

MEET THE 2023 PARTICIPANTS -

# MEDIA DAY



**HEAD COACH** 

**WES MILLER** 



**226-163** 41-28 OVERALL (13TH YEAR)

AT UC (3RD YEAR)

2002-03 PLAYED FOR JAMES MADISON

PLAYING CAREER

2004-07 PLAYED FOR NORTH CAROLINA

2005

NATIONAL CHAMPION NORTH CAROLINA 2007-08 PLAYED FOR LONDON CAPITALS (BRITISH BACKETPALL)

COACHING CAREER

**ELON** 

2008-09 ASSISTANT COACH

**HIGH POINT** O ASSISTANT COACH

**UNC GREENSBORO** 

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**UNC GREENSBORO** 2011-21 HEAD COACH

**CINCINNATI** RESENT HEAD COACH CONFERENCE TITLES

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT (2018, 2019)
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE REGULAR SEASON (2017, 2018, 2021)

ESPN.COM'S NO. 1 COACH **UNDER 40 IN MAY 2020** 

> FIRST UC COACH TO WIN HIS FIRST FIVE GAMES ACCOMPLISHED IN 71-51 W OVER #14ILLINOIS

AGE AT WHICH WES BECAME A HEAD COACH

HAS WON 20+ GAMES IN SIX OF HIS LAST SEVEN SEASONS

41 WINS AT UC TRAIL ONLY TWO-TIME NATIONAL CHAMPION ED JUCKER FOR MOST AT SCHOOL IN FIRST TWO YEARS

HAD 217 WINS BY 40<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY. MOST OF ANY ACTIVE COACH AND 15TH ALL-TIME.

## **IOHN NEWMAN III**



GR · GREENSBORO, NC · GREENSBORO DAY SCHOOL

2021-22 32 GP, 31 GS, 25.8 MIN/GM

- STARTED 31 GAMES, AVERAGING 6.9 PPG AND 4.2 RPG WHILE PLAYING THROUGH INJURY
- NINE DOUBLE-FIGURE SCORING GAMES INCLUDING 14 POINTS AT XAVIER AND FOUR-STRAIGHT LEAGUE GAMES

COMMITTED TO WES MILLER AT UNCG BEFORE FOLLOWING HIM TO UC

HOLDS MASTERS DEGREE FROM UC AFTER EARNING BACHELOR'S FROM CLEMSON IN 3 YEARS

#### 30 VIKTOR LAKHIN



R-JR. · ANAPA. RUSSIA · CSKA-2

2022-23 11.6 PTS/GM, 7.1 REB/GAME, 61.7 FG%

- NO. 15 NATIONALLY AND NO. 1 IN AAC WITH 61.7 FG%
- 6TH IN UC SINGLE GAME HISTORY WITH 8 BLOCKS @ SMU. ALSO HAD 7 VS. TEMPLE
- 20 DOUBLE-FIGURE SCORING GAMES, 13 IN A ROW
- 7 DOUBLE-DOUBLES, INCLUDING CAREER HIGH 22 POINTS AGAINST MEMPHIS
- SECOND ON TEAM WITH 39 STEALS AND TWO BEHIND-THE-BACK ASSISTS

GRADUATED FROM UC IN 3 YEARS LONGEST-TENURED MEMBER OF ROSTER (4 SEASONS)

## **ODY OGUAMA**



GR. · RALEIGH. NC · WOODSTOCK ACADEMY (CT)

2022-23 5.5 PTS/GM, 5.4 REB/GM, 57.6 FG%

- · APPEARED IN ALL 36 GAMES, STARTING THE FINAL 21
- 16-POINT, 13-REBOUND DOUBLE-DOUBLE @ TULANE
- AVERAGED 8.7 POINTS AND 8.7 REBOUNDS IN THREE NIT GAMES
- WENT 7-FOR-8 FG AGAINST VIRGINIA TECH TO OPEN THE POSTSEASON
- · BEGAN CAREER AT WAKE FOREST, STARTING 42 GAMES FROM 2019-2021

UC'S 2023 DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR CSC ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT HONOREE & UC GRAD

#### **GET TO KNOW THE**



- 2 NATIONAL TITLES 1961, 1962
- 6 FINAL FOURS LAST: 1992
- **8 ELITE EIGHTS** LAST: 1996
- 10 SWEET SIXTEENS LAST: 2012

**REGULAR SEASON CONFERENCE TITLES** 

LAST: 2020

12TH-WINNINGEST PROGRAM ALL-TIME 1.889 WINS





INCLUDING: OSCAR ROBERTSON, KENYON MARTIN

**77.1 PPG** (2023) UC'S HIGHEST PPG SINCE 2001-02 UP 7.7 FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

**#50 FINAL** KENPOM RANKING

BACK-TO-BACK YEARS 267 (2020-21)

125 TIED WITH HOUSTON FOR MOST WINS IN AAC PLAY

# 2023-24 SCHEDULE HOME AWAY NEUTRAL





















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# **R** NEWCOMERS



DAY DAY THOMAS



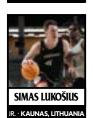




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# KATRINA MERRIWEATHER



151-70 AS A COACH

83-41

AS A PLAYER

TEAM USA

USA FIBA WOMEN'S

AMERICUP TEAM

ASSISTANT COACH

SILVER MEDAL

USA WOMEN'S UI9
NATIONAL TEAM
TRIALS COURT COACH

2001-02 CINCINNATI
GRADUATE ASSISTANT

**2002-03 UIC** ASSISTANT COACH

2003-06 PURDUE ASSISTANT COACH

**2010-16 WRIGHT STATE** ASSISTANT COACH

2016-21 WRIGHT STATE HEAD COACH

**2021-23 MEMPHIS** HEAD COACH

2023 CINCINNATI HEAD COACH **3**x

HORIZON LEAGUE COACH OF THE YEAR 2017, 2019, 2021

**3**x

HORIZON LEAGUE REGULAR SEASON CHAMPS 2017, 2019, 2021

**2**x

MERRIWEATHER AS A COACH

HORIZON LEAGUE TOURNAMENT CHAMPS 2019, 2021

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POSTSEASON APPEARANCES 2 NCAA TOURNAMENT, 3 WNIT

ALL-CONFERENCE HONORES

LED WRIGHT STATE TO PROGRAM'S FIRST NCAA TOURNAMENT WIN IN 2021. 113-47 (706)

LED MEMPHIS TO A 22-II
SEASON IN 2022-23, THE
PROGRAM'S FIRST 20-WIN
SEASON SINCE 2012-13 AND
THE 2023 WNIT SWEET 16.
38-23 (623)

IOTH WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HEAD COACH IN PROGRAM HISTORY. GA COACH FOR UC'S FIRST NCAA TOURNAMENT WIN

GUARD FOR HOF COACH LAURIE PIRTLE 1997-2001, 2000-01 TEAM CAPTAIN.

FIRST BEARCAT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER TO ADVANCE TO FOUR CONSECUTIVE POSTSEASON TOURNAMENTS. (WNIT 1998, 2000, 2001; NCAA 1999)

HELPED LEAD CINCINNATI TO AN 83-41 RECORD OVER FOUR SEASONS.

PLAYED IN 107 GAMES WITH 27 STARTS, 22 STARTS AS A SENIOR.

ENTERING 8TH SEASON AS A HEAD COACH IN 2023

KATRINA MERRIWEATHER AS A PLAYER

**20** JILLIAN HAYES



SR · CINCINNATI, OH · LOVELAND HS

78 CONSECUTIVE CAREER STARTS 30 (22-23) 28 (21-22) 20 (20-21)

2022-23 12.8 PTS, 8.6 REB\*, 2.1 AST, 1.6 STL, 1.3 BLK\*
CAREER 10.8 PTS, 7.0 REB, 2.5 AST, 31.6 MIN/GM
\*4TH AMONG RETURNING 2005 PLAYERS

- LED THE TEAM IN REBOUNDS IN 23 GAMES
- 10 DOUBLE DOUBLES MOST BY A BEARCAT SINCE 2016-17
- 11 GAMES OF 10+ REB 16 TOTAL: 11 (22-23) 5 (21-22)
  - 10+ POINTS IN 23 GAMES
- AVERAGED 30+ MINUTES PER GAME FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT SEASON

MADE 90+ FREE THROWS EACH OF THE LAST TWO SEASONS

2020-21 AAC ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

MYA JACKSON



 $\mathsf{GR} \cdot \textbf{WILMINGTON}, \textbf{OH} \cdot \mathsf{WILMINGTON} \ \mathsf{HS/SETON} \ \mathsf{HALL}$ 

**87 CAREER STARTS** 28 (22-23) 59 (19-22 AT SETON HALL)

**2022-23** 11.0 PTS, 2.7 REB, 2.6 AST IN 32.4 MIN/GM CAREER 10.1 PTS, 2.7 REB, 1.8 AST, 30.2 MIN/GM

- LED TEAM IN ASSISTS IN 11 GAMES • SET CAREER HIGH AVERAGES IN POINTS, ASSISTS, MINUTES
- LED TEAM IN SCORING IN 8 GAMES
- 5 GAMES OF 10+ POINTS & 5+ ASSISTS

54 CAREER 10+ POINT GAMES 17 (22-23) 15 (21-22) 9 (20-21) 13 (19-20)

2019-20 BIG EAST ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM (SETON HALL)

BRAYLYN MILTON



JR  $\cdot$  CHARLOTTE, NC  $\cdot$  INDEPENDENCE HS

28 CAREER STARTS 14 (22-23) 14 (21-22)

**2022-23** 4.2 PTS, 2.2 REB, 2.3 AST, 1.0 STL **CAREER** 4.8 PTS, 2.4 REB, 1.8 AST, 23.9 MIN/GM

CAREER HIGH 28 PTS ON 9-12 FROM THE FIELD, 5-5 FROM 3 AT #7 LOUISVILLE
 THE 28 POINTS WERE THE MOST BY A BEARCAT SINCE 2021

- LED TEAM IN ASSISTS IN 10 GAMES
- SCORED 10+ PTS 3 TIMES 7 IN HER CAREER
  - HAS PLAYED IN 57 CAREER GAMES

2021-22 AAC ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

#### **GET TO KNOW THE**

# BEARCATS

#### CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 2 Regular Season Ohio Athletic Conference Titles
- 1 Regular Season Conference USA Title
- 1 Conference USA Tournament Championship



K.B. SHARP 2003, NEW YORK LIBERTY **MADINAH SLAISE** 2000, DETROIT SHOCK



IIMAR'I THOMAS (KODAK/WBCA 2020 HM) ANTOINETTE MILLER (KODAK/WBCA 2020 HM) CHERYL COOK (AWSF 1984 HM) (AWSF 1985 2ND) DEBBIE MERRILL (KODAK/WBCA 2003 HM) VALERIE KING (BASKETBALL TIMES 2002 HM)

BEV OBRINGER (AWSF 1986 2ND)

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WILL PLAY 12 GAMES AGAINST TEAMS THAT ADVANCED TO 2023 NCAA TOURNAMENT WILL PARTICIPATE IN 2023 U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS PARADISE JAM OVER THANKSGIVING BREAK

### GET TO KNOW THE

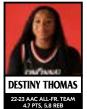
90% OF BIG 12 TEAMS FINISHING WITH WINNING RECORDS IN 2022-23, A FEAT NO OTHER LEAGUE HAS ACCOMPLISHED SINCE THE FORMATION OF THE BIG 12 CONFERENCE IN 1994.

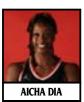
A NATION-LEADING 60% OF BIG 12 TEAM (6 TEAMS) WERE SELECTED TO THE 2023 NCAA TOURNAMENT AND 90% REACHED THE NATIONAL POSTSEASON (9 TEAMS)

2023 WNIT CHAMPION KANSAS

# **8** NEWCOMERS



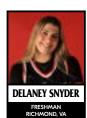












ABBY HOLTMAN

# RETURNERS

75% 77% OF REBOUNDS

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