them due to their No. 21 national ranking.

In the first round, the Tigers played a familiar foe, No. 9 Keiser University (Fla.), which the Tigers had played previously during the season on December 30 in West Palm Beach, Fla. The Seahawks defeated the Tigers 72-66 on their home court. Keiser entered the tournament with a 28-4 record and had finished as runner-up in the Sun Conference Tournament championship game after winning the regular season title. The Seahawks were coached by Rollie Massimino, long-time head coach and National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Famer.

Olivet drew the first game of the tournament on Wednesday, March 9, but nonetheless was to gain a first round win. The Tigers stayed with the Seahawks early, despite shooting poorly from the field. Yet, a couple of big shots from Andrija Sarenac late in the half stretched Keiser's lead to 37-27 before the break. In the second half, the Tigers had chances to break through and possibly take a lead, but Keiser was too much offensively. ONU failed to take advantage of the possessions they had, resulting in a 77-66 loss.

The Tigers were led by junior guard Tyler Crater's 18 points (3-for-6 on three-pointers) and three rebounds. Aaron Larson added 14 points (6-for-14) and six rebounds. Zach Wagner had 14 points (7-for-11), adding seven rebounds and three steals. Sophomore Chris Green finished with 10 points on 4-for-10 shooting. Alex Thorson had five points, 11 assists and six rebounds.

The first-round loss ended the career of seven Olivet seniors: NAIA Second Team All-American Aaron Larson, All-CCAC Honorable Mention selection Zach Wagner, Alex Thorson, Reid Farchmin, Leke Solanke, Taylor Tucker and Luke Steelman. Farchmin and Tucker were named Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes. Larson finished his career in the top 10 of six categories and among the top 20 in ONU history, finishing third in points (2,132). Wagner finished with 1,127 points to become the 41st Tiger in history to record 1,000 career points.



2016-17 Men's Basketball

