

2003-04 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: 20,105

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

HOME COURT: Ted Constant Convocation Center (8,650)

SURFACE: Wood

CONFERENCE: Colonial Athletic Association

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

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Dr. Jim Jarrett (SIU-Carbondale '59)

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(West Chester '72)

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OFFICIAL WEBSITE: www.odusports.com

COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: Blaine Taylor (Montana '81)

RECORD AT ODU: 25-31, Third year

CAREER RECORD: 167-96 (9 yrs)

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

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BASKETBALL SECRETARY: Lisa Berry

2002-03 RECORD: 12-15

2002-03 CAA RECORD: 9-9 (6th seed)

POST SEASON: None

MONARCH GAME NOTES

Current Record: 1-2

CAA Record: 0-0

HEAD COACH:

Blaine Taylor (Montana '81)

Career Record: 167-97 (.635) in nine years

Record at ODU: 25-32 (2 years)

Record at Montana: 142-65 (7 years) 1991-1998

MONARCH PROBABLE STARTERS

F 10 John Waller, 6-4, Sr, Richmond, VA. 12.0 ppg/ 6.3 rpg

F 40 Alex Loughton, 6-9, So, Perth, Australia, 15.2 ppg/ 7.2 rpg

F 31 Arnaud Dahi, 6-7, Fr., Ivory Coast 8.0 ppg/ 7.3 rpg

G 2 Drew Williamson, 6-0, Fr., Burlington, NC., 4.7 ppg/ 2.1 apg

OR 13 Troy Nance, 5-9, Sr, Virginia Beach, VA., 6.7 ppg/ 4.3 apg

G 1 Isaiah Hunter, 6-2, So, Charlotte, NC, 16.0 ppg/ 3.0 rpg

OFF THE BENCH

F 4 T.J. Waldon, 6-4, So., Lakeland, FL. 0.7 ppg/ 2.3 rpg

G 11 Abdi Lidonde, 6-2, Fr, Sutton, MA. 5.0 ppg/ 1.7 rpg

G 24 Kiah Thomas, 6-4, Jr, Norfolk, VA. --- / ---

F 42 Valdas Vasylius, 6-7, Fr., Klaipeda, Lithuania 8.7 ppg/3.3 rpg

C 55 Janko Mrksic, 6-10, So., Stoney Creek, Ontario, 0.0 ppg/ 0.3 rpg

TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS

Larry Rose, Bobby Pennington, Sean Casady

THIS DAY IN ODU HOOP HISTORY

Dec. 6, 1957, Leo Anthony hits 16-19 free throws in the Norfolk Division's 80-66 win over the University of Baltimore.

ODU VS. CHARLOTTE

Series: ODU leads, 13-11

First Meeting: 1982-83, ODU wins, 78-58 in Scope. (Sun Belt Conference)

Last Meeting: 1999-00, Charlotte wins 72-48 in Charlotte.

ODU's last win over Charlotte, 1998-99, 72-56 in Scope.

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HISTORY

FIRST YEAR OF BASKETBALL: 1930-31
 OVERALL ALL-TIME RECORD: 1028-764 (72 years) .574
 FIRST YEAR OF DIV. I. BASKETBALL: 1976-77
 DIVISION I ALL-TIME RECORD: 471-337 (27 yrs) .583
 NO YRS IN NCAA TRN/LAST: 7/1997 Lost to New Mexico 55-51
 NO YRS IN NIT TRN/LAST: 9/ 1999 Lost 2nd rd at Butler 75-62
 RETURNING LETTERMEN: Ten

2002-03 HONORS

All-CAA Ricardo Marsh 1st team
 All-Defensive Rasheed Wright
 CAA Player of the Week: Ricardo Marsh Jan. 21
 Rasheed Wright Jan. 14
 CAA Rookie of the Week Alex Loughton Nov. 25
 & Feb. 18
 Isaiah Hunter Jan. 27

Other Honors:

NABC District IV: Ricardo Marsh 1st Team
 All-State Ricardo Marsh 1st Team

LETTERMEN LOST: Four

STARTERS RETURNING: Four

RETURNING LETTERMEN Six

NEWCOMERS (5)

Arnaud Dahi 6-8 Fr. F Ivory Coast/Life Center Academy(NJ)
 19.5 ppg/7.8 rpg/1st team All-State/Top 100-recruit
 Brian Henderson 6-4 Fr. G Richmond, VA./Varina HS
 20.9 ppg/ 9.5 rpg All-Region/ 906 career pts in two yrs
 Abdi Lidonde 6-3 Fr. G Sutton, MA./St Andrews (RI.)
 17.0 ppg (119 treys) 1st Team All-New England/ 1896
 career pts.
 Valdas Vasylius 6-7 Fr F Klaipeda Lithuania/Norfolk Collegiate HS
 24.1 ppg/ 11.5 rpg/ TCIS Player of the Year
 Drew Williamson 5-11 Fr G Burlington, NC./Cummings HS/
 18.3 ppg/ 5.1 apg NC Male Athlete of the Year.

ODU VS CONFERENCE USA

UAB
 Series: UAB leads, 14-8
 Last Meeting: 1990-91, ODU wins 94-88 in Sun Belt Tournament

Cincinnati
 Series: UC leads, 1-0
 Last Meeting: 1970-71, UC wins 108-96

DePaul
 Series: DePaul leads 4-2
 Last meeting: 1987-88, DePaul wins, 95-88(H)

East Carolina
 Series: ODU leads, 32-14
 Last meeting: 2002-03, ECU wins 75-67(H)

Marquette
 Series: Marquette leads, 2-0
 Last meeting: 1982-83, Marquette wins 53-50 (A)

Memphis
 Series: Memphis leads, 1-0
 Last meeting: 2001-02, Memphis wins, 91-66(A)

South Florida
 Series: ODU leads, 16-11
 Last Meeting: 1995-96, USF wins, 67-61(H)

Southern Mississippi
 Series: ODU leads, 6-0
 Last Meeting: 1992-93, ODU wins 113-105(A)

Tulane
 Series: ODU leads, 2-1
 Last Meeting: 1994-95, Tulane wins, 85-80 -ot(A)

NOTE: South Florida, UAB, Charlotte are former Sun Belt Conference members with ODU. ODU was in the league from 1983-1991.

LAST GAME

ODU defeated cross state rival Virginia Tech, 94-92 in overtime. Isaiah Hunter (equaling his career high) led with 21 points, and John Waller added 18. Five Monarchs scored in double figures. Senior Troy Nance tied the game at the buzzer with a 30-foot shot to send it to overtime. ODU shot .474 from the floor and .861 from the line. It was the Monarchs first ever win in Cassell Coliseum in eight tries.

TRACKING THE MONARCHS

TV: Tonight's Charlotte game will be carried on ComCast Sports (channel 35 Cox) in the Hampton Roads area.

Radio: For the 11th straight season ESPN1310 Radio will be broadcasting all the Monarch contests. John Castleberry will be providing the play-by-play with Rick Kiefner and Billy Mann adding the color commentary at all home games and selected Away contests.

Internet: The official Old Dominion athletics website is at www.odusports.com carries the most up-to-date information on the Monarchs. Bios, game stories, Stats and box scores can be found along with game notes the morning of the scheduled Contests. The live ESPN1310 Radio broadcast of all Monarch games can be heard over the web.

Coaches Show: Head Coach Blaine Taylor will join John Castleberry live on ESPN 1310 Radio on Thursday's from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. throughout the season to review the previous week's games and to give an insight into the upcoming Monarch matchups.

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CAA MONARCH RANKINGS

TEAM RANKINGS

TEAM

Scoring	3rd	76.7
Scoring defense	10th	85.7
Free Throw Pct.	1st	.870
Field Goal PCT.	9th	.407
Field Goal PCT Def.	10th	.510
3PT FG PCT	3rd	.379
3PT FG Def.	2nd	.289
Rebounding	3rd	38.5
Rebound Def.	7th	36.7
Rebound Margin	4th	+1.3
Blocked Shots	7th	2.0
Assists	2nd	17.3
Steals	5th	7.7
Asst./To Ratio	7th	0.9

INDIVIDUALS

Scoring	Hunter	5th	16.0
	Loughton	8th	15.0
Rebounding	Loughton/Dahi	4th	7.3
Field Goal PCT	Hunter	5th	.548
Assists	Nance	5th	4.3
Free Throw PCT	Hunter/Nance	1st.	1000
Steals	Loughton	5th	2.1
Asst/TO Ratio	Nance	6th	1.12
OFF Rebounds	Dahi	1st	4.3
DEF Rebounds	Loughton	8th	4.7

DID YOU KNOW

In 1994-95, ODU played four top-25 teams. The Monarchs defeated #9 Villanova, 89-81 in triple overtime in the NCAA first round. During the Regular season, ODU played at #14 Virginia, and #14 Arizona State and Host #1 North Carolina .

