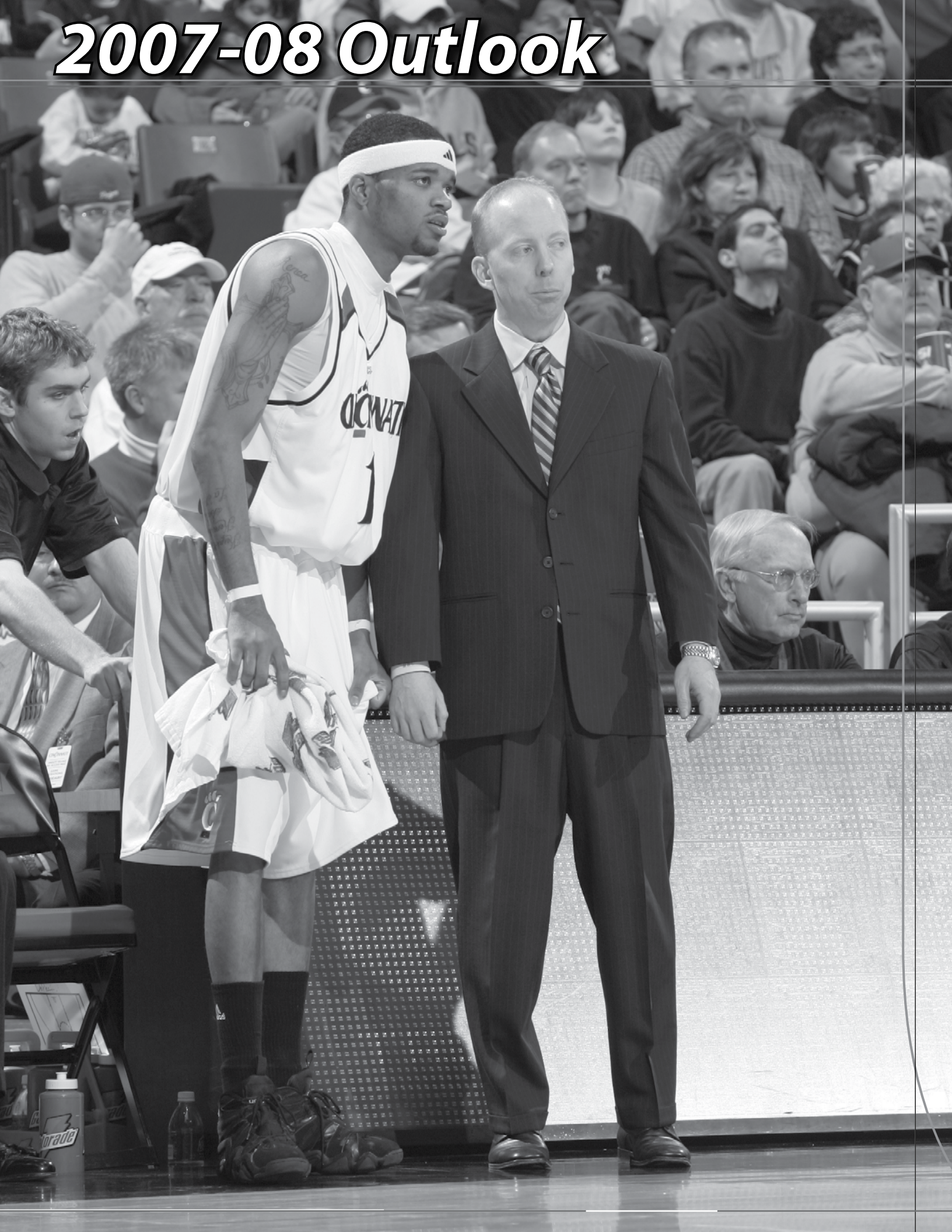


# 2007-08 Outlook







*Sophomore Deonta Vaughn was UC's leading scorer last year and finished second in the BIG EAST in rookie scoring, putting up 14.5 points per game.*

**H**ead coach Mick Cronin had one of the busiest first years a new head coach could imagine after starting in March, 2006. In just his first month alone Cronin hired a staff and brought in seven new faces to the program. With hard work and dedication, the team navigated through an up and down season highlighted by victories over North Carolina State from the ACC, local rival Xavier in the Crosstown Shootout, and BIG EAST Conference foe West Virginia, the 2007 NIT Champion.

