

2008-09 AUBURN BASKETBALL

2008-09 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME*
NOVEMBER 7 (Friday) 14 (Friday) 19 (Wednesday) 22 (Saturday) 25 (Tuesday) 28 (Friday) 29 (Saturday)	MOREHOUSE (Exh.) MISSOURI STATE (1) MERCER GEORGE WASHINGTON (1) BETHUNE-COOKMAN (2) Dayton (2) Northern Iowa	BEARD-EAVES-MEMORIAL COLISEUM BEARD-EAVES-MEMORIAL COLISEUM BEARD-EAVES-MEMORIAL COLISEUM BEARD-EAVES-MEMORIAL COLISEUM BEARD-EAVES-MEMORIAL COLISEUM Hoffman Estates, IL (Sears Centre Arena) Hoffman Estates, IL (Sears Centre Arena)	6 pm 7 pm 7 pm 1 pm 7 pm 5 pm 4:30 pm
DECEMBER 3 (Wednesday) 6 (Saturday) 17 (Wednesday) 20 (Saturday) 22 (Monday) 29 (Monday) 31 (Wednesday)	at Xavier (CBSCS) LOUISIANA-MONROE TUSKEGEE at Virginia (FSN) ALABAMA STATE ALABAMA A&M (CSS) SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA(CSS)	Cincinnati, OH (Cintas Center) BEARD-EAVES-MEMORIAL COLISEUM BEARD-EAVES-MEMORIAL COLISEUM Charlottesville, VA (John Paul Jones Arena) BEARD-EAVES-MEMORIAL COLISEUM BEARD-EAVES-MEMORIAL COLISEUM BEARD-EAVES-MEMORIAL COLISEUM	7 pm 1 pm 6 pm 3 pm 7 pm 7 pm 5 pm
JANUARY 3 (Saturday) 10 (Saturday) 14 (Wednesday) 17 (Saturday) 21 (Wednesday) 24 (Saturday) 27 (Tuesday) 31 (Saturday)	TULANE (CSS) (DH) at South Carolina FLORIDA (Raycom) ALABAMA at Kentucky (Raycom) at Arkansas (Raycom) TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN VANDERBILT	BEARD-EAVES-MEMORIAL COLISEUM Columbia, SC (Colonial Center) BEARD-EAVES-MEMORIAL COLISEUM BEARD-EAVES-MEMORIAL COLISEUM Lexington, KY (Rupp Arena) Fayetteville, AR (Bud Walton Arena) BEARD-EAVES-MEMORIAL COLISEUM BEARD-EAVES-MEMORIAL COLISEUM	5 pm 6 pm 7 pm 1 pm 8 pm Noon 7 pm 1 pm
FEBRUARY 4 (Wednesday) 7 (Saturday) 11 (Wednesday) 14 (Saturday) 18 (Wednesday) 21 (Saturday) 25 (Wednesday) 28 (Saturday)	at Ole Miss TENNESSEE (Raycom) ARKANSAS MISSISSIPPI STATE (FSN) at Georgia at LSU OLE MISS at Mississippi State (FSN)	Oxford, MS (C.M. "Tad" Smith Coliseum) BEARD-EAVES-MEMORIAL COLISEUM BEARD-EAVES-MEMORIAL COLISEUM BEARD-EAVES-MEMORIAL COLISEUM Athens, GA (Stegeman Coliseum) Baton Rouge, LA (Maravich Assembly Center) BEARD-EAVES-MEMORIAL COLISEUM Starkville, MS (Humphrey Coliseum)	7 pm Noon 7 pm 4 pm 6:30 pm 7 pm 7 pm 5 pm
MARCH 3 (Tuesday) 7 (Saturday) 12- (Thursday- 15 (Sunday) (1) Chicago Invitation	at Alabama (ESPN) LSU SEC Tournament (RS/CBS)	Tuscaloosa, AL (Coleman Coliseum) BEARD-EAVES-MEMORIAL COLISEUM Tampa, FL (St. Pete Times Forum)	8 pm TBA TBA

(1) Chicago Invitational (Auburn, AL)

(2) Chicago Invitational (Hoffman Estates, IL)

* All Times are Central Standard

(DH) Doubleheader with the Auburn Women

NCAA 1st & 2nd Rounds

Opening Round

March 17 Dayton, OH (University of Dayton Arena)

March 19 & 21 Greensboro, NC (Greensboro Coliseum)

Kansas City, MO (Sprint Center) Philadelphia, PA (Wachovia Center)

Portland, OR (Rose Garden)

March 20 & 22

Boise, ID (Taco Bell Arena) Dayton, OH (UD Arena)

Miami, FL (American Airlines Arena) Minneapolis, MN (HHH Metrodome)

NCAA Regionals

March 26 & 28 East Regional Boston, MA (TD Banknorth Garden) West Regional Glendale, AZ (Univ. of Phoenix Stadium)

March 27 & 29 Midwest Regional South Regional

Indianapolis, IN (Lucas Oil Stadium) Memphis, TN (FedExForum)

NCAA Final Four

April 4 & 6 Detroit, MI (Ford Field)