This year, the Monarchs have played two teams in the top 25 in #9North Carolina and #13 St. Joseph's.

The 21, 750 at the North Carolina game last Saturday was the largest Crowd the Monarchs have played before. The previous high was the 19,320 on Dec. 27, 1986 at UNLV.

Assistant coach Jim Corrigan is in his 17th year as an assistant on the Collegiate level, all in the CAA.

Assistant coach Rob Wilkes is the son of legendary Stetson head Coach Glenn Wilkes.

Assistant coach Travis DeCuire played for Taylor at Montana from 1991-94 and earned All-Big Sky honors in 1993 and 1994.

Of the eight Monarchs who have played in the NBA, two were first round draft picks. Chris Gatling (16th overall in 1991 by Golden State) and Cal Bowdler (17th overall in 1999 by Atlanta). Gatling played in the 1997 NBA all-star game. Both are currently playing overseas (Gatling in Russia & Bowdler in Italy)

MONARCH CO-CAPTAINS

This year's co-captains are seniors John Waller, Troy Nance and sophomore Alex Loughton.

MONARCH RECRUITING

ODU signed 6-5 forward Jason Thompson from Chatham Central High School in Bear Creek, NC. The Yadkin Valley Conference Player of the Year as a sophomore and runner-up last year averaged 21.3 points and 9.7 rebounds per game last year. He has scored 1,401 career points and hauled in 693 career rebounds. Chatham was 22-5 last year.

MONARCH TV SCHEDULE

Dec. 6 Charlotte (Comcast)
 Dec. 15 at South Alabama (Cox 71)
 Jan. 3 Drexel (Comcast)
 Jan. 10 Hofstra (Comcast)

Jan. 28 UNCW (Cox 71)
 Feb. 4 at UNCW (Cox 71)
 Feb. 7 at Hofstra (Cox 71)
 Feb. 21 at VCU (Comcast)

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CAREER HIGHS

Arnaud Dahi

Points: 10 vs. St. Joe's (11-29-03)

Rebounds: 12, vs. St. Joseph's (11-29-03)

Troy Nance

Points: 18 vs. Coastal Carolina (12-15-1)

Assists: 11, vs Delaware (1-15-03)

Rebounds: 6, vs. Virginia Tech (11-24-010)

Isaiah Hunter

Points: 21 vs St. Joseph's (11-29-03) & VT (12-4-03)

Rebs: 5, vs. St. Joseph's (11-29-03)

Assists: 10, vs. Drexel in CAA Trn.(3-8-03)

Abdi Lidonde

Points: 15 vs. UNC (11-22-03)

3PTS: 5-8 vs. UNC (11-22-03)

Rebs: 4 vs. UNC (11-22-03)

Alex Loughton

Points: 24 vs. St. Joseph's (11-29-03)

Rebs: 15 vs. St. Joseph's (11-29-03)

Assists: 5, vs St. Joseph's (11-29-03)

Janko Mrksic

Points: 6, at GMU (2-24-03)

Rebs: 5, vs. GMU (2-24-03)

Valdas Vasylius

Points: 13 vs. Virginia Tech (12-4-03)

Rebs: 6, vs. Virginia Tech (12-4-03)

John Waller

Points: 20, at. UNLV (12-30-01)

Rebs: 11, vs. Drexel (2-19-03)

Assists: 5, vs. UNCW (2-12-03)

TJ Waldon

Points: 7 vs. Drexel (2-19-03)

Rebounds: 7, vs. Campbell (11-26-02)

Drew Williamson

Points: 7, Va. Tech (12-4-03)

Assists: 4, vs. Va. Tech (12-4-03)

Rebounds: 3, vs. St. Joseph's (11-29-03)

CONVOCATION CENTER RECORDS

(set this year)

Individual Rebounds: 15 by Alex Loughton vs. St. Joe's

Team Free Throws: .933(14-15) vs. St. Joe's

ALL-TIME SERIES WITH CAA TEAMS

Delaware

Series Record: 3-3

Last Meeting: Feb. 22-03, UD wins, 73-63(A)

Last ODU Win: 2001-02, 60-58 (H)

Drexel

Series Record: Drexel, 3-2

Last Meeting: March 8-3, Drexel wins, 61-52(CAA Trn.)