Those seven new faces recruited by Coach Cronin made an immediate impact, accounting for 77 percent of the minutes played and 84 percent of the scoring during the 2006-07 season.

In Year Two with Cronin, the Bearcats, despite having eight new faces playing their first games at UC this season, will begin to take on a decisively new personality and the persona of their coach. More athleticism and more size on the court will lead to more pressure defense and the ability to spread the floor.

Sophomore guard Deonta Vaughn will trigger a great deal of the new look Bearcats. He was a game-changing addition last year as a freshman. After posting a UC freshman record 33 points early in the year vs. Wofford, Vaughn concluded his rookie season as the second-highest scoring freshman in Cincinnati history, trailing only Dontonio Wingfield's 16.0 ppg in 1993-94.

Vaughn found himself in the starting lineup for 27 games and was the second-leading scorer among BIG EAST freshmen. He finished with 14.5 points per contest. Vaughn twice recorded a career-high eight rebounds and was the Bearcats' assists leader (3.5 per game).

Veteran guard Jamual Warren, who will be a senior this season, added a defensive presence on the court, recording a steal in all but five games and multiple steals in 17 contests. The always daring defender added 8.0 points per contest.

Cincinnati's sixth man most of last season, Marvin Gentry moved into the starting lineup for the final

six games after showing the coaches a glimpse of his potential. In the Bearcats 17-point come-from-behind win over West Virginia, the 6-3 wing hit on 9-of-14 shooting and poured in a career-high 32 points. Gentry went on to average 9.6 points per BIG EAST contest.

Junior Branden Miller, who made the Bearcats as a walk-on two years ago, will bring physical strength to the wing and provide the Bearcats with additional depth as UC looks to run the ball up and down the court.

Marcus Sikes, who at 6-8 was the tallest Bearcat regular, made the second-most 3-pointers among the Bearcats (45) and paced the team in field-goal percentage (.425) behind the arc. He finished third on the team in scoring, averaging just below 10 points per game and was one of three Bearcats to average five or more rebounds.

John Williamson, a junior college transfer playing his first season at Cincinnati last year, finished fourth in the BIG EAST in offensive rebounds (3.4) and 11th in total rebounds (7.3).

The squad's most consistent scorer, Williamson scored in double figures 23 times and finished the season with a streak of nine consecutive double-digit scoring games.

After transferring a year ago, Adam Hrycaniuk is ready for action and will give the Bearcats more depth and punch in the front court. A native of Poland, Hrycaniuk averaged 11.8 points and 7.2 rebounds on his way to all-region honors at Trinity Valley Community College in 2005-06.

The Bearcats will be without a fellow transfer from the University of Texas, Mike Williams. A former McDonald's All-American, Williams will miss the 2007-08 season after ruptur-

ing his Achilles tendon in preseason workouts.

The Bearcats' list of newcomers adds much needed depth and plenty of promise as well as the speed and athleticism Coach Cronin is looking to find.

Forward Kenny Belton from Salem, Va., is a big body that boasts a reputation for hustle. Belton likes to rebound and play physical under the basket, attributes every team needs. With his abilities and desire, Belton has the skill set to become a major contributor.

Versatile enough to shoot the ball from the outside, but tough enough to take it to the basket, Rashad Bishop

gives the Bearcats another perimeter player who is solid on the offensive end of the court and defends the basket.

A 6-3 guard, Larry Davis brings an outstanding shooting touch to the Bearcats' lineup. Davis, who overcame an injury sustained during his final prep campaign, is ready for the upcoming season and as he makes the adjustment to the college game, he will add to the list of scorers on the team.