Quoting Coach Jeff Lebo

On Auburn's outlook

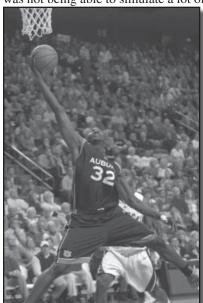
"We have a lot of new faces, and I think that we have some good, experienced guys back. Our team being healthy is going to be one thing. Korvotney Barber is going to be someone we count on a bunch this year to have a good year, and we think if we can get some of the newcomers to mesh in with some of the guys we have returning, we should be fine. We lost two very good players in Frank Tolbert and Quan Prowell, who played a lot of minutes for us and scored a lot of points for us, got a lot of rebounds and made key plays for us. So, those guys will be missed."

Is it difficult meshing together half returning players and half newcomers?

"I think a lot of times it takes a little bit longer for those guys to learn each other, to play together a little bit. At times with that many new people, it's going to take a little bit of time. It is also the adjustment the new players have to make because it's a completely different landscape, new terminology, the level of playing power and the responsibility is more. In order to make the adjustment to Auburn in general, sometimes that comfort level for the new guys takes a little bit more time."

On being healthy and having both a front-court and a backcourt?

"The one thing we were disappointed in last year with the way it happened with the injuries was that we didn't have our best players out there. The other thing that hurt us more than anything was not being able to simulate a lot of practice of going against,



Korvotney Barber returns after playing only 10 games last year after a season-ending broken left hand Dec. 29 vs. Towson.

and having the kids on an edge a little bit when they came everyday to work. So, we'll have competition for spots and playing time and that makes it certainly a much better environment for them to get better.

On the back-court?

"We have some guys that play a lot of minutes for us. We have some new guys along with the veteran players, and it will be interesting to see what happens in the end. You look at our backcourt and you have Quantez Robertson, who has started every game for three years and is as solid as anybody. He is among our all-time assist leaders. DeWayne Reed is a guy who played a lot of minutes for the good part of last year. We're looking for improvement from him. We have Frankie Sullivan and Tay Waller coming in, and that is going to push those guys. Obviously, Frankie's coming from a terrific program. He's used to winning and is very talented. Tay Waller was one of the best 3-point shooters in junior college basketball last year. So, those guys with Rasheem Barrett playing in the backcourt will be good. He'll start a lot and have the minutes for us. That is the big competition in that area, and it will be interesting how it all shapes out."

On the frontcourt with Korvotney Barber returning

"We will have some depth there. Last year, we really did have depth, but once Vot went down, we didn't have truly a low post player at all. So, we should be a little bit deeper there. Hopefully, we will be able to throw the ball into the painted area and get a score or get fouled. When Vot got hurt last year, he was leading the country in field goal percentages. When you get it in there, usually good things happen, and we got it in there to him. We have some depth and hopefully, defensively, we'll be able to hold on in there a little better than we have in past because we have a little bit more size and depth."

On the newcomers

Francis Aihe: "He's long and probably the best thing he does is alter shots. He doesn't have some of the numbers the other guys have. He only played half the games in junior college, but if you look at his numbers in junior college, they are only on 20 minutes of playing in a game situation. He has the size, and he's got to get stronger, but he's more physical and in great shape and hopefully he'll get some shot blocking in there."

Brendan Knox: "Brendan Knox is a shot blocker. He is a very athletic insider, and he's 6-foot-10. He's an ultra-shot as he scores with his back to the basket, he's bouncy and very athletic. He's got a very good upside. Obviously, he has to get a little stronger, but he's very long and athletic."

Johnnie Lett: "Johnnie Lett is a power player, defensive player, excellent in the post, strong and active. He played for a very good junior college team and a very good junior college coach. He's made tremendous improvements, and we hope he continues that here at Auburn."

Frankie Sullivan: "Frankie is a winner. Frankie's tough. He's a leader. He's used to winning. He's won five state championships at Uniontown, and he has great speed in the open court with the ball and has a great range with his jumper. He is great for the point and can be great for the shooting guard position because of



his ability to score."

Tay Waller: "Tay is one of the top junior college 3-point shooters. You have to defend him differently every single night because of his ability to just make shots. He puts numbers on the board quickly, and he's going to be a key for us. I think one of the things we needed badly was somebody who could really be consistent with shooting the ball from the perimeter, and he's always a threat out there shooting the basketball."

On the 3-point line moving back a foot to 20 feet, 9 inches?

"I've been trying to figure out what effect that's going to have on the game. Some coaches say that moving it back, 3-point percentages will go down. Some say that they will go up because some people who have shot them in the past did so because it was a little closer and don't shoot as many from out there. I am going to be very interested to see how it affects the amount of 3-point shot attempts. I'm not sure. I was thinking it might go down a little bit because of moving it back, but it will be interesting to me to see how much that movement will make in terms of 3-point shots attempts and percentages in games. Coaches will see what

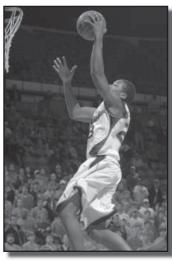
will happen with that move. On the court, I think there is going to be an adjustment period for the players because of having two lines. It's also going to be an adjustment for the officials because of two lines out on the court, and I think you're going to add some stoppage of play to review, especially on television games, because they are not quite sure if they are behind what line."