Last ODU Win: Jan. 29-03, 72-69(A)

George Mason

Series Record: ODU, 25-9

Last Meeting: Feb. 24, 03, GMU wins 69-52(A)

Last ODU Win: Jan. 22, 03, 59-46 (H)

Hofstra

Series Record: ODU, 3-2

Last Meeting: March 1, 03; ODU wins 77-46(H)

Last Hofstra Win: Jan. 18,03, 69-65 (A)

James Madison

Series Record: ODU, 38-22

Last Meeting: Feb. 8,03: JMU, 74-66 (A)

Last ODU Win: Jan. 25, 03, 74-56(H)

UNC Wilmington

Series Record: ODU, 17-15

Last Meeting: 2-12, 03, ODU, 71-68(H)

Last UNCW Win: 2001-02, 66-56 (A)

Towson

Series Record: ODU, 10-1

Last Meeting: 2-15-03, ODU 73-51 (H)

Last TU Win: 2001-02, 67-56 (H)

Virginia Commonwealth

Series Record: 32-32

Last Meeting: 2-1-03, VCU, 72-69(H)

Last ODU Win: 200-01, 77-65 (H)

William & Mary

Series Record: ODU, 48-13

Last Meeting: 2-5-03, WM, 69-53(A)

Last ODU Win: 1-11, 03, 76-64(H)

M o n a r c h s 2 0 0 3 - 0 4 O l d D o m i n i o n B a s k e t b a l l

ABOUT NORFOLK/HAMPTON ROADS AREA

- * The Hampton Roads area is comprised of seven cities and has a combined population of approximately 1.5 million, making it the 27th largest metropolitan area in the United States.
- * Virginia Beach is the world's largest resort city and the largest populated city in Virginia.
- * Virginia Beach has the longest stretch of beach in the World (approx. 27 miles) and has more hotels than any other city its size.
- * Norfolk, 1998 Best Big City in the South by Money Magazine, is home to the world's largest Naval installation.
- * Norfolk is home to the Norfolk Tides, the New York Mets AAA affiliate and resides in Norfolk's 12,000 seat Harbor Park in downtown Norfolk.

FORMER MONARCH GREATS

- * Mark West ('83) Assistant General Manager, Phoenix Suns
- * Dave Twardzik ('72) Director of Player Personnel, Orlando Magic
- * Oliver Purnell ('75) Head Coach at Clemson

ODU POINTS OF PRIDE

- * Old Dominion athletic teams have won 31 team and individual National Championships, as sailing captured their 14th title in November with the ICSA singlehanded event.
- * Since 1976, ODU has 96 first team All-Americans and 50 First team Academic All-Americans.
- * 20 alumni have competed as Olympians.
- * Two coaches are U.S. National head coaches Sue Stahl (Women's lacrosse) & Beth Anders (Field Hockey)
- * Former ODU cheerleader, Mary Maniscalco-Theberge ('78) is the first female to hold the position of Chief of Surgery at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.
- * Athletic Director Dr. Jim Jarrett was named Southeast Athletic Director of the Year (1AA/1AAA) by NACDA in 2003.
- * Ten Monarch coaches and athletes have been enshrined in the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame.

NEXT GAME

Dec. 13 against Morgan State at 7 p.m. in the Constant Center.

UPCOMING PROMOS

Team poster give-a-way and block party before the Charlotte game and baseball appreciation night.

HOOSIERS

Phil Raisor, an associate professor of English at ODU was on the losing side of two of the most storied basketball games ever played. He started at guard for the heavily-favored Muncie Central Bearcats, who fell in the 1954 Indiana state championship to Tiny Milan, the David-over-Goliath event that inspired the 1986 film "Hoosiers." Raisor was also a teammate of Wilt Chamberlain at the University of Kansas when they lost the triple overtime NCAA title game in 1957. His new book "Outside Shooter" chronicles that historic high school game and Raisor will be on hand on Dec. 13 (vs. Morgan State) for a book signing before the game and at halftime. A portion of the proceeds from book sales that night will support the ODU Intercollegiate Foundation for athletic scholarships.