Anthony McClain will be a presence in the lane, something the Bearcats missed last season. At 6-11, McClain averaged 13 points, 11 rebounds and four blocked shots per game playing at the National Christian Academy in his final season as a prep.

A 6-5 wing, Alvin Mitchell's accomplishments earned him Florida's 2007 Class 4A Player of the Year honor, first-team all-state and first-team all-Broward County accolades. Big and strong with an explosive first step, Mitchell should be able to step in early in his first campaign and contribute both offensively and defensively for UC.

Darnell Wilks was a late signee for the class of 2007-08 and is one of the youngest players on the team. Being young however does not mean anything as the 6-8 forward, from Nashville, is one of the most athletic players on the team and should make a smooth transition to the college game. Wilks is a player with the ability to connect from the perimeter but also has the size to battle for inside position.

As the 2007-08 Bearcats work hard, find team chemistry and grow their understanding of Coach Cronin's up-tempo offense and attacking defense, the young squad with a veteran toughness will improve with each game and climb UC back to the top of the college basketball landscape.

## Bearcats at a Glance

### Letterwinners Returning (6)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Elig.	GP/S	PPG	RPG	Hometown (Last School)
Marvin Gentry *	G	6-3	180	Sr.	28/11	7.4	2.8	Ft. Worth, Texas/McLennan CC
Branden Miller **	G	6-4	195	Jr.	25/0	0.8	0.8	Cincinnati, Ohio/Indian Hill
Marcus Sikes * (s)	F	6-8	230	Sr.	30/29	9.5	5.0	Richmond, Va./Mt. San Jacinto JC
Deonta Vaughn * (s)	G	6-1	195	So.	30/27	14.5	3.4	Indianapolis, Ind./Harmony Community
Jamual Warren * (s)	G	6-2	195	Sr.	30/26	8.0	3.7	Springfield, Mass./Globe Institute
John Williamson * (s)	F	6-6	225	Sr.	30/30	13.5	7.3	Columbus, Ohio/Cincinnati State

### Letterwinners Lost (4)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Elig.	GP/S	PPG	RPG	Hometown (Last School)
Timmy Crowell *	G	6-2	170	Sr.	30/2	1.5	0.8	Albuquerque, N.M. (Midland)
Connor Barwin *	F	6-4	240	Jr.	23/0	1.2	1.4	Hazel Park, Mich. (U. of Detroit Jesuit)
Ronald Allen *	F	6-9	225	—	20/1	1.3	1.1	Los Angeles, Calif. (Los Angeles College)
Cedric McGowan ** (s)	F	6-7	225	—	30/24	8.2	5.1	Miami, Fla. (Kilgore JC)

### Newcomers (8)

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Larry Davis	G	6-3	180	Fr.	Houston, Texas/Alief-Hastings
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Mike Williams %	F	6-7	240	Jr.	Camden, Ala./University of Texas

\* Letters won at Cincinnati

(s) - starter

% - Sat out 2006-07 season due to NCAA transfer rules



Senior Marcus Sikes was second on the team in 3-point shooting (.425) last year and averaged 5.0 rebounds per game.

## Quoting Coach Cronin

### The Style of Play:

"We're definitely an up tempo style of team, first and foremost, that likes to set the tempo of the game with our style. We want to keep the court spread out and open which creates more opportunities."

### What he looks for in a player:

"I believe in recruiting great players, developing great players, and then letting great players make plays. I put players in the situations to make plays and doing it in the open floor is the best way to do it. There are two types of coaches: some who like to run their offenses and run their plays and then others like me who like to let my players make plays and put them in situations where they can do what they do best."

### In the Halfcourt:

"Spacing is huge for us, we're big on having the floor spread. I feel as a coach if you limit players, you limit your options. So we try to develop our players so that everyone can shoot the ball, everyone can attack the basket and teams can't shrink the floor defensively.

Doing that allows you to spread the floor offensively. If you're able to spread the floor, you're going to get better shots, and higher percentage shots. The key is developing your skill level and having confidence in your players."

### Being a Bearcat

"Well, the one thing I've learned over the years winning eight conference championships is you have to separate yourself from the pack. You have to have an attitude that we work harder and play harder than everyone else, so therefore we win more than anyone else. You have to have work ethic and competitiveness and an attitude that we're going to do whatever it takes to get to the top of our conference, which is a tough chore in the BIG EAST. That is the attitude that I have, and that is the attitude that I demand from our team. It's the same attitude that will make you successful in life as well.

Secondly, you can't play with any fear. No matter who you're playing or where you're playing, you have to know you can win the game."

## 2007-08 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME
Oct. 31	NORTHERN KENTUCKY		7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	BELLARMINE		7:30 p.m.
<b>Peggy Cronin Classic</b>			
Nov. 9	BELMONT	FOX19	8 p.m.
Nov. 10	WESTERN CAROLINA	FOX19	7 p.m.
Nov. 11	BOWLING GREEN	FOX19	8 p.m.
Nov. 16	COASTAL CAROLINA	FOX19	7 p.m.
Nov. 24	FAIRFIELD	FOX19	1 p.m.
Nov. 26	S. CAROLINA UPSTATE	FOX19	8 p.m.
Dec. 1	at UAB	TBD	TBD
Dec. 8	at Illinois State	FOX19	8 p.m.
Dec. 12	at Xavier	ESPN2	7 p.m.
Dec. 19	MEMPHIS	ESPN2	7 p.m.
Dec. 23	at NC State	FSN	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 29	vs. MIAMI (OH) ^	FOX19	8 p.m.
Jan. 1	at Louisville *	ESPN	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	at St. John's *	ESPN Classic	6 p.m.
Jan. 9	SYRACUSE *	FOX19	8 p.m.
Jan. 12	VILLANOVA *	ESPNU	7 p.m.
Jan. 15	at Notre Dame *	ESPNU	7 p.m.
Jan. 19	PITTSBURGH *	FOX19	4 p.m.
Jan. 23	CONNECTICUT *	ESPN Regional	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Seton Hall *	FOX19	Noon
Jan. 30	at West Virginia *	ESPN2	7 p.m.
Feb. 2	MARQUETTE *	ESPN Regional	Noon
Feb. 9	at Rutgers *	ESPN Classic	6 p.m.
Feb. 13	ST. JOHN'S *	ESPN2	7 p.m.
Feb. 20	USF *	ESPNU	7 p.m.
Feb. 23	at Georgetown *	ESPN Regional	Noon
Feb. 27	at Pittsburgh *	ESPN Regional	7:30 p.m.
March 2	PROVIDENCE *	ESPNU	Noon
March 6	DePAUL *	ESPN360	7:30 p.m.
March 8	at Connecticut *	FOX19	4 p.m.

^ - U.S. Bank Arena (Cincinnati, Ohio)

\* BIG EAST Conference Game.

All times are Eastern.

Game times and dates are tentative and subject to change.





## 2007-08 University of Cincinnati Men's Basketball

### Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl./Elig.	Hometown (HS/Last School)
1	Marvin Gentry *	G	6-3	180	Sr./Sr.	Ft. Worth, Texas (Poly/McLennan CC)
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15	Darnell Wilks	F	6-7	195	Fr./Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. (Pioneer Christian Academy)
20	Branden Miller **	G	6-4	195	Jr./Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio (Indian Hill)
21	Mike Williams	F	6-7	240	Sr./Jr.	Camden, Ala. (Wilcox Central/University of Texas)
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45	John Williamson *	F	6-6	225	Sr./Sr.	Columbus, Ohio (Marion Franklin/Cincinnati State)

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**Head Coach:** Mick Cronin (2nd season at UC; 5th Season Overall)

**Associate Head Coach:** Larry Davis

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**Director of Student-Athlete Development:** Andre Tate

