

The College of Wooster Men's Basketball Game Notes
University of South Carolina Exhibition
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LAMONT PARIS '96 HOSTING ALMA MATER FOR EXHIBITION

Outlook: The College of Wooster men's basketball team is off to South Carolina to take on NCAA Div. I University of South Carolina in an exhibition contest. Tipoff from Colonial Life Arena is set for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30. South Carolina is led by third-year head coach **Lamont Paris**, a 1996 Wooster alumnus. This is Wooster's first exhibition contest against a Div. I program since 2022, when the Fighting Scots played at Illinois State University, coached by 2000 Wooster alumnus **Ryan Pedon**. October 30 marks Wooster's second time playing a Paris-coached team, as the former Scots' star hosted the team for an exhibition in 2021 while serving as head coach at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Media Coverage: South Carolina will have live stats and an audio broadcast of Wednesday's exhibition contest. You can find the links on the men's basketball schedule page on Wooster's athletic website.

Series History: The two programs have never met before.

A Look at Lamont Paris' Career at Wooster: As a Fighting Scot, Paris blossomed into a starter as a senior and ranked third on the team with 10.4 points per game. The guard averaged 3.9 rebounds and 3.7 assists per game as a senior. As a junior, Paris was one of the first Scots off the bench, and averaged 7.9 points, 2.2 rebounds, and 1.8 assists per game. Paris played on Wooster teams that went 84-25, advanced to three NCAA Div. III Championship Tournaments, and won two North Coast Athletic Conference titles. Paris was the College's keynote commencement speaker in 2024.

Wooster is the Winningest NCAA Div. III Team of the 2000s: Since the start of the 1999-2000 season, Wooster has Div. III's highest winning percentage at .804 (583-142). In fact, Wooster's winning percentage in the 2000s is higher than every other NCAA Div. I, II, and III men's basketball program except for Gonzaga University (.834; 716-143), the University of Kansas (.807; 720-172), and Duke University (.806; 714-172).

One of the Nation's Elite Programs: Wooster carries a 35-year run of winning at least 18 games into the 2024-25 season. Wooster saw its simply remarkable run of 24 consecutive 20-win seasons snapped in 2021-22 (there are only 25 games in the regular season in Div. III). Wooster's 1,823 wins are the second-most in NCAA Div. III history, trailing archrival Wittenberg University's 1,856.

NCAA Tournament Success: Wooster holds the NCAA Div. III record with 18 consecutive NCAA Tournament berths. The 2021-2022 season marked the first time Wooster did not make the NCAA Tournament since the 2001-2002 season. Wooster's 18 consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances is tied for the seventh-longest streak in NCAA men's basketball history, trailing Kansas (34, 1990-present), the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (27, 1975-2001), Michigan State University (26, 1998-present), Duke (24, 1996-2019), and the University of Wisconsin-Madison (19, 1999-2017). Wooster's run is tied with Indiana University Bloomington, which had an 18-year tournament streak from 1986-2003. Wooster has made 29 NCAA Tournaments since the formation of Div. III, which is second all-

WOOSTER INFO

Location: Wooster, Ohio (hour south of Cleveland, 90 minutes north of Colum-

bus)

Enrollment: 1,800

2023-24 Record: 18-10, 12-4 NCAC

NCAC Finish: 2nd of 9 Head Coach: Doug Cline Alma Mater: Wooster '95

Record at Wooster: 61-29 (5th Year)
Career Record: 61-29 (5th Year)
Asst. Coaches: Jack Stevens, Mel
Burke Jr., Brian Kiper, Phil Kuchta,
Turner Kurt

WOOSTER SCHEDULE

N10 N17 N22 N23 N30 D4 D15 D19 D29 D30 J4 J18 J25 F15 F19 F22 *=N0 *=N0 *=M	at CWRU	1:00 2:00 7:30 5:00 7:00 7:00 3:00 2:05 3:00 7:00 7:00 7:00 7:00 7:00 7:00 7:00
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time. Longtime nemesis Wittenberg has made a Div. III-leading 30 Div. III Tournaments, and the University of Scranton is tied with Wooster for the second-most all-time trips.

