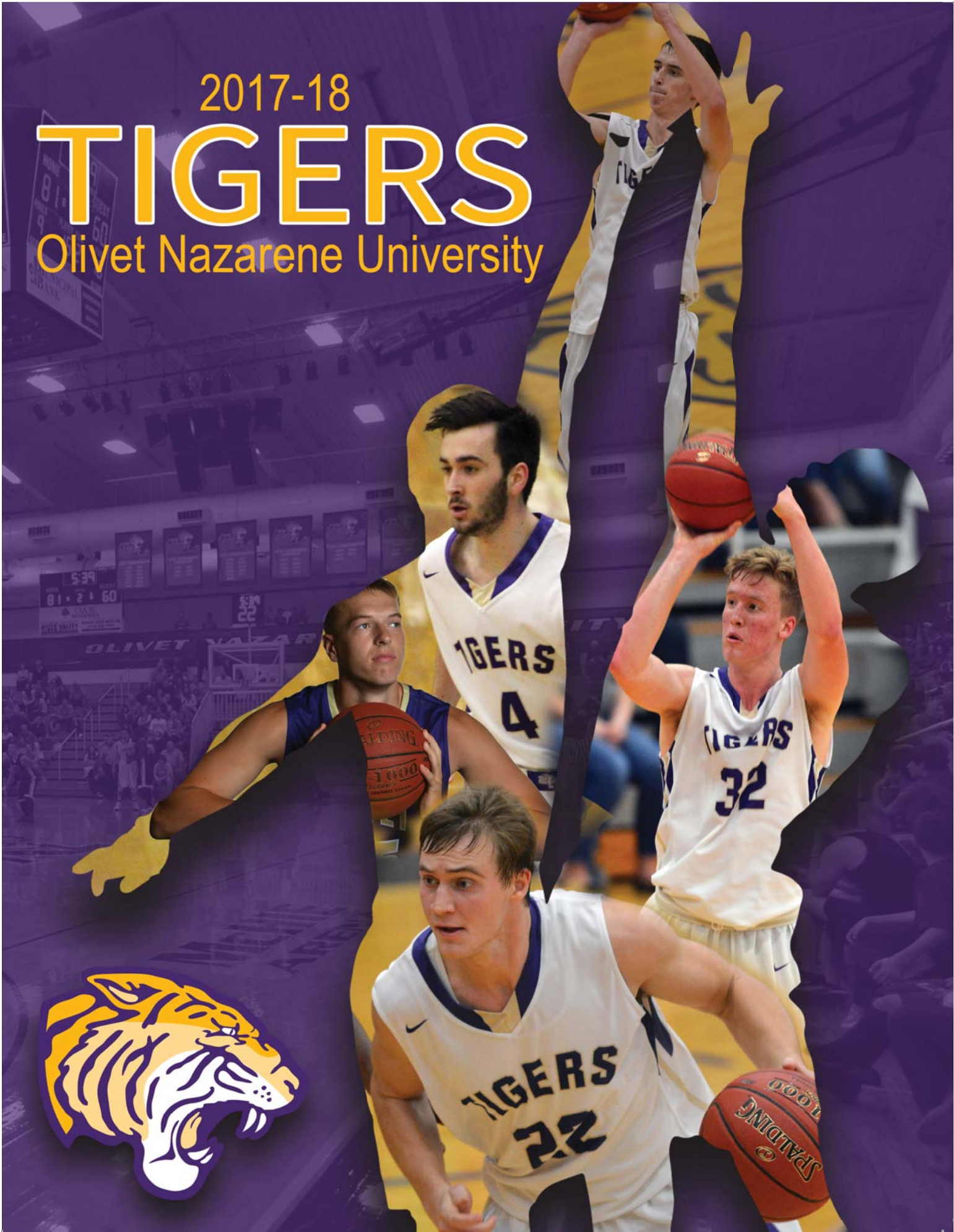


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Quick Reference

Olivet Nazarene University is located in Bourbonnais, Ill.

Founded: 1907

Enrollment: 5,002 for fall 2017 semester

Nickname: Tigers

School Colors: Purple and Gold

Affiliation: NAIA

Conference: CCAC

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

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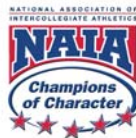
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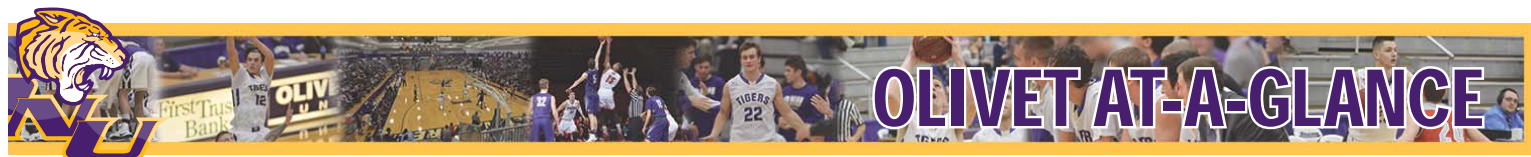
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UNDERGRADUATE AREAS OF STUDY

Includes majors, minors and concentrations

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



SEASON PREVIEW

This season, the Olivet Nazarene University men's basketball team is focused and ready to achieve more. Collectively, the Tigers are motivated by last year's absence from national tournament play and sub-.500 record, which will be constant reminders for them throughout the 2017-18 season. Last season, there were several question marks surrounding the youth and inexperience of the Tigers, but that won't be the issue this time around. With so many players returning and the insertion of a few talented individuals, much is expected. This is a team hungry to accomplish more than they ever have.

The standards have been set high for this season. Four starters and a host of last season's team are returning. This is the core of the team that won 10 of its last 12 games and averaged nearly 85 points a game. In fact, last year's Tigers scored more points per game than each of the previous 14 ONU teams. The best news is that nearly three-fourths of the players who scored points, made and attempted field goals last season will be back in uniform. The Tigers should be even better offensively and with more depth and versatility. Yet, the question remains: Will the Tigers become the defensively strong team that they have the potential to be and use their experiences from last season to guide them?

In 2017-18, the 52nd edition of ONU men's basketball has the unique opportunity of being one of the strongest returning units in recent times. If the host of gifted veterans and talented young players combine all that has been learned with a few new faces eager to make an immediate impact, they should propel the program to national prominence once again. With that said, Head Coach Ralph Hodge – in his 39th season and now the winningest active coach in the NAIA – along with his experienced staff have the job of preparing this team in order to reach the goals they have established.

Coach Hodge is a strong believer in preparation. "Our number one goal is to prepare and play with a moment-to-moment expectation," he says. "Not to take anything for granted, not to look any further than the moment we live in. Doing that should make this an exciting and rewarding year."

In each of the last three seasons, the Tigers have graduated at least one career 1,000-point scorer. At the end of the 2016-17 season, the Tigers saw the end of senior Tyler Crater's career. He finished 21st all-time in ONU history with 1,402 points scored, 12th in three-pointers made (168) and 13th in field goals attempted with 1,189. He was a member of two NAIA Division II National Championship participants in 2015 and 2016, and helped lead the Tigers to CCAC regular season tournament titles in 2015. Following his senior season, he was named CCAC Honorable Mention.

Crater was also outstanding in the classroom during his four years as a Tiger. He was named a two-time Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete, three-time CCAC All-Academic Team member and NABC Honors Court member this past season. In addition, he was the first in program history to be honored as a CoSIDA Academic All-America® College Division Second Team selection.

In 2016-17, Crater put together a fantastic senior season. He finished the season with career totals in minutes played (28.1), points scored (17.1), rebounds (3.3), assists (2.2), field goals made and attempted (202-of-419, .482), three-pointers made (45) and free-throws made and attempted (82-of-106, .774). Crater was second on the team in points

scored, field goals made and attempted, and led the team in three-pointers made and attempted.

Moving on with Crater was his teammate for four seasons, point guard Troy Swindle. He played in 41 career games, including all 31 last season. Swindle averaged 3.4 points and was second on the team with 109 assists.

ONU will also be without another four-year member, Ryan Carl, who played in 32 career games, averaged 2.6 points and 1.7 rebounds. Alongside him was senior Abe Barwegen, who also graduated. Both were named two-time Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes, three-time CCAC All-Academic Team members and to the NABC Honors Court this past season. The fifth senior from the 2016-17 team was Sherrarr Tate. Tate played only two years for the Tigers. As a senior, he played in 14 games in a reserve role.

