



MEET THE 2023 PARTICIPANTS



MEDIA DAY



HEAD COACH

WES MILLER



226-163
OVERALL (13TH YEAR)

41-28
AT UC (3RD YEAR)

PLAYING CAREER

- 2002-03**
PLAYED FOR JAMES MADISON
- 2004-07**
PLAYED FOR NORTH CAROLINA
- 2005**
NATIONAL CHAMPION NORTH CAROLINA
- 2007-08**
PLAYED FOR LONDON CAPITALS (BRITISH BASKETBALL LEAGUE)

COACHING CAREER

- E ELON**
2008-09 ASSISTANT COACH
- HP HIGH POINT**
2009-10 ASSISTANT COACH
- UNC GREENSBORO**
2010-11 ASSISTANT COACH
- UNC GREENSBORO**
2011 INTERIM HEAD COACH
- UNC GREENSBORO**
2011-21 HEAD COACH
- CINCINNATI**
2021-PRESENT HEAD COACH

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

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

5 FIRST UC COACH TO WIN HIS
FIRST FIVE GAMES
ACCOMPLISHED IN 71-51 W OVER #11 ILLINOIS

28 AGE AT WHICH WES BECAME
A HEAD COACH

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

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

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

15 JOHN NEWMAN III



GR · GREENSBORO, NC · GREENSBORO DAY SCHOOL

2021-22 32 GP, 31 GS, 25.8 MIN/GM
2022-23 PLAYED ONLY OPENER BEFORE SUFFERING SEASON-ENDING INJURY

- 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)

33 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

BEARCATS

33 **NCAA**
APPEARANCES

9-STRAIGHT FROM 2011-19

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

29

**REGULAR SEASON
CONFERENCE TITLES**
LAST: 2020

**12TH WINNINGEST
PROGRAM ALL-TIME**
1,889 WINS



32 ALL-AMERICANS

INCLUDING: OSCAR ROBERTSON, KENYON MARTIN
STEVE LOGAN, NICK VAN EXEL, AND SEAN KILPATRICK

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

**#50 FINAL
KENPOM RANKING**

































TOP-30 IN FEWEST
TURNOVERS
BACK-TO-BACK YEARS
267 (2020-21)

125 TIED WITH HOUSTON FOR MOST WINS IN AAC PLAY

2023-24 SCHEDULE

HOME AWAY NEUTRAL



								
11.06	11.10	11.12	11.19	11.22	11.28	12.03	12.09	12.12
								
12.16 HOOPS CLASSIC	12.19	12.22	12.29	1.06	1.09	1.13	1.16	1.20
								
1.22	1.27	1.31	2.03	2.10	2.13	2.17	2.21	2.24
					3.12-16 BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIP			
2.27	3.02	3.05	3.09					

8 NEWCOMERS



DAY DAY THOMAS

JR. · BISHOPVILLE, SC
KILGORE COLLEGE



JIZZLE JAMES

FR. · ORLANDO, FL



RAYVON GRIFFITH

FR. · CINCINNATI, OH



CJ FREDRICK

GR. · CINCINNATI, OH
IOWA (3), KENTUCKY (2)



JAMILLE REYNOLDS

SR. · ST. PETERSBURG, FL
UCF (2), TEMPLE



LANDEN LONG

GR. · MASON, OH
OHIO NORTHERN (4)



SIMAS LUKOŠIUS

JR. · KAUNAS, LITHUANIA
BUTLER (2)



AZIZ BANDAOGO

SR. · DAKAR, SENEGAL
AKRON (2) UTAH VALLEY

FIFTH THIRD ARENA



1989

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2004

THE SHOE

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2018

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2023

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HEAD COACH

KATRINA MERRIWEATHER



151-70
AS A COACH

83-41
AS A PLAYER



2023
2021

USA FIBA WOMEN'S
AMERICUP TEAM
ASSISTANT COACH
SILVER MEDAL

USA WOMEN'S U19
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

KATRINA MERRIWEATHER AS A COACH

3x

HORIZON LEAGUE
COACH OF THE YEAR
2017, 2019, 2021

3x

HORIZON LEAGUE
REGULAR SEASON CHAMPS
2017, 2019, 2021

2x

HORIZON LEAGUE
TOURNAMENT CHAMPS
2019, 2021

5

POSTSEASON APPEARANCES
2 NCAA TOURNAMENT, 3 WNIT

19

ALL-CONFERENCE
HONOREES

WRIGHT STATE

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

MEMPHIS

LED MEMPHIS TO A 22-11
SEASON IN 2022-23, THE
PROGRAM'S FIRST 20-WIN
SEASON SINCE 2012-13 AND
THE 2023 WNIT SWEET 16.
38-23 (.623)

CINCINNATI

10TH WOMEN'S
BASKETBALL HEAD COACