

**2007-08 OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
MEN=S BASKETBALL QUICK FACTS**

LOCATION: Norfolk, Va. 23529

NICKNAME: Monarchs

FOUNDED: 1930 (as the Norfolk Division of The College of William & Mary)

ENROLLMENT: 21,500

SCHOOL COLORS: Slate Blue (PMS 540), Silver (PMS 877),
& Light Blue (PMS 283)

HOME COURT: Ted Constant Convocation Center (8,424)

SURFACE: Wood

CONFERENCE: Colonial Athletic Association

PRESIDENT: Dr. Roseann Runte (SUNY New Paltz >68)

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COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: Blaine Taylor (Montana >81)

RECORD AT ODU: 118-68, seventh year

CAREER RECORD: 260-133 (13th yr)

ASSISTANTS: Jim Corrigan (Duke >80), Rob Wilkes (Stetson >93)
& Travis DeCuire (Montana >94)

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BASKETBALL SECRETARY: Annette Manley

2006-07 RECORD: 24-9

2006-07 CAA RECORD: 15-3, 2nd

POST SEASON: NCAA At-large selection (L to Butler, 57-46 in Buffalo)

2007 RPI Ratings

NCAA: 45

Final Mid Major Ranking: 8th

HISTORY

FIRST YEAR OF BASKETBALL: 1930-31

OVERALL ALL-TIME RECORD: 1121-801 (77 years) .583

FIRST YEAR OF DIV. I. BASKETBALL: 1976-77

DIVISION I ALL-TIME RECORD: 564-374 (31 yrs) .601

NO. YRS IN NCAA TRN/LAST: 9/ 2007, lost to #5 seed Butler, 57-46

NO. YRS IN NIT TRN/LAST: 10/ 2006 semi-finals, lost to Michigan, 66-43

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 7

LETTERMEN LOST: Four

Arnaud Dahi 6-7 Sr. F 9.4 ppg/6.3 rpg

John Morris 6-2 Grad. G 0.9 ppg/0.5 rpg

Valdas Vasylius 6-7 Sr. F 15.6 ppg/6.1 rpg. (1st team All-CAA)

Drew Williamson 6-0 Sr. PG 11.0ppg/ 4.3 apg. (2nd team All-CAA)

STARTERS RETURNING: (Two)

Brian Henderson 6-5 Sr. G/F 9.4 ppg 2.9 rpg

Brandon Johnson 6-1 Sr. G 8.3 ppg. 4.6 rpg

RETURNING LETTERMEN (5)

Jonathan Adams* 6-6 Jr. F 3.0 ppg/3.4 rpg

Sam Harris 7-3 Sr. C 1.7 ppg/ 1.2 rpg

Gerald Lee* 6-9 So. C 4.2 ppg/ 3.3 rpg

Abdi Lidonde 6-2 Sr. G 4.6 ppg/ 2.0 rpg

Marsharee Neely 6-2 So. G 2.4 ppg/0.7 rpg

NOTE:* Adams started 11 games/Lee started 6 last year.

RED SHIRTS FROM LAST YEAR(2)

Keyon Carter 6-8 Fr. F Riviera Beach, FL/ Dwyer HS

15.1 ppg/ 12.2 rpg. 1st team All-County

Frank Hassell 6-7 Fr. F Chesapeake, VA./ Indian River HS

17.1 ppg/ 12.2 rpg All-District & All Region.

NEWCOMERS (4)

Kent Bazemore 6-5 Fr. G-F Windsor, NC./Bertie HS

18.8 ppg/10.3 rpg/NE North Carolina Conference Player of the Year

Ben Finney 6-5 Fr. G-F Portsmouth, VA./IC Norcom HS/Hargrave Military

25.6 ppg/6.0 rpg. at Hargrave/26.2 ppg/ 13.2 rpg at Norcom/All-Tidewater

Etoile Imama 6-3 Fr. G Montreal, Canada, Champlain St.Lambert HS

13.4 ppg/6.2 apg/2.1 steals/All-Conference selection/Canada's under-19 team

Darius James 6-1 Fr. G Virginia Beach, Va./Tallwood HS

18.7 ppg/ 5.5 rpg/5.2 apg./ First team All-Tidewater.

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2006-07 HONORS

All-CAA

Valdas Vasylius (1st team)

Drew Williamson (2nd team)

CAA All-Academic

Jonathan Adams & John Morris (1st team)

Sam Harris (2nd team)

CAA All-Defensive

Drew Williamson & Brandon Johnson

NABC District IV:

Valdas Vasylius (2nd team)

CAA Player of the Week:

Arnaud Dahi (Nov. 20 and Feb. 5)

Brandon Johnson (Jan. 8)

Valdas Vasylius (Feb. 19)

CAA MONARCH RANKINGS TEAM RANKINGS**TEAM**

Scoring	3rd	69.4
Scoring defense	3rd	62.0
Scoring Margin	2 nd	+7.4
Free Throw Pct.	3rd	.722
Field Goal PCT.	8th	.431
Field Goal PCT Def.	3rd	.412
3PT FG PCT	5th	.347
3PT FG Def.	6th	.335
Rebounding	1st	36.6
Rebound Def.	5th	32.5
Rebound Margin	1st	+ 4.1
Blocked Shots	4th	3.4
Assists	2nd	14.6
Steals	3rd	7.6
Asst./To Ratio	2nd	1.2
Offensive Rebs.	2 nd	12.1
Defensive Rebs.	1 st	24.5

INDIVIDUALS

Scoring	Vasylius	6 th	15.6
Rebounding	Dahi	9 th	6.3
Field Goal PCT:	Vasylius	7 th	.486
Assists	Williamson	3rd	4.3
	Johnson	8 th	3.8
Free Throw PCT:	Dahi	6 th	.787
	Vasylius	9 th	.758
Steals:	Williamson	2 nd	2.27
	Johnson	3 rd	2.1
Blocked Shots:	Harris	10 th	0.8
Assist/TO Ratio	Williamson	2 nd	2.6
3PT FG PCT:	Henderson	12 th	.378

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
2007-08 MEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER (7-11-07)**

ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	P	CL	HT	WT	Hometown/ High School
34	Jonathan Adams	F	Jr.	6-6	220	Ringgold, GA./Baylor HS (TN)
24	Kent Bazemore	G/F	Fr.	6-5	195	Windsor, NC./Bertie HS
33	Keyon Carter	F	Fr.	6-8	215	Riviera Beach, FL./Dwyer HS
2	Ben Finney	G/F	Fr.	6-5	220	Portsmouth, VA./Norcom HS/Hargrave
21	Frank Hassell	F	Fr.	6-8	235	Chesapeake, VA./Indian River HS
30	Sam Harris	C	Sr.	7-3	283	Newnham, Tasmania Australia/ Lake Ginninderra College.
20	Brian Henderson	G	Sr.	6-4	200	Richmond, VA./Varina HS
10	Etoile Imama	G	Fr.	6-3	195	Montreal, Canada/Champlain St.Lambert
3	Darius James	G	Fr.	6-1	170	Virginia Beach, Va./Tallwood HS
4	Brandon Johnson	G	SJr.	6-1	180	Orlando, FL./Edgewater HS
12	Gerald Lee	F	So.	6-9	225	Uusikaupunki, Finland/ Korihait
0	Abdi Lidonde	G	Sr.	6-2	203	Sutton, MA./ St. Andrews HS
23	Marsharee Neely	G	So.	6-2	180	Greensboro, NC./Page HS
	Joshua Russell	G	Jr.	6-2	180	Suffolk, VA./Lakeland HS

HEAD COACH: Blaine Taylor (Montana '81) 7th Season

ASSISTANTS: Jim Corrigan (Duke '80) 14th season

Rob Wilkes 6th season (Stetson '93) & Travis DeCuire (Montana '94) 5th season

DIR. OF Basketball Operations: John Richardson (Elizabeth City St.'95) 3rd season.

2007-08 MEN'S BASKETBALL OUTLOOK

The Old Dominion Monarchs, winners of a school record 93 games the last four seasons and 75 the past three return two starters, and nine lettermen from last year's squad that earned an at-large NCAA tournament bid.

The Monarchs lost their top three scorers (graduated) in All-CAA performers Valdas Vasylius and Drew Williamson as well as forward Arnaud Dahi. Vasylius completed his career with 1,345 points and ranked sixth in the CAA in field goal percentage. Drew Williamson completed his career as only the second Monarch to have over 500 career assists and 200 career steals. He ranks eighth all-time in CAA steals history and seventh all-time in ODU assists history.

Dahi completed his career with 1,321 career points and 708 career rebounds. The three were one-two (Williamson 130, Dahi & Vasylius 129) in career games played at ODU.

Heading ODU's returnees are starters Brian Henderson (6-5, Sr, G-F, 9.4 ppg) and Brandon Johnson (6-1, Sr, 8.3 ppg/2.1 stls.) along with top reserves Gerald Lee (6-9, So, C-F, 4.2 ppg/3.3 rpg) who started six games and forward Jonathan Adams (6-5, Jr, F, 3.0 ppg/ 3.4 rpg) who started 11 games.

Henderson ranked 12th in the CAA in three-point field goal percentage, while Johnson was selected to the CAA All-Defensive squad and ranked third in the CAA in steals (2.1) and eighth in assists (3.8). Gerald Lee scored ten points and hauled in a career high 11 boards in the Monarchs NCAA game against Butler. Jonathan Adams scored ten points in ODU's win over eighth ranked Georgetown and was selected CAA Scholar Athlete of the Year.

The Monarchs will also be counting heavily on Sam Harris (7-3, Sr, C, 1.7 ppg), Abdi Lidonde (6-2, Sr, G, 4.6 ppg), and Marsharee Neely (6-2, So, G, 2.4 ppg), along with red-shirts Keyon Carter (6-8, F, Riviera Beach, Fla.), and Frank Hassell (6-7, F, Chesapeake, Va.).

The Monarchs brought in another outstanding recruiting class which include: freshmen Kent Bazemore (6-5, Fr, G-F, Windsor, NC./Bertie HS), Ben Finney (6-5, G-F, Portsmouth, Va., Hargrave Military Military /Norcom HS), Etoile Imama (6-3, G, Montreal, Canada, Champlain St. Lambert HS), and Darius James (6-1, G, Virginia Beach, Va., Tallwood).

ODU will have another ambitious schedule opening the season hosting Virginia Tech, BIGEAST Champion and FINAL FOUR participant Georgetown and Mid American Conference power Toledo. The Monarchs will compete in the Findlay Toyota Las Vegas Invitational at the Orleans Arena against North Carolina and either BYU or Louisville Nov. 23rd and 24th. ODU will also travel to Clemson, Winthrop and Richmond and will once again play in the annual ESPN Bracketbusters game.

The CAA enjoyed another successful season as four teams advanced to postseason play. VCU and ODU to the NCAA and Drexel and Hofstra to the NIT. The CAA again ranked among the top 10 conferences with four or more teams in post-season play. Last year's CAA tournament drew over 42,000 fans, including sellouts of 11,200 for both the semi-finals and championship game. This year's tournament will again be in the Richmond Coliseum(VA.), March 7-10.