Coach Hodge knows exactly what he has in this year's team: "The biggest factor for this year's team is the experience returning and gained from last year."

Even though this year's squad will experience changes, they return with a very solid core that has already shown itself well. Headlining the group and back after an outstanding freshman campaign is 6-foot, 5-inch Nic Reed (New Albany, Ind.). He will be counted on heavily after garnering accolades that are usually reserved for upperclassmen. Reed was named CCAC Freshman of the Year and First Team All-Conference, along with earning NAIA Division II Honorable Mention All-America honors. He is only the 13th Tiger to be named to the award, and only the second freshman in the history of the program. During his first season with the Tigers, Reed also earned NAIA Division II Player of the Week honors and three CCAC Player of the Week selections.

Not only did Reed lead the Tigers in scoring in 2016-17 with 22.4, but he led the entire CCAC. He played in all 31 games, starting in 30, and led the team in minutes (34.2). He also led the team in rebounds per game (8.8), defensive rebounds (184), offensive rebounds (90), free-throws made and attempted (164-of-191), field goals made and attempted (244-450), and percentage (.542). He was second on the team in three-point field goals made (43), three-pointers attempted (117), steals (28), and third in assists (76). Reed also finished with a team-high 12 double-doubles (16th in NAIA Division II) and scored in double figures in 30 of 31 games. He scored 20 or more points 18 times and 30-plus points in 10 games. Among NAIA leaders, he finished in the top 40 in seven categories.

In addition to his unrivaled productivity, Reed brings to the game an extreme toughness and versatility that the coaching staff and his teammates love. As a sophomore, he is now stepping into more of a leadership role and will also need to add to his game in certain areas. He is improving on the defensive end and is more comfortable on the perimeter, possibly playing there at times when lineups allow it. Yet, he will continue to be a dominant inside presence for the Tigers, just as he was in year one.

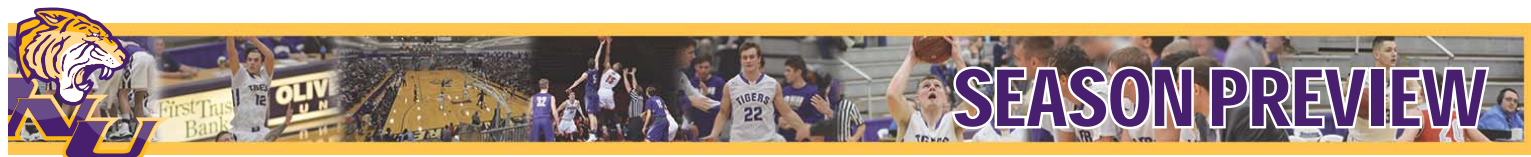
Chris Green (Bonfield, Ill.) is now in his fourth season and has the unique responsibility as the only senior with experience in a varsity uniform for the Tigers. This summer and into the preseason, Green has begun to relish the duty of leader for this year's team. In his junior season, Green posted career

highs with 9.1 points per game and 24.0 minutes per contest. He started 21 of 25 games played last season and was the Tigers' sharpshooter, leading the team in three-pointers made (45). He posted a career-high 40.5 percent shooting from behind the arc, and another career-high while dishing out 2.6 assists and grabbing 2.5 rebounds per game. In his career, Green has scored 452 points and has 122 assists. He has made 103 three-pointers and shoots 83.0 percent from the free-throw line. Now in his final season, Green will demand as much out of himself as he does out of his team. He is excited to better his career numbers from a season ago and looks to help the Tigers reach new heights.

One of five freshmen to play last season, but arguably one of the most dynamic, is 6-foot, 3-inch Dakota Bennington (Peoria, Ill.). Bennington helped backup senior Tyler Crater a season ago. Now as a sophomore, he is ready to take the torch passed down and help lead ONU's perimeter game. Every game, he brings with him his athleticism, explosiveness and uncanny ability to score in various ways. Furthermore, there is always a possibility of his bringing the Tiger fans to their feet with one of his dunks, making him one of the most exciting players in all of the CCAC. A season ago, Bennington was the Tigers' third-leading scorer (10.2), scoring in double figures 16 times, and averaging only 16.7 minutes per game. He started five of the 27 games he played in, missing a few to injury. Bennington was third on the team in shots made and attempted (108-for-232, .466), was third in free-throw percentage (.837) and is an improving three-point shooter who made 24 a season ago. Bennington is maturing as a defender and rebounder. If he combines those aspects with his ability to see the game and pass the ball, there is no telling where his game can go.

Perhaps the most vital position in Hodge's program is the point guard. Many outstanding players have manned the position over the years. Next in that lineage is 6-foot, 1-inch sophomore Dane Schlafley (Peoria, Ill.), who is the most experienced to enter his sophomore season since Antonio Marshall in 2009-10. Schlafley started 27 of 31 games last year and played the third-most minutes (24.9) for the Tigers. He averaged 5.7 points and 2.7 rebounds, and led the team in assists with 128 (4.1 per game) and steals (30). He finished third in the CCAC in assists per game and assist-to-turnover ratio (2.2). Schlafley also made 25 three-pointers (.368). In the off-season, he has been working on his outside game. In the 2017-18 season, the Tigers' point guard should be one of the best in all of the CCAC due to his willingness and ability to defend, see the floor, lead his team and his improvements on the offensive end.

Without the aid of an industrious and tough inside game, a Coach Hodge-led team doesn't typically go very far. Headlining the Tiger postgame this season is 6-foot, 8-inch junior Josiah Bian (Minooka, Ill.). Last year as a sophomore, he started in 20 of 25 games played. Bian averaged 8.1 points and grabbed 5.8 rebounds (second on team), while shooting 49.4 percent from the floor. Besides Nic Reed, Bian led all other big men in minutes, points, rebounds, field goals and assists (59). Now in his junior season, he is coming off knee surgery in March and has responded well through the summer and into the preseason. He has gained back much of his conditioning and is ready to use his experience for the better.



Blan has worked on efficiency around the rim and can be the great rebounder the Tigers will need him to be.

Joining him in the paint is 6-foot, 7-inch senior Ethan Chitty (White Heath, Ill.). Chitty was out all of 2016-17 with an ACL injury and is now back to finish out his career strong. The big man with a soft touch can step out and shoot the three, and he is willing and able to make the right pass. Chitty will help solidify an already strong front court.

Coach Hodge commented on his inside game: "Important to the depth of our post position will be the bounce back ability from surgery of two key players in Josiah Blan and Ethan Chitty."

Two more young players, now in their second season with the Tigers, have grown and matured: Sterling Thornton (Sterling, Ill.) and Luke Tuttle (Hampshire, Ill.). Thornton is a 6-foot guard who played off the bench for the Tigers as a freshman. He is tough-nosed and hustle-minded in all facets of his game. He also brings an intelligence to his decision-making. He played in 28 games and started in four, playing 17.0 minutes per game. Thornton averaged 3.8 points and 2.3 rebounds to go along with his 2:1 assist-to-turnover ratio. Yet, his best scoring option was from the free-throw line, where he led the team (92.9 percent). He has returned this season determined to be a better, more complete scorer and shooter. However, Thornton will always find minutes because he is a determined defensive player, and he runs the floor hard.

Six-foot, 5-inch Luke Tuttle could be one of the most improved players from last year's team. Tuttle did not play in the first game of the year but continued to find himself in the lineup thereafter. He played in 29 games and started in two, averaging 17.1 minutes per game. He scored 5.7 points and grabbed 3.1 rebounds while shooting 53.4 percent from field. He led the team in three-point percentage (.488), making 20. For his entire freshman year, Tuttle was asked to play in the post, using his face-up abilities to his strength. Yet, he has worked on his perimeter game, gotten stronger and, because of his efforts, will become a valuable weapon for Coach Hodge to use.

Two new faces from the Tigers' junior varsity team will be asked to play major roles on this year's team. One will look familiar because he played in 20 games last season. Six-foot, 3-inch Zach Tuxhorn (Naperville, Ill.) is back for his junior season, and the Tigers are excited about his development during his sophomore year and over the offseason. Tuxhorn averaged only 9.0 minutes per game last season, but the undersized post always had a way of accomplishing something while on the floor. His 2.5 points and 1.9 rebounds per game were small compared to others, but his willingness to compete on every position was huge for the time he was on the floor. He, too, expanded his game this preseason by working as a perimeter player at times, giving the Tigers the depth and versatility they want. Also making his move to the varsity this season is Solomon Barwegen (Otsego, Mich.), who has run the point guard for the junior varsity the last two seasons. He is now ready to help man the position alongside Schlafley. Barwegen brings quickness and strength while adding depth, and he can be lights out when shooting from behind the arc.

One of the most intriguing additions this offseason is transfer Luis Becerra Dominguez (Seville, Spain). Becerra Dominguez will be with the Tigers for his senior season and is looking to finish his career well. He most recently played at NCAA

Division II St. Joseph's College (Ind.) for his junior season, seeing action in 18 games, while starting in five. He played 14.4 minutes per game, averaged 3.7 points per game and 1.7 rebounds. He shot 46.3 percent from the field and 75.0 from the free-throw line. Yet, St. Joseph's College closed its doors following the 2016-17 school year, forcing students to find a new place to attend. The previous two seasons, Becerra Dominguez played for NCAA Division II Kentucky Wesleyan University. In 2015-16, he saw action in 19 games (6.6 minutes per game) and averaged 2.0 points per game. He shot 46.2 percent from the field and 42.9 from behind the arc. What he brings to the Tigers this season is a wealth of experience and usefulness in the perimeter positions. He has great abilities in handling the ball and loves to transition. He physically has great size — standing 6-foot, 5-inches — and knows how to use his body with his athleticism. He has the potential to be a great on-ball defender and can help the perimeter game rebound.

The addition of Becerra Dominguez has Hodge even more excited about his perimeter game: "Newcomer Luis Becerra Dominguez will add to an already strong perimeter game with his maturity, energy and ability to do many things on the offensive and defensive ends."

Unlike last season, the Tigers will suit up fewer freshmen this year. But the underclassmen who do suit up are quality players and could help in their first season with the team. Coach Hodge didn't have to go far to be convinced that freshman John Contant (Hickory Hills, Ill.) was the type of player who could impact the Tigers. The 6-foot, 2-inch combo guard adds the depth needed for the Tigers to take the next step. Contant hails from Stagg High School, and he led his team in scoring at 15.0 points per game last season. Maybe the most memorable moment in his season was when he scored a career-high 30 points against a top-ranked Bolingbrook team. Contant also scored over 1,000 career points and finished his career as the fifth-leading scorer in school history. He also broke the school record for free-throw percentage in a career (.860).

Helping solidify the point guard position alongside Schlafley and Barwegen is freshman C.J. Smith (Cumming, Ga.). He led Forsyth Central High School last season by averaging 20.0 points per game and adding 2.4 assists, while shooting 45.0 percent from behind the arc and 85.5 from the free-throw line. Smith was named Forsyth County Player of the Year and Most Improved Player in the State of Georgia.

While the Tigers' foremost goal is to get back to the NAIA Division II National Championships for a 19th time in program history, they would also like to regain the CCAC regular season title and/or tournament championship they had back in 2015. Last year's 15-16 record was the first time since 2003-04 that a Tiger team finished below .500. Yet, ONU claimed a CCAC South Division co-championship, but it wasn't good enough to gain them an automatic or at-large bid to the national tournament. The Tigers have expectations to get back and win their first national tournament game since 2006, and they will have to do it with a team that has never experienced postseason play in March.

In addition, this year's squad has the exclusive opportunity to tally the 1,000th win in Tiger history. The Tigers enter the season with 992 program wins.

Coach Hodge spoke on this year's potential success. "Expectations are on each player that he will develop into a more complete player," he says. "We have seen this in our

early season preparations. The one most significant area that will determine our success will be the growth that each individual and the team collectively make on the defensive end."

Head Coach Ralph Hodge is one of the finest in NAIA basketball history and a 2014 NAIA Hall of Fame inductee. He is now the winningest active coach in all of NAIA basketball with 761 career wins and eighth in win percentage (.618). Among all NAIA coaches, he is 19th in win percentage (Division I and II coaches on active top 25 list).

The Tigers will play their annual Homecoming game on Saturday, Oct. 27, for the first game of the 2017-18 season. Olivet will host Crossroads League opponent and national power University of St. Francis (Ind.). The Cougars finished 23-11 and in the second round of the 2017 NAIA Division II National Championships. Just two seasons ago, St. Francis finished as national runner-up.

For the sixth consecutive season, the challenging CCAC will experience change. Purdue University-Northwest (Ind.) is leaving the conference to become a member of NCAA Division II. Also, there will no longer be two divisions; and with only 14 teams, the CCAC will be awarded only two automatic bids to the national tournament. The Tigers will play nine nonconference contests and 20 conference games before the conference tournament that starts on Feb. 21.

Three CCAC teams played in the NAIA Division II National Championships and finished the season with two teams ranked or receiving votes nationally. ONU hosts only one of those teams at McHie Arena this season. The CCAC Tournament regular season co-champion, Trinity International University (Ill.), comes to Bourbonnais on the final day of the regular season, Feb. 17. Two league opponents will be in Bourbonnais in November and one in December. However, when the calendar turns, the Tigers will host seven games in CCAC play at home in the months of January and February.

Unlike during the 2016-17 season, the Tigers get the opportunity to play more games at McHie Arena, where they boast a 77 percent win percentage over the last five seasons. ONU hosts seven different opponents at home prior to Christmas break, including four in the month of November. Two of those games are on back-to-back nights against Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference teams. ONU plays Indiana Tech on Friday, Nov. 10, and hosts Aquinas College (Mich.) the next evening. Olivet's final home game of the first semester is against Ohio Christian University on Monday, Dec. 18.

ONU's first weekend tournament will be played at Columbia College (Mo.), the NAIA Division I National Championships 21-time participant, for the Cougars vs. Cancer Tip-Off Classic. ONU will play Columbia on Friday, Nov. 3, and William Woods on Saturday, Nov. 4. Two days later, the Tigers play NCAA Division I opponent and member of the Horizon League, University of Illinois at Chicago, on Monday, Nov. 6, in an exhibition contest. The Flames finished with 17 wins a year ago.

The week of Christmas, the Tigers travel to West Palm Beach, Fla., for two games in the Dick Versace Holiday Classic at Keiser University. ONU plays NAIA Division I opponent Edward Waters College (Fla.) on Friday, Dec. 29, and Keiser on Saturday, Dec. 30. The Seahawks won 22 games last season. ONU's third game in the Sunshine State is on Tuesday, Jan. 2, at St. Thomas University. The Bobcats finished third in The Sun Conference with 20 victories.



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:

- Winningest active coach in NAIA Division I & 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)
- Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (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)
 - 14 NAIA Honorable Mention All-Americans (including multiple year selections)
- 96 CCAC All-Conference players
- 35 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes
- Has been a part of 1,387 of the 1,586 games in school history (.875)

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 real heroes of this program."

Personal Information:

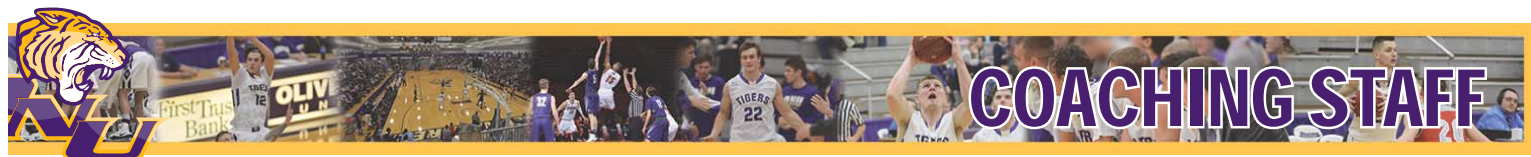
Hodge and his wife, Janice, have three children: two sons, Scott and Kurt, and one daughter, Kellie. Scott and his wife, Erin, have two sons, Paxton and Crosby, and reside in Florida. Kurt and his wife, Jenni, have twin sons, Hank and Hudson, and reside in the Kansas City area. Kellie and her husband,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

CAREER COACHING RECORD

Year	Wins	Losses
2016-2017	15	16
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	11	20
1985-1986	14	19
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	761	471

In 38 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
- 96 All-CCAC players
- 6 CCAC Player of the Years
- 35 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 (2007)

Professional Experience:

- Olivet Nazarene University, Assistant Coach, Men's Basketball (2008–present)
- Olivet Nazarene University, Assistant Sports Information Director (2008–present)
- Eureka College (Ill.), 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 167-112 (101-43, 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)

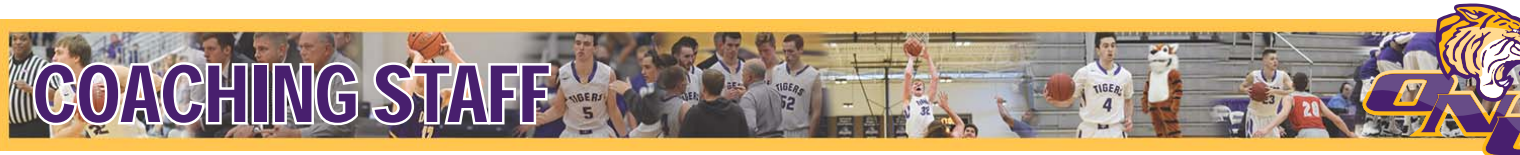
Coaching Philosophy:

"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.





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)



MICHAEL HARRISON - ASSISTANT COACH

Education:

- Columbia College (Mo.) - Bachelor of Science: General Studies (2018)
- Excelsior College (N.Y.) - Associate of Arts: Applied Marine Science (2007)
- Columbia College (Mo.) - Associate of Arts: General Studies (2001)

Professional Experience:

- Olivet Nazarene University, Assistant Men's Basketball Coach (2016-present)
- Zion-Benton Township High School (Ill.) Assistant Boy's Varsity Basketball Coach (2000-2001, 2013-2015)
- All Navy Men's Assistant Basketball Coach (2001, 2005, 2011)
- Radford High School (Hawaii), Assistant Boy's Basketball Coach (2007-2008)
- All Navy Women's Head Basketball Coach (2005)
- Naseem International School (Kingdom of Bahrain), Head Boy's Varsity Basketball Coach (2001-2002)
- Department of Defense Dependents School (Kingdom of Bahrain), Head Boy's Varsity Basketball Coach (1997-1998)
- Head Basketball Coach of 12 different Naval Ship and Shore Installation Teams in the United States and Overseas (1992-2010)

Awards and Recognition (Coach):

- IHSA 2A Waukegan Sectional Champion at Zion-Benton High School (24-6) (2001)
- Department of Defense Dependents School European Division 3 Champion at Bahrain School (30-1) (1998)

SUPPORT STAFF



Kennedy Cash, Johnny Pierre and Anna Quade



Date	Opponent/Location	Time
10/27	University of St. Francis (Ind.) (Homecoming)	7:30 p.m.
11/3-4	Cougars vs. Cancer Tip-Off Classic (Columbia College, Columbia, Mo.) @ Columbia College (Mo.)	7 p.m.
	vs. William Woods University (Mo.)	3 p.m.
11/6	@ University of Illinois at Chicago (Exhibition)	7 p.m.
11/10	Indiana Institute of Technology	7 p.m.
11/11	Aquinas College (Mich.)	7 p.m.
11/15	@ St. Ambrose University (Iowa)*	7:30 p.m.
11/18	Governors State University (Ill.)*	3 p.m.
11/21	@ Roosevelt University (Ill.)*	7:30 p.m.
11/22	@ University of Illinois at Chicago (Exhibition)	7 p.m.
11/29	Cardinal Stritch University (Wis.)*	7:30 p.m.
12/2	@ Trinity Christian College (Ill.)*	3 p.m.
12/9	University of St. Francis (Ill.)*	3 p.m.
12/16	@ Trinity International University (Ill.)*	3 p.m.
12/18	Ohio Christian University	7 p.m.
12/29-30	Keiser University Classic (West Palm Beach, Fla.) @ Keiser University (Fla.)	7 p.m. (EST)
	vs. Edward Waters College (Fla.)	7 p.m. (EST)
1/2	@ St. Thomas University (Fla.)	6 p.m. (EST)
1/6	@ Holy Cross College (Ind.)*	3 p.m. (EST)
1/10	Judson University (Ill.)*	7:30 p.m.
1/13	@ Robert Morris University-Illinois*	3 p.m.
1/17	Indiana University-South Bend*	7:30 p.m.
1/20	St. Xavier University (Ill.)*	3 p.m.
1/24	@ Calumet College of St. Joseph (Ind.)*	7 p.m.
1/27	St. Ambrose University (Iowa)*	3 p.m.
1/31	@ Governors State University (Ill.)*	7 p.m.
2/3	Roosevelt University (Ill.)*	3 p.m.
2/7	@ Cardinal Stritch University (Wis.)*	7:30 p.m.
2/10	Trinity Christian College (Ill.)*	3 p.m.
2/14	@ University of St. Francis (Ill.)*	7 p.m.
2/17	Trinity International University (Ill.)* (Senior Day)	3 p.m.
2/21-26	CCAC Division II Tournament	
3/7-13	2018 NAIA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship (College of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, Mo., Keeter Gymnasium)	

* Conference Game
Purple: Home Game

2017-18 JUNIOR VARSITY SCHEDULE



Date	Opponent/Location	Time
11/1	@ Joliet Junior College (Ill.)	7 p.m.
11/9	@ Kennedy King College (Ill.)	7 p.m.
11/13	Parkland College (Ill.)	7 p.m.
11/16	@ Danville Area Community College (Ill.)	7 p.m.
11/20	Joliet Junior College (Ill.)	7 p.m.
11/30	@ Elmhurst College (Ill.) JV	7 p.m.
12/5	@ Parkland College (Ill.)	7 p.m.
12/12	@ Moraine Valley Community College (Ill.)	7 p.m.
1/11	Robert Morris University – Illinois JV	7 p.m.
1/15	Danville Area Community College (Ill.)	3 p.m.
1/22	Kennedy King College (Ill.)	7 p.m.
1/25	Trinity Christian College (Ill.) JV	7 p.m.
1/29	Judson University (Ill.) JV	5 p.m.
2/1	@ North Central College (Ill.) JV	7 p.m.
2/5	@ Illinois Wesleyan University JV	7 p.m.

Purple: Home Game



McHie Arena



When the Tigers aren't hard at work preparing for their next opponent or competing for their next victory, they are often giving back to the community. In 2017, more than 200 children – the most in recent history – attended one or more of three summer individual basketball camps held at Olivet Nazarene University.

Once again, the men's basketball team also utilized Olivet's state-of-the-art Douglas E. Perry Student Life and Recreation Center for one of their two high school summer shootouts. The Tigers hosted 36 statewide prep teams, including a record 11 schools from the local area and surrounding counties, on campus during the two-day events.

This year also marked the 11th 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 worship 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.

Jeff Hale, the founder of Nazarene Athletics, ONU alum and friend of Tiger basketball, passed away in August 2016 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 will continue the tradition in his name.



The Tigers partnered with the Tigerball women's basketball team to host the entire first grade class from nearby Reed-Custer Primary School for a day of exercise and basketball instruction. Members of both teams also explained the NAIA Champions of Character Five Core Character Values to the students.

Additionally, both teams spent time with members of River Valley Recreation. For the third consecutive year, they helped provide an evening of exercise and fun for the mentally disabled.

The Tigers also participated in the American Red Cross Blood Drive during the month of September. This is sponsored by the ONU Nursing Students' Association (NSA), and the team has donated during the last four seasons.

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, they play two or three nonconference games against great competition. At the same time, the team finds time to enjoy the weather and have a little fun. Over the past four seasons, they have visited Florida three times and Arizona in December 2016. Also, Coach Hodge and his teams have taken trips to Hawaii and California multiple times during his 38 years with the Tigers. This season, the Tigers will make a trip to West Palm Beach, Florida, for three games.

OPPONENTS

AQUINAS COLLEGE

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

ENROLLMENT: 2,500

NICKNAME: SAINTS

SCHOOL COLORS: MAROON AND WHITE

CONFERENCE: WOLVERINE-HOOSIER ATHLETIC

NATIONAL AFFILIATION: NAIA DIVISION II

PRESIDENT: DR. JUAN OLIVAREZ

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: NICK DAVIDSON

DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION: D.J. FOSTER

HOME ARENA: STURRUS SPORTS AND FITNESS CENTER

WEB: AQSAINTS.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: ENRIQUE TORRES

DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION: MIKE DEVADER

HOME ARENA: DENNIS AND LESLIE RITTENMEYER CENTER

WEB: CCSJATHLETICS.COM

CARDINAL STRITCH UNIVERSITY (WIS.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: MILWAUKEE, WIS.

ENROLLMENT: 1,200

NICKNAME: WOLVES

SCHOOL COLORS: BURGUNDY AND GRAY

CONFERENCE: CHICAGOLAND COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC

NATIONAL AFFILIATION: NAIA DIVISION II

PRESIDENT: DR. JAMES P. LOFTUS

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: DR. TIM VAN ALSTINE

DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION: DAN KUKLINSKI

HOME ARENA: CARDINAL STRITCH UNIVERSITY FIELD HOUSE

WEB: STRITCHWOLVES.COM

COLUMBIA COLLEGE (MO.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: COLUMBIA, MO.

ENROLLMENT: 900

NICKNAME: COUGARS

SCHOOL COLORS: NAVY AND SILVER

CONFERENCE: AMERICAN MIDWEST

NATIONAL AFFILIATION: NAIA DIVISION I

PRESIDENT: DR. SCOTT DALRYMPLE

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: BOB BURCHARD

DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION: CINDY POTTER

HOME ARENA: BOB BURCHARD COURT

WEB: COLUMBIACOUgars.COM

EDWARD WATERS COLLEGE (FLA.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

ENROLLMENT: 839

NICKNAME: TIGERS

SCHOOL COLORS: ORANGE AND PURPLE

CONFERENCE: GULF COAST ATHLETIC

NATIONAL AFFILIATION: NAIA DIVISION I

PRESIDENT: DR. NATHANIEL GLOVER

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: STANLEY B. CROMARTIE

DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION: HENRY SMITH

HOME ARENA: JOHN HURST ADAMS-JIMMY R. JENKINS

COMMUNITY SPORTS COMPLEX

WEB: EWCTIGERPRIDE.COM

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 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. KARL W. EINOLF

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: DEBRA 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: IUSBTTANS.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

KEISER UNIVERSITY (FLA.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.

ENROLLMENT: 1,000

NICKNAME: SEAHAWKS

SCHOOL COLORS: COLUMBIA BLUE, NAVY AND WHITE

CONFERENCE: THE SUN

NATIONAL AFFILIATION: NAIA DIVISION II

PRESIDENT: DR. GARY VONK

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: KRIS SWOGGER

DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION: KEVIN DEVRIENT

HOME ARENA: COUNTESS DE HOERNLE STUDENT LIFE CENTER

WEB: KUSEAHAWKS.COM

OHIO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: CIRCLEVILLE, OHIO

ENROLLMENT: 3,600

NICKNAME: TRAILBLAZERS

SCHOOL COLORS: BLUE AND SILVER

CONFERENCE: RIVER STATES

NATIONAL AFFILIATION: NAIA DIVISION II

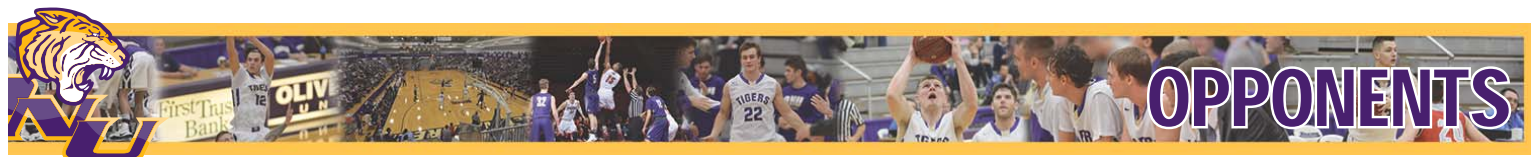
PRESIDENT: JON KULAGA

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: DAVID BIRELINE

DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION: RYAN WALL

HOME ARENA: MAXWELL CENTER

WEB: OCUTRAILBLAZERS.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: SEAN OSTRANDER
 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

ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY (FLA.)

GENERAL INFORMATION
 LOCATION: MIAMI GARDENS, FLA.
 ENROLLMENT: 4,674
 NICKNAME: BOBCATS
 SCHOOL COLORS: BURGUNDY AND NAVY
 CONFERENCE: THE SUN
 NATIONAL AFFILIATION: NAIA DIVISION II
 PRESIDENT: MONSIGNOR FRANKLYN CASALE
 DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: LAURA COURTLEY-TODD
 DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION: PHILIP DE MONTMOLLIN
 HOME ARENA: FERNANDEZ FAMILY CENTER
 WEB: STUBOBCATS.COM/

ST. 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: DR. LAURIE M. JOYNER
 DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: BOB HALLBERG
 DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION: GREG GORHAM
 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: TUTROJANS.COM

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

GENERAL INFORMATION
 LOCATION: CHICAGO, ILL.
 ENROLLMENT: 29,048
 NICKNAME: FLAMES
 SCHOOL COLORS: INDIGO BLUE & FLAME RED
 CONFERENCE: HORIZON LEAGUE
 NATIONAL AFFILIATION: NCAA DIVISION I
 PRESIDENT: TIMOTHY L. KILLEEN
 DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: GARRETT KLASSY
 DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION: DAN YOPCHICK
 HOME ARENA: UIC PAVILION
 WEB: UICFLAMES.COM

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: LUKE TANAKA
 HOME ARENA: PAT SULLIVAN CENTER
 WEB: GOFIGHTINGSAINTS.COM

UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS (IND.)

GENERAL INFORMATION
 LOCATION: FORT WAYNE, IND.
 ENROLLMENT: 2,350
 NICKNAME: COUGARS
 SCHOOL COLORS: ROYAL BLUE AND WHITE
 CONFERENCE: CROSSROADS LEAGUE
 NATIONAL AFFILIATION: NAIA DIVISION II
 PRESIDENT: SR. M. ELISE KRISS
 DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: MIKE MCCAFFREY
 DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION: BILL SCOTT
 HOME ARENA: HUTZELL ATHLETIC CENTER
 WEB: SAINTFRANCISCOUGARS.COM/

WILLIAM WOODS UNIVERSITY (MO.)

GENERAL INFORMATION
 LOCATION: FULTON, MO.
 ENROLLMENT: 2,601
 NICKNAME: OWLS
 SCHOOL COLORS: BURGUNDY AND FOREST GREEN
 CONFERENCE: AMERICAN MIDWEST
 NATIONAL AFFILIATION: NAIA DIVISION I
 PRESIDENT: DR. JAHNAE H. BARNETT
 DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: JASON VITTONI
 DIRECTOR OF SPORTS INFORMATION: TRAVIS RAE
 HOME ARENA: OWL ARENA
 WEB: WWUOWLS.COM



VARSITY

#	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
4	Dane Schlafley	SO	G	6-1	169	Peoria, Ill.
5	Josiah Blan	JR	F	6-8	192	Minooka, Ill.
10	Luis Becerra Dominguez	SR	G	6-5	195	Seville, Spain
12	Dakota Bennington	SO	G	6-3	175	Peoria, Ill.
13	Solomon Barwegen	JR	G	6-0	182	Otsego, Mich.
22	Chris Green	SR	G	6-0	181	Bonfield, Ill.
23	Luke Tuttle	SO	G/F	6-5	169	Hampshire, Ill.
24	C.J. Smith	FR	G	6-0	185	Cumming, Ga.
25	John Contant	FR	G	6-2	177	Hickory Hill, Ill.
30	Sterling Thornton	SO	G	6-0	174	Sterling, Ill.
32	Nic Reed	SO	G/F	6-5	205	New Albany, Ind.
34	Zach Tuxhorn	JR	G/F	6-3	196	Naperville, Ill.
45	Ethan Chitty	SR	F	6-7	204	White Heath, Ill.