Scots Second in Div. III to Hit This Number: Wooster won its 1,800th all-time game on February 1, 2023, marking the second time a NCAA Div. III institution hit that number. Only archrival Wittenberg has more all-time wins in Div. III history. Overall, Wooster was the 25th NCAA basketball program to hit the 1,800-win milestone.

All-America Success: Wooster is the only Div. III program to have five different players selected as first-team NABC All-Americans in the 2000s. **Bryan Nelson** (2002-03, NABC Div. III Player of the Year), **Tom Port** (2006-07), **Ian Franks** (2009-10), **Doug Thorpe** (2013-14), and **Danyon Hempy** (2019-20) are Wooster's first-team NABC All-American selections in the 2000s.

Notable Wooster Alumni in Basketball: Wooster has several notable alumni in prominent coaching and administrative roles in college and professional basketball. L.W. St. John '06 served head men's basketball coach at Ohio State University from 1911-19, and was the Buckeyes' athletic director for over 30 years. Reggie Minton '63, an alternate for the 1964 United States Olympic Team, went on to have a decorated career as a coach and administrator, including a near two-decade tenure as a top administrator for the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC). Minton was selected by the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame to receive the 2022 John W. Bunn Lifetime Achievement Award, and the honor is considered to be the top award given out by the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame outside of enshrinement. Larry Shyatt '73 was an assistant coach at numerous programs, including the University of Florida, when the Gators won the NCAA Div. I national championship in 2006 and 2007. Shyatt had two stints as head coach at the University of Wyoming, was the man in charge at Clemson University for a five-year stretch, and worked in the Dallas Mavericks organization. **Lamont Paris '96** was on staff at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for seven seasons, during which the Badgers made back-to-back appearances in the Final Four (2014-15), including the 2015 title game. Paris then became the head coach at University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, where he went 87-72 over five years, including 65-29 over his final three seasons. At present, Paris is in his third season as head coach at the University of South Carolina, where he is excelling. Paris was the 2024 Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year and was a finalist for the Naismith National Coach of the Year honor after leading the Gamecocks to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2017. South Carolina's 15-win improvement was tied for the second-best mark in the nation, and Paris' program reached as high as No. 11 in the national polls. Ryan Pedon '00 spent five years as the lead assistant at Ohio State, which ranked as high as second in the AP Top-25, before taking the head coaching position at Illinois State University, where he is in year three.

Scots Go Abroad: Wooster's team spent fall break in 2022 in France. The NCAA permits such international trips every three years. The trip to France marked the seventh for the program, which previously traveled to England, Ireland, and Scotland (2017), Spain (2014), Ireland and Scotland (2011), Italy (2008), Germany and Austria (2004), and England and Scotland (2000).

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#0 As	hton Price	
Pts.	27vs. Rose-Hulman	111/17/23
Reb.	6vs. John Carroll	12/30/23
Ast.	7vs. DePauw	1/27/24
Stl.	3vs. Widener	11/18/23
#1 Ja	iden Cox-Holloway	
Pts.	20vs. John Carroll.	12/30/23
Reh	12vs. Wabash	
Ast.	42 times	,
Blk.	5vs. Wabash	
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	saac Roeder	0.77.10.4
Pts.	13vs. Oberlin	
Reb.	72 times	
Ast.	3at Kenyon	
Blk.	2at DePauw	12/10/23
#12 Is	aiah Johnson	
Pts.	14vs. Saint Joseph	112/20/23
Reb.	72 times	
Ast.	3at Oberlin	1/17/24
Stl.	3vs. Hiram	1/10/24
#22 J	amir Billings	
Pts.	30vs. Wabash	2/25/23
Reb.	112 times	
Ast.	122 times	
Stl.	10at Hiram	
#00 F	I Kaniha	
	J Kapihe	0.17.10.4
Pts.	21vs. Oberlin	
Reb.	82 times	
Ast.	4vs. John Carroll.	
Stl.	3vs. Oberlin	2/7/24
#30 J	J Cline	
Pts.	20at Ohio Wesleya	n1/24/24
Reb.	83 times	
Ast.	6at Ohio Wesleya	n1/24/24
Stl.	3vs. Calvin	12/20/22
#35 N	ick Everett	
Pts.	26vs. DePauw	2/20/24
Reb.	10vs. Edgewood	
Ast.	33 times	
Blk.	33 times	
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2023-24 Wooster Men's Basketball Combined Team Statistics All games

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Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	18-10	9-4	6-5	3-1
CONFERENCE	12-4	7-1	5-3	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	6-6	2-3	1-2	3-1

core by Period

Team	1st	2nd	ОТ	тот
Wooster	1034	1145	11	2190
Opponents	898	1060	8	1966

Team Box Score

Na Blaver				Total		3-Poi	nt	F-Thr	ow		Rebo	unds									
No. Player	GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	тот	AVG	PF	DQ	Α	то	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
0 PRICE, Ashton	28-28	921:33	32.9	145-290	.500	47-112	.420	102-125	.816	4	52	56	2.0	37	0	65	44	3	21	439	15.7
35 EVERETT, Nick	28-28	608:41	21.7	134-184	.728	1-3	.333	109-168	.649	50	86	136	4.9	94	6	31	63	14	31	378	13.5
22 BILLINGS, Jamir	28-28	947:03	33.8	100-262	.382	53-158	.335	27-38	.711	13	118	131	4.7	51	1	164	87	7	84	280	10.0
30 CLINE, JJ	28-28	681:13	24.3	84-163	.515	32-77	.416	40-57	.702	29	74	103	3.7	58	2	53	38	2	23	240	8.6
1 COX-HOLLOWAY, Jaider	28-17	670:56	24.0	79-174	.454	44-114	.386	19-23	.826	33	135	168	6.0	47	0	35	36	23	29	221	7.9
23 KAPIHE, EJ	28-5	481:01	17.2	74-136	.544	4-16	.250	48-64	.750	46	63	109	3.9	59	1	24	33	14	25	200	7.1
11 ROEDER, Isaac	27-0	427:54	15.8	57-117	.487	22-46	.478	16-22	.727	24	57	81	3.0	27	0	21	32	6	3	152	5.6
12 JOHNSON, Isaiah	25-6	377:14	15.1	42-94	.447	17-51	.333	20-35	.571	11	50	61	2.4	33	0	22	25	10	11	121	4.8
15 VEIKALAS, Vinni	26-0	217:27	8.4	29-58	.500	9-28	.321	5-6	.833	7	13	20	0.8	24	0	18	19	4	4	72	2.8
5 PRINCE, Nick	8-0	38:36	4.8	5-6	.833	4-5	.800	4-4	1.000	0	3	3	0.4	3	0	3	4	0	0	18	2.3
32 BURK, Nolan	13-0	103:28	8.0	8-21	.381	0-0	.000	10-14	.714	9	10	19	1.5	14	0	3	7	2	1	26	2.0
24 MARTIN, Colton	10-0	35:42	3.6	7-13	.538	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1	6	7	0.7	2	0	2	1	0	3	15	1.5
2 SEWELL, Bryce	6-0	21:47	3.6	2-6	.333	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	0.3	4	0	1	1	0	0	6	1.0
21 OLIVER, Zach	10-0	41:22	4.1	3-14	.214	3-12	.250	0-0	.000	3	6	9	0.9	4	0	0	2	0	4	9	0.9
3 GOMES, Anthony	8-0	21:07	2.6	2-9	.222	2-6	.333	1-2	.500	0	4	4	0.5	0	0	0	2	0	0	7	0.9
4 DIEDERICH, Jonathan	9-0	28:30	3.2	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	6	6	12	1.3	1	0	2	2	0	2	6	0.7
25 KOLBAY, Jake	1-0	01:27	1.5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team										44	30	74					16				
Total	28	5625		774-1552	.499	239-632	.378	403-562	.717	280	715	995	35.5	458	10	444	412	85	241	2190	78.2
Opponents	28	5625		694-1610	.431	238-673	.354	340-465	.731	236	568	804	28.7	523	13	321	372	60	203	1966	70.2

Team Statistics

	WOOST	OPP
Scoring	2190	1966
Points per game	78.2	70.2
Scoring margin	+8.0	-
Field goals-att	774-1552	694-1610
Field goal pct	.499	.431
3 point fg-att	239-632	238-673
3-point FG pct	.378	.354
3-pt FG made per game	8.5	8.5
Free throws-att	403-562	340-465
Free throw pct	.717	.731
F-Throws made per game	14.4	12.1
Rebounds	995	804
Rebounds per game	35.5	28.7
Rebounding margin	+6.8	-
Assists	444	321
Assists per game	15.9	11.5
Turnovers	412	372
Turnovers per game	14.7	13.3
Turnover margin	-1.4	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	0.9
Steals	241	203
Steals per game	8.6	7.3
Blocks	85	60
Blocks per game	3.0	2.1
Winning streak	0	-
Home win streak	7	-
Attendance	12281	6086
Home games-Avg/Game	13-945	11-553
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	4-184

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
11/10/2023	at Rochester (NY)	W	78-60	579
11/11/2023	vs Rowan	L	77-78	150
11/17/2023	Rose-Hulman	L	80-82	897
11/18/2023	Widener	L	68-72	674
11/22/2023	at Mount Union	L	51-75	704
11/29/2023	Ohio Wesleyan	W	79-42	796
12/02/2023	at Denison	L	75-91	137
12/10/2023	at DePauw	L	58-60	125
12/19/2023	vs Suffolk	w	75-55	234
12/20/2023	vs Saint Joseph (CT)	W	93-90	168
12/29/2023	Edgewood	w	84-61	577
12/30/2023	John Carroll	L	86-91	876
01/03/2024	at Kenyon	w	79-65	225
01/06/2024	Wabash	L	64-78	897
01/10/2024	Hiram	w	104-48	880
01/13/2024	Wittenberg	w	78-77	823
01/17/2024	at Oberlin	w	72-62	212
01/20/2024	Denison	W	82-67	1053
01/24/2024	at Ohio Wesleyan	w	76-72	375
01/27/2024	DePauw	W	87-86	1866
02/03/2024	Kenyon	w	77-53	1487
02/07/2024	Oberlin	w	97-69	835
02/10/2024	at Wittenberg	w	80-70	579
02/14/2024	at Hiram	W	83-54	167
02/17/2024	at Wabash	L	81-91	1447
02/20/2024	DePauw	Wot	83-80	620
02/23/2024	vs Wittenberg	w	79-62	184
02/24/2024	at Wabash	L	64-75	1536

BROADCAST NUGGETS ON THE SCOTS



Doug CLINE

Head Coach • 5th year as head coach, following retirement of Steve

· Has been on staff since graduating from Wooster in 1995, spending all but one year in fulltime position • 672-165 record

while on staff, with 23 NCAA appearances during that

- 16 of Wooster's 19 NCAC titles have come with Cline on staff
- · As a player helped Wooster to three NCAA appearances, three NCAC Tourney titles, two NCAC regular season titles, and a 91-21 (.813) record
- · Scored 1,396 points (No. 8 upon graduation, now
- · Three-time All-NCAC selection as a player



#O Ashton **PRICE** Sr. • G • 6-2 • 180 Bay Village, Ohio

Business

economics major First-team All-NCAC and College Sports Communicators Academic All-District in first year as a Fighting Scot

· Spent 2 years

at Div. III Baldwin Wallace (Ohio) and was Yellow Jackets' 2nd-leading scorer in 2022-23 (14.3 ppg)

- 907 career points
- · Scored career-high 27 points vs. Rose-Hulman (11/17/23)
- 7 20-point games in first year at Wooster



#1 Jaiden COX-HOLLOWAY Jr. • F • 6-6 • 205 Cleveland, Ohio

- · Education major
- · All-state honoree as senior, while leading Richmond Heights High School to state
- · Scored game-high 18 points in state championship game
- Starter in 2023-24
- · Scored career-high 20 points against John Carroll (near hometown) on 6-of-11 3-point shooting
- Logged first double-double with 12 rebounds & 11 points against Wabash (1/6/24) and had 5 blocks in



#5 Nick PRINCE So. • G • 6-0 • 175 Casstown, Ohio

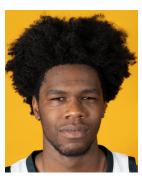
- Undeclared major
- · Reserve guard
- · Honorable mention All-Southwest Ohio as a senior at Trov High School
- Made collegiate debut at Rochester (11/10/23)



#11 Isaac ROEDER Jr. • G • 6-2 • 220

Monroeville, Ohio · Pronunciation:

- RAY-der
- Business economics major
- · All-Ohio honoree as a senior and three-time allregion selection in basketball
- · Attended same high school as Steve Moore
- Top reserve guard on team
- · Scored career-high 13 points against Oberlin (2/7/24)



#12 Isaiah JOHNSON Jr. • G • 6-5 • 210 Westerville, Ohio

- Communication studies major
- Helped Westerville South High School go 25-1 and win a district title
- One of the team's top reserve guards Scored a career-

high 14 points on 5-of-8 shooting against St. Joseph (Conn.)



#13 Bray **BURBRIDGE** Fy. • G • 6-1 • 180 Plantation, Fla.

 Undeclared major · High school all-star while attending Mater Lakes Academy and Miami Palmetto Senior High School



College over 28 games



#14 Robbie **CASS** So. • G • 5-9 • 175 Cincinnati, Ohio Business economics major Plaved one season

at NCAA Div. II Notre Dame College (school closed) • 10.9 minutes, 4.0 points. 1.2 rebounds at Notre Dame





#15 Breckman **OAKLEY** Fv. • G • 6-4 • 190

Nashville, Tenn. Business economics major

· Played at Goodpasture Christian School



#21 Zach **OLIVER** So. • F • 6-5 • 220 Beaver Falls. Pa.

- Entrepreneurship major (self-designed)
- · First-team allsection honoree at Blackhawk High School



Steve MOORE **Retired Coach**

- · Lamont Paris' college head coach
- Wooster's head coach 1987-2020
- 867-253 career record, including a 780-186 mark at Wooster
- · No. 12 all-time NCAA men's basketball victories

and No. 2 all-time in NCAA Div. III

- · Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame nominee
- · NABC Guardian of the Game Award Education in 2008 ... same honor once bestowed to John Wooden
- · Guided Scots to 28 NCAA Tournament berths and a league-high 18 NCAC championships
- · Had court at Timken Gymnasium dedicated in his honor on Jan. 27, 2024

BROADCAST NUGGETS ON THE SCOTS



#22 Jamir BILLINGS Sr.·G·5-11·165 Lorain, Ohio

- Communication studies major
- 2x NCAC Top Defensive Player and 3x All-NCAC
- 2021-22 D3hoops. com Region 7 Rookie of the Year & NCAC Newcomer of the

Year

- 3rd Wooster Scot to earn region Rookie of the Year award from D3hoops.com
- 1st player in NCAC history to earn Top Defensive Player & Newcomer of the Year honors in same season

· 2021-22:

- Broke program single-season record for steals with 84 and finished year with 164 assists, 2 shy of matching 43-year-old single-season assists record
- Tied 49-year-old school record with 12 assists against Kenyon (1/12/22) and became first player in program history with 3 10-assist games against archrival Wittenberg (1/15/22) & first to have back-to-back games with at least 10 assists
- Single-game program record 10 steals at Hiram (1/28/22), a total that ranked as 3rd-most in Div. III game for 2021-22 season
- 6th in Div. III in steals, 10th in assists, 13th in steals per game (3.0), 18th in assists per game (5.9), and 20th in minutes (996:24) for 2021-22 season