On Auburn's schedule

"We have some very good non-conference games, and we're going back to Xavier. Xavier was probably one of the best teams we played all of last year. We're going to Chicago to play against Dayton who is very, very good and Northern Iowa who is also very good. We are also going to play at one of the ACC schools in Virginia. George Washington is coming to Auburn this year and that is a good game, and we play our season opener at home against an always tough Missouri State team. Tulane is also making a return trip to Auburn, and they beat us last year. We have a pretty good, challenging schedule."

On the new arena groundbreaking July 2008

"It's just a great day that the talk now has turned into action and they've put shovels in the ground. That's great. Soon we will be able to take people over there and show them some progress that we are seeing with the arena. The new arena is something that all Auburn people can be proud of. This is going to be a first-class facility, and the Auburn Administration has made a huge commitment to the future."



Senior Quantez Roberston has started all 90 games of his collegiate career, averaging 8.0 points, 4.6 assists and 4.3 rebounds in 35.5 minutes per game.

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Quan Prowell	Pos. F G	Ht. 6-8 6-4	Wt. 215 210	Class Sr. Sr.	Exp. 2L 4L	Games-GS 25-21 30-29 28	'07-08 PPG 15.0 13.4 3.4 (36%)	'07-08 RPG 6.3 5.2 11.5 (32%)
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^ will redshirt for the 2008-09 season after transferring



Numerical Roster

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown	Previous School
1	Korvotney Barber	F	6-7	225	Sr.	3L	Manchester, GA	Manchester
4	Lucas Hargrove	F	6-6	205	Jr.	2L	Pontiac, SC	Richland Northeast
10	Larry Williams Jr.*	G	6-2	160	So.	1L	Birmingham, AL	Altamont
11	Josh Wallace*	G	5-10	160	Fr.	HS	Pensacola, FL	Booker T. Washington
12	DeWayne Reed	G	6-1	175	Jr.	2L	Houston, TX	Wheatley
14	Drew Smith*	G	6-0	160	Sr.	3L	Trussville, AL	Hewitt-Trussville
15	Tony Neysmith [^]	G	6-5	205	So.	TR	Norcross, GA	Oklahoma
20	Frankie Sullivan	G	6-1	185	Fr.	HS	Uniontown, AL	R.C. Hatch
21	Rasheem Barrett	G	6-5	220	Sr.	3L	Atlanta, GA	Marist
23	Quantez Robertson	G	6-3	200	Sr.	3L	Cincinnati, OH	Laurinburg
24	Tay Waller	G	6-2	180	Jr.	JC	Manchester, GA	Okaloosa-Walton College
25	Jake Drum*	F	6-5	215	Fr.	HS	Hoover, AL	Spain Park
30	Brendon Knox	C	6-10	220	Jr.	JC	Georgetown, SC	Spartanburg Methodist Coll.
32	Brandon McGee^	F	6-7	220	So.	TR	Chicago, IL	Indiana
34	Johnnie Lett	F	6-8	210	Jr.	JC	Mobile, AL	Okaloosa-Walton College
42	Francis Aihe	F	6-9	205	Jr.	JC	Winter Park, FL	Santa Fe (FL) C.C.

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42	Francis Aihe	F	6-9	205	Jr.	JC	Winter Park, FL	Santa Fe (FL) C.C.
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Head Coach: Jeff Lebo (North Carolina '89)

Associate Head Coach: John Cooper (Wichita State '91) **Assistant Coaches:** Bryan Bartley (Upsala College '89),

Tim Craft (Florida '00)

Dir. of Basketball Operations: Brandon Johnson

(Georgia State '97)

Senior Asst. to the Head Coach: Dave Lebo

(Elizabethtown College '66)

Video Coordinator: Randall Malone (Tennessee Tech '01)

PRONUNCIATION CHART

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Rasheem Barrett Ra - sheem
Jeff and Dave Lebo Lee - bo
Tony Neysmith Ney - smith
Quantez RobertsonKwan - tez

^{*} walk-on



2008-09 AUBURN TIGERS

Sitting (1 to r): Tay Waller, Tony Neysmith, Frankie Sullivan, DeWayne Reed, Jeff Lebo (Head Coach), Josh Wallace, Larry Williams Jr., Quantez Robertson, Rasheem Barrett. Standing: Randall Malone (Video Coordinator), Trey Strickland (G.A./mgr.), Brandon Johnson (Dir. of Basketball Operations), Bryan Bartley (Assistant Coach), Jake Drum, Johnnie Lett, Brendon Knox, Francis Aihe, Korvotney Barber, Brandon McGee, Lucas Hargrove, John Cooper (Associate Head Coach), Dave Lebo (Senior Assistant to the Head Coach), Tim Craft (Assistant Coach), Jarod Grace (Athletic Trainer), Garret Thorington (G.A./mgr.)