JUNIOR VARSITY

#	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
4	Tryston Swartz	FR	G	6-0	169	Elkhart, Ind.
10	Gavin Griggs	FR	G	6-3	196	Middletown, Ind.
12	Christian Dunning	JR	G/F	6-4	196	West Frankfort, Ill.
13	Kensen Vaughan	FR	F	6-7	191	Red Oak, Texas
14	Jeremiah Jolly	FR	G	6-2	173	Calumet City, Ill.
22	Nathan Eckerle	FR	G	6-0	175	Solsberry, Ind.
23	Matt Strong	FR	G	6-1	206	Koontz Lake, Ind.
32	Brett Cramer	FR	F	6-5	185	Elgin, Ill.
34	Tanner Langley	FR	F	6-5	192	Eagle, Idaho
42	Logan Chitty	FR	F	6-6	238	White Heath, Ill.
45	Ray Kerkhoff	FR	F	6-5	208	Tuscola, Ill.
52	Matt Poortenga	FR	F	6-5	193	Medaryville, Ind.
54	Jacob Pfeiffer	FR	C	6-8	217	Springfield, Ill.



PLAYER PROFILES - SENIORS

45



Ethan Chitty

Senior | Forward | 6-7/204 | Champaign, Ill. | Judah Christian HS
Major: Criminal Justice
Family: Michael and Shelley; Hannah, Logan, Cade, Luke

10



Luis Becerra Dominguez

Senior | Guard | 6-5/195 | Seville, Spain | St. Joseph's College (Ind.)
Major: Biology
Family: Jose Luis and Gema; Javi

CAREER HONORS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2016-2017: Played at St. Joseph's College. Saw action in 18 games, while starting five. He played 14.4 minutes per game, averaged 3.7 points per game and 1.7 rebounds. He shot 46.3 percent from the field and 75.0 from the free-throw line.

2015-2016: Played at Kentucky Wesleyan University. Saw action in 19 games (6.6 minutes per game) and averaged 2.0 points per game. He shot 46.2 percent from the field and 42.9 from behind the arc.

2014-2015: Redshirted at Kentucky Wesleyan University.

PLAYER PROFILES - SENIORS



22



Chris Green

Senior | Guard | 6-0/181 | Bonfield, Ill. | Kankakee Trinity Academy
 Major: Business Administration
 Family: Dan and Amy; Sammi, Ben, Luke, Libby

CAREER HONORS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2016-2017: NABC Honors Court, CCAC All-Academic Team

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

2015-2016: Led Tigers to NAIA Division II National Championships...CCAC All-Academic Team

Season	gp-gs		Total		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring							
	gp-gs	min/avg	fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2014-15	7-0	22/3.1	4-11	.364	4-8	.500	0-0	.000	0	3	3	0.4	0	0	1	1	0	1	12	1.7
2015-16	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
2016-17	25-21	600/24.0	75-188	.399	45-111	.405	32-38	.842	18	44	62	2.5	15	0	65	36	0	17	227	9.1
TOTAL	61-34	1220/20.0	155-385	.403	103-256	.402	39-47	.830	30	103	133	2.2	39	0	122	78	0	27	452	7.4





05
Josiah Blan

Position: Forward
Hometown: Minooka, Ill.
Class: Junior
Height: 6-8
Weight: 192
Major: Criminal Justice
High School: Families of Faith Christian Academy
Family: Joseph and Sherry



13
Solomon Barwegen

Position: Guard
Hometown: Otsego, Mich.
Class: Junior
Height: 6-0
Weight: 182
Major: Business Administration
High School: Otsego
Family: Michael and Sherry; Abe, Elizabeth, Nathaniel



34
Zach Tuxhorn

Position: Guard/Forward
Hometown: Naperville, Ill.
Class: Junior
Height: 6-3
Weight: 196
Major: Accounting/Finance
High School: Naperville North
Family: Brian and Sally; Jack



Career Honors/Accomplishments

2016-2017: NABC Honors Court, CCAC All-Academic Team

PLAYER PROFILES - VARSITY



04
Dane Schlafley

Position: Guard
Hometown: Peoria, Ill.
Class: Sophomore
Height: 6-1
Weight: 169
Major: Mechanical Engineering
High School: Richwoods
Family: Max and Bridget; Brianna, Alayna, Peyton



12
Dakota Bennington

Position: Guard
Hometown: Peoria, Ill.
Class: Sophomore
Height: 6-3
Weight: 175
Major: Business Administration
High School: Peoria Christian
Family: Jeff and Jamie; Reily, Noah, Molly



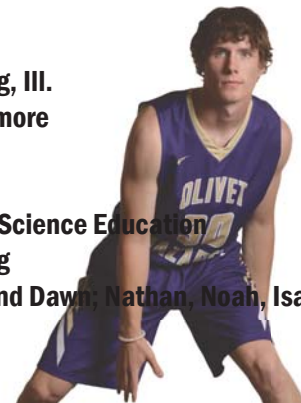
23
Luke Tuttle

Position: Guard/Forward
Hometown: Hampshire, Ill.
Class: Sophomore
Height: 6-5
Weight: 169
Major: Accounting
High School: Hampshire
Family: Owen and Theresa; Jake, Ashton



30
Sterling Thornton

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





32
Nic Reed

Position: Guard/Forward
Hometown: New Albany, Ind.
Class: Sophomore
Height: 6-5
Weight: 205
Major: Business Administration/Finance
High School: Christian Academy of Indiana
Family: Steve and Susan; Keisha



Career Honors/Accomplishments

2016-2017: NAIA All-America Honorable Mention, CCAC First Team All-Conference, CCAC Freshman of the Year, NAIA Division II National Player of the Week (2/21), CCAC Player of the Week (1/24, 2/14, 2/21)



24
C.J. Smith

Position: Guard
Hometown: Cumming, Ga.
Class: Freshman
Height: 6-0
Weight: 185
Major: Exercise Science
High School: Forsyth Central
Family: Matt and Jeni; Wade, Eli, Jake, Audrey



25
John Contant

Position: Guard
Hometown: Hickory Hills, Ill.
Class: Freshman
Height: 6-2
Weight: 177
Major: Engineering
High School: Amos Alonzo Stagg
Family: Mike and Janet; Julie, Jessica



PLAYER PROFILES - JUNIOR VARSITY



04

Tryston Swartz

Guard/Freshman/6-0/169

Hometown: Elkhart, Ind.
Major: Business Administration
High School: Elkhart Memorial
Family: Ryan and Michelle; Calyn, Amyah, Isaiyah



14

Jeremiah Jolly

Guard/Freshman/6-2/173

Hometown: Calumet City, Ill.
Major: Sport Management
High School: Mount Carmel
Family: Frank and Bernice; Jamirh, Tamia, Tayana



10

Gavin Griggs

Guard/Freshman/6-3/196

Hometown: Middletown, Ind.
Major: Economics/Finance
High School: Shenandoah
Family: Dale and Lois; Sloan, Mason



22

Nathan Eckerle

Guard/Sophomore/6-0/175

Hometown: Solsberry, Ind.
Major: Engineering
High School: Eastern Greene
Family: Mark and Susan; Zak



12

Christian Dunning

Guard-Forward/Junior/6-4/196

Hometown: West Frankfort, Ill.
Major: Business Administration
High School: Frankfort Community
Family: Joey and Patricia; Makayla, Laura



23

Matt Strong

Guard/Freshman/6-1/206

Hometown: Koontz Lake, Ind.
Major: Civil Engineering
High School: John Glenn
Family: Gary and Amy; Jake

Career Honors/Accomplishments

2016-2017: Helped lead Tigers to NAIA Division II National Championships



13

Kensen Vaughan

Forward/Sophomore/6-7/191

Hometown: Red Oak, Texas
Major: Actuarial Science
High School: Life Waxahachie
Family: Scott and Lynelle; Skylan, Kyler, Kaden





PLAYER PROFILES - JUNIOR VARSITY



32

Brett Cramer

Forward/Sophomore/6-5/185

Hometown: Elgin, Ill.
Major: Nursing
High School: Harvest Christian Academy
Family: Bob and Nancy; Daniel, Kayleigh



45

Ray Kerkhoff

Forward/Freshman/6-5/208

Hometown: Tuscola, Ill.
Major: Zoology
High School: Tuscola
Family: Harrell and Sharri; Julia



34

Tanner Langley

Forward/Freshman/6-5/192

Hometown: Eagle, Idaho
Major: Biology/Pre-Med
High School: Cole Valley Christian
Family: Randy and Jackie; Jace, Danika, Paige



52

Matt Poortenga

Forward/Freshman/6-5/193

Hometown: Medaryville, Ind.
Major: Undecided
High School: West Central
Family: Robert and Linda



42

Logan Chitty

Forward/Sophomore/6-6/238

Hometown: White Heath, Ill.
Major: Political Science
High School: Judah Christian
Family: Michael and Shelley; Hannah, Ethan, Cade, Luke



54

Jacob Pfeiffer

Center/Freshman/6-8/217

Hometown: Springfield, Ill.
Major: Mechanical Engineering
High School: Springfield Lutheran
Family: Paul and Kelly; Abbie, Emily



JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM

2016-17 RESULTS



The Automated ScoreBook Olivet Nazarene University Combined Team Statistics (as of Aug 31, 2017) All games



RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	15-16	9-4	5-10	1-2
CONFERENCE	12-9	7-4	5-5	1-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-7	2-0	0-5	2-2

#	Player	gp-gs	min	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds					Other					pts	avg	
				fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl			
32	Reed, Nic	31-30	1059	34.2	244-450	.542	43-117	.368	164-191	.859	90	184	274	8.8	84	2	76	71	5	28	695	22.4
42	Crater, Tyler	31-31	872	28.1	202-419	.482	45-132	.341	82-106	.774	33	70	103	3.3	70	1	68	50	6	19	531	17.1
12	Bennington, Dakota	27-5	452	16.7	108-232	.466	24-79	.304	36-43	.837	28	39	67	2.5	42	0	50	40	8	25	276	10.2
22	Green, Chris	25-21	600	24.0	75-188	.399	45-111	.405	32-38	.842	18	44	62	2.5	15	0	65	36	0	17	227	9.1
05	Blan, Josiah	25-20	539	21.6	85-172	.494	9-40	.225	23-31	.742	54	90	144	5.8	92	4	59	43	7	13	202	8.1
04	Schlaflay, Dane	31-27	772	24.9	57-146	.390	25-68	.368	37-48	.771	21	64	85	2.7	72	3	128	59	3	30	176	5.7
23	Tuttle, Luke	29-2	495	17.1	63-118	.534	20-41	.488	18-31	.581	25	65	90	3.1	45	1	39	23	4	9	164	5.7
30	Thornton, Sterling	28-4	477	17.0	37-107	.346	7-48	.146	26-28	.929	15	48	63	2.3	47	2	38	19	4	14	107	3.8
10	Swindle, Troy	31-4	477	15.4	36-76	.474	3-8	.375	31-48	.646	12	45	57	1.8	32	0	109	55	0	16	106	3.4
52	Carl, Ryan	24-10	235	9.8	21-56	.375	5-19	.263	16-22	.727	14	27	41	1.7	32	1	16	14	2	7	63	2.6
34	Tuxhorn, Zach	20-0	179	9.0	17-43	.395	3-10	.300	12-15	.800	12	25	37	1.9	28	0	8	7	1	3	49	2.5
14	Barwegen, Abe	11-1	34	3.1	3-12	.250	2-9	.222	0-0	.000	3	4	7	0.6	1	0	0	1	0	0	8	0.7
13	Tate, Sherrarr	14-0	82	5.9	4-13	.308	0-4	.000	2-2	1.000	7	3	10	0.7	8	0	4	10	0	4	10	0.7
24	Pruim, Zack	1-0	2	2.0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											33	55	88				13					
Total.....		31	6275		952-2033	.468	231-687	.336	479-603	.794	365	763	1128	36.4	568	14	660	441	40	185	2614	84.3
Opponents.....		31	6275		936-1951	.480	296-805	.368	461-606	.761	265	738	1003	32.4	580	-	555	417	83	228	2629	84.8

x-Inactive player

TEAM STATISTICS	ONU	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.			
SCORING	2614	2629	10/29/16	GOSHEN COLLEGE	w	96-78	1432		
Points per game	84.3	84.8	^ 11/04/16	at Indiana Wesleyan University	L	71-99	1214		
Scoring margin	-0.5	-	^ 11/05/16	vs Marian University	L	74-81	131		
FIELD GOALS-ATT	952-2033	936-1951	11/12/16	at Indiana Tech	L	72-91	320		
Field goal pct	.468	.480	* 11/16/16	at Trinity Christian College	L	87-92	267		
3 POINT FG-ATT	231-687	296-805	* 11/19/16	at Judson University	L	66-73	231		
3-point FG pct	.336	.368	* 11/22/16	at Purdue University-Northwest	L	84-87	150		
3-pl FG made per game	7.5	9.5	* 11/30/16	CALUMET COLLEGE OF ST. JOSEPH	w	97-88	494		
FREE THROWS-ATT	479-603	461-606	* 12/03/16	ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY	L	90-96	421		
Free throw pct	.794	.761	12/10/16	at University of Indianapolis	L	62-85	286		
F-Throws made per game	15.5	14.9	* 12/13/16	ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY-IL	Lot	100-106	341		
REBOUNDS	1128	1003	\$ 12/17/16	at Arizona Christian University	L	81-87	101		
Rebounds per game	36.4	32.4	\$ 12/19/16	vs University of Great Falls	Wot	82-77	112		
Rebounding margin	+4.0	-	\$ 12/20/16	vs William Jessup University	L	69-81	98		
ASSISTS	660	555	* 01/03/17	at Governors State University	w	103-87	274		
Assists per game	21.3	17.9	* 01/05/17	at Indiana University-South Bend	Wot	101-92	105		
TURNOVERS	441	417	* 01/07/17	at Roosevelt University	L	50-82	112		
Turnovers per game	14.2	13.5	* 01/12/17	UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS (IL)	L	72-88	652		
Turnover margin	-0.8	-	* 01/14/17	TRINITY INTERNATIONAL UNIV.	L	77-94	302		
Assist/turnover ratio	1.5	1.3	* 01/18/17	at Holy Cross College	w	90-86	121		
STEALS	185	228	* 01/21/17	at St. Xavier University	w	83-79	212		
Steals per game	6.0	7.4	* 01/25/17	TRINITY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE	w	94-83	309		
BLOCKS	40	83	* 01/28/17	CARDINAL STRITCH UNIVERSITY	w	99-81	412		
Blocks per game	1.3	2.7	* 02/01/17	PURDUE UNIVERSITY-NORTHWEST	w	107-72	384		
ATTENDANCE	6412	4261	* 02/04/17	at Calumet College of St. Joseph	L	51-74	102		
Home games-Avg/Game	13-493	15-261	* 02/08/17	GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY	w	93-79	352		
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	3-114	* 02/11/17	INDIANA UNIVERSITY-SOUTH BEND	w	99-71	392		
Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals					
Olivet Nazarene Univer	1229	1347	38	2614					
Opponents	1221	1378	30	2629					
					# 02/21/17	ST. XAVIER UNIVERSITY	w	91-77	502
					# 02/24/17	at Robert Morris University-IL	L	91-99	125

x = Inactive/Injured Player
 ^ = Caleb Dimmich Memorial Classic (Indiana Wesleyan University)
 \$ = Cactus Classic (Phoenix, Ariz.)
 * = CCAC Game # = CCAC Tournament



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	14-19	Kenton Hasselbring
1986-87	Ralph Hodge	11-20	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
2016-17	Ralph Hodge	15-16	Nic Reed



Program Totals: 51 Years

992-594 (.625)

ALL-TIME HONORS

Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference 2016-17 Award Winners

All-CCAC First Team:	Nic Reed
All-CCAC Honorable Mention:	Tyler Crater
All-Academic Team:	Abe Barwegen Ryan Carl Tyler Crater Chris Green Zach Tuxhorn
NABC Honors Court:	Abe Barwegen Ryan Carl Tyler Crater Chris Green Zach Tuxhorn Troy Swindle
NAIA Scholar Team:	GPA - 3.42
NABC Team Academic Excellence Award	