• 2022-23:

- Tied single-game program record with 12 assists against Rochester (12/10/22) and moved in program's career top-10 for steals with number 136 at Kenyon (2/1/23) ... 3rd Scot with two seasons with at least 120 assists (Erich Riebe & Antwyan Reynolds are the others)
- 6 steals versus Oberlin (1/4/23), marking 4th-career game with at least 6
- Ranked in top-20 nationally with 69 steals & was in top-30 in assists per game
- Became just the second Scot with multiple seasons with at least 65 steals and posted thirdhighest single-season mark
- Became seventh Scot with 150 steals and passed out 140 assists for fifth-most in program history

· 2023-24:

- Became program's all-time leader in assists with #445 coming in final seconds of game at Wabash on 2/17/24
- Moved up to 2nd all-time in program history in steals and enters senior year 23 shy of the program record.
- Ranked 3rd nationally with 164 assists & 8th nationally with 5.9 assists per game
- Ranked 5th nationally with 84 steals and 5th nationally with 3.0 steals per game
- Surpassed 140 assists for 3rd straight season
- 4 games with 10 assists; now has 9 career games with at least 10
- 7 steals at Hiram (2/14/24), tying for 2nd-most in single-game history & 6th game with at least 6



#23 EJ KAPIHE

Jr.•F•6-6•225 Kaneohe, Hawaii

- Pronunciation:KAW-pee-hayBusiness
- economics major
 First-team all-state
 honoree as a senior
 at Kamehameha
- · Erupted for career-

Schools

high 20 points against Rowan (11/11/23)

• Dropped in career-high 21 points in 97-69 win over Oberlin (2/7/24) and was a perfect 9-9 from the floor



#24 Colton MARTIN So. • F • 6 - 5 • 170 Centerburg, Ohio

- Education & history major
- 2-time allconference selection at Centerburg High School



#30 JJ CLINE Sr.·F·6-2·210 Wooster, Ohio

- Education & mathematics major
- Son of head coach Doug Cline
- 3rd year as a starter • Hit 20 points for first time at OWU (1/24/24) on 7-9 shooting
- · 10 double-digit scoring outputs as junior
- Grandfather, John Muhlbach, was the starting center on Ohio State University's 1968 national championship football team



#32 Aliyy KING Fy. • F • 6-7 • 200 South Euclid, Ohio

- Pronunciation: AH-lee
- Computer science major
- Played basketball, football, and track
 field at Charles F.
 Brush High School



#33 Damon CURRY Fy. • F • 6 - 5 • 225 Franklin, Pa.

- · Biology major
- All-state honoree after helping Franklin Area High School to runner-up state finish
 1 000-point high
- 1,000-point high school scorer



#35 Nick EVERETT Sr.·F·6-8·240 Salem, Ohio

- Business
- economics major
 1st-team NABC AllDistrict and 2nd-team
 D3hoops.com AllRegion in 2023-24
 after earning NCAC
 Player of the Year
 award
- Attended Div. II Edinboro University for 1 season, but team did not play during COVID
- Been a major difference maker for program since transferring in
- Third-team All-NCAC honoree in 2022-23 after ranking third on team with 11.3 PPG
- Broke NCAC and Wooster single-season records with a 72.8 (134-of-184) field-goal percentage in
- Made 24 consecutive field goals spanning games Jan. 17-Feb. 3, which is believed to be the best run in program history
- Finished 2 made field goals shy of matching the NCAA Div. III all-time record for most consecutive field-goal makes
- Has 873 career points entering 2024-25
- Opened year with career-high 25 points against Rochester (11/10/23)
- \bullet Scored career-high 26 points and went 11-11 from floor against DePauw (2/20/24)