**Director of Basketball Operations:** Chris Shumate

**Athletics Trainer:** David Fluker

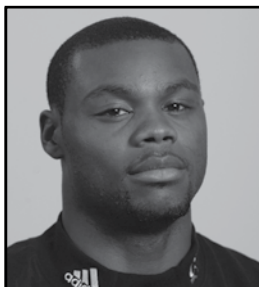
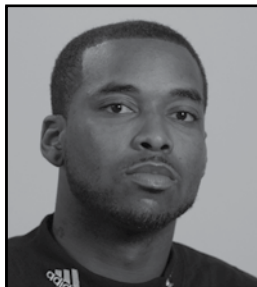
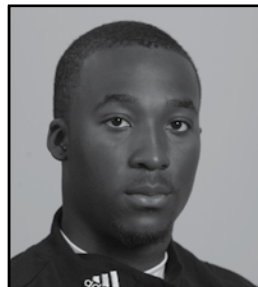
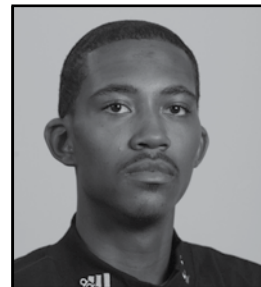
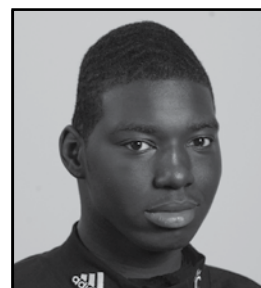
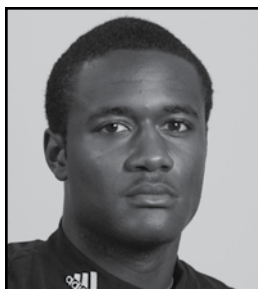
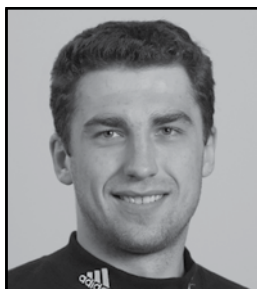
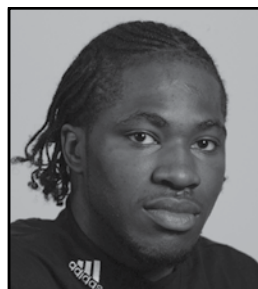
**Strength and Conditioning Coach:** Dave Andrews

#### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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 Deonta Vaughn ..... dee-ON-tay VONN  
 Jamual Warren ..... ja-MALL  
 Mick Cronin ..... CROW-nin



# TV/RADIO ROSTER

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GENTRY****1**SR G 6-3 180  
Ft. Worth, Texas**Deonta  
VAUGHN****5**SO G 6-1 195  
Indianapolis, Ind.**Marcus  
SIKES****10**SR F 6-8 230  
Richmond, Va.**Larry  
DAVIS****11**FR G 6-3 180  
Houston, Texas**Darnell  
WILKS****15**FR F 6-7 195  
Nashville, TN**Branden  
MILLER****20**JR G 6-4 195  
Cincinnati, Ohio**Mike  
WILLIAMS****21**JR F 6-7 240  
Camden, Ala.**Rashad  
BISHOP****22**FR F 6-6 220  
Newark, N.J.**Alvin  
MITCHELL****23**FR F 6-5 215  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.**Anthony  
McCLAIN****30**FR C 6-11 245  
Fort Washington, Md.**Kenny  
BELTON****32**FR F 6-8 245  
Salem, Va.**Jamual  
WARREN****33**SR G 6-2 195  
Springfield, Mass.**Adam  
HYRCANIUK****34**SR C 6-10 230  
Mysliborz, Poland**John  
WILLIAMSON****45**SR F 6-6 225  
Columbus, Ohio

## Pronunciation Guide

**Deonta Vaughn**  
DEE-on-tay**Adam Hrycaniuk**  
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Ja-MALL

## Coaches and Staff

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CRONIN**  
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GOGGIN**  
Assistant Coach**Tony  
STUBBLEFIELD**  
Assistant Coach**Andre  
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Dir. of Student-Dev.**Chris  
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