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 Womer
2013	Jake Boyce, Ben Womer, Aaron Larson (Freshman of the Year)
2014	Aaron Larson, Austin Davis
2015	Aaron Larson, Austin Davis, Zach Wagner
2016	Aaron Larson, Zach Wagner
2017	Nic Reed (Freshman of the Year), Tyler Crater

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, 2017
Ryan Carl	2016, 2017
Tyler Crater	2016, 2017

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

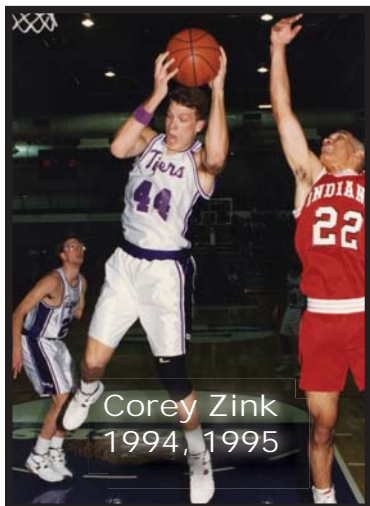
Jeff Prather	1989
Steve McCarty	1990
Jack Michaels	1997, 1999
Drew Neal	2000
Jeremy Riddle	2002
Stan Chismark	2007
Tyler Wallenfang	2009
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Rashad Mitchell	2010
Antonio Marshall	2011
Ben Womer	2012
Aaron Larson	2014
Nic Reed	2017

ONU RETIRED JERSEY NUMBERS

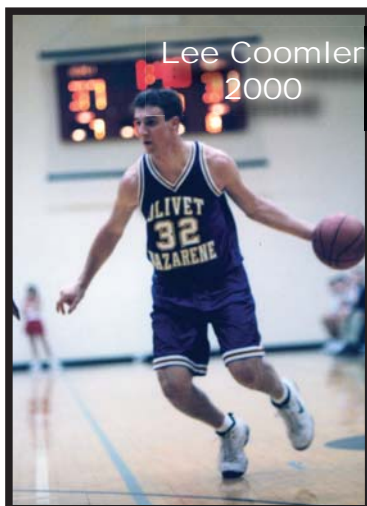
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#40	Jeff Prather	1986-89
#44	Cory Zink	1992-95
#50	Zach Freeman	1999-02



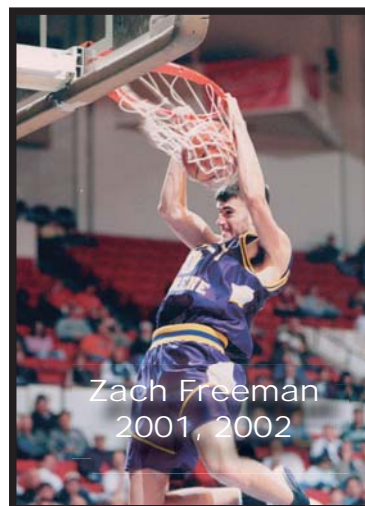
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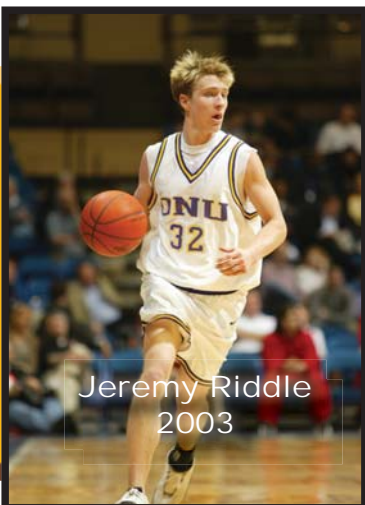
Corey Zink
1994, 1995



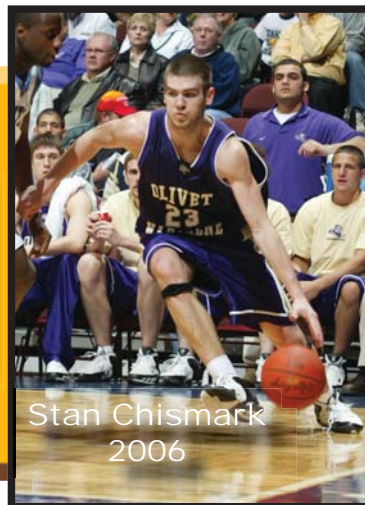
Lee Coomler
2000



Zach Freeman
2001, 2002



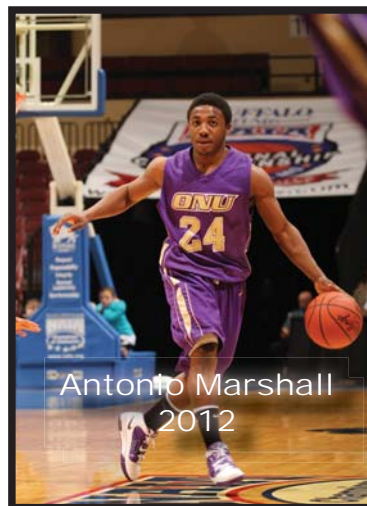
Jeremy Riddle
2003



Stan Chismark
2006



Phil French
2007, 2008



Antonio 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
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	2011

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

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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.	Tyler Crater	4	2014-2017	1,189
14.	Larry Schmallfeldt	3	1970-1972	1,162
15.	John Allhands	4	1981-1984	1,147
16.	Dave DeFries	4	1986-1989	1,133
17.	Dennis Metcalf	4	1984-1987	1,123
18.	Drew Neal	4	1997-2000	1,113
19.	Antonio Marshall	4	2009-2012	1,093
20.	Kenton Hasselbring	4	1983-1986	1,088

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.	Lary Schmalfeldt	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 Womer	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.	Tyler Crater	3	2014-2017	168
13.	Gary Tidwell	3	1992-1994	161
14.	Josh Bronke	4	2006-2010	157
15.	Jeff Dillingham	4	1994-1997	145
16.	Cory Hainlen	4	2008-2011	143
17.	Aaron Larson	4	2013-2016	141
18.	Jeff Park	4	1999-2002	138
18.	Ryan Paxson	2	2006-2007	138
20.	Andy Roberts	3	2000-2002	123

1,000-POINT CLUB

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17.	Tyler Wallenfang	1,438
18.	Stan Chismark	1,433
19.	Steve McCarty	1,423
20.	Bob Cook	1,423
21.	Tyler Crater	1,402
22.	Dave DeFries	1,393
23.	Ted Allen	1,371
24.	Tony Baker	1,345
25.	Brian McCauley	1,339
26.	Don Neal	1,329
27.	John Allhands	1,311
28.	Dennis Metcalf	1,274
29.	Gerald Steagall	1,262
30.	Austin Davis	1,239
31.	Daryl Nelson	1,222
32.	Kenton Hasselbring	1,214
33.	Jeff Dillingham	1,149
34.	Todd Leander	1,146
35.	Zach Wagner	1,127
36.	Dan Fowler	1,115
37.	Cory Hainlen	1,082
38.	Brian Williams	1,079
39.	Jeff Residori	1,078
40.	Chris Graham	1,065
41.	Ben Womer	1,061
42.	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.

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.

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
Jeremy Riddle	2017



Jeremy Riddle



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-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.



NATIONAL TOURNAMENT 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 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.

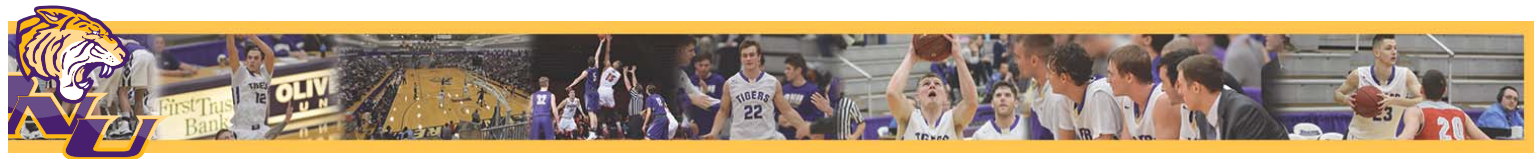
The Tigers (18-11, 17-4) finished second in the CCAC regular season standings, forcing them to earn an automatic bid by winning the postseason tournament. However, Olivet slipped up in the quarterfinals, falling to IU-South Bend 90-75. Yet, the season wasn't over for the Tigers as an at-large bid awaited 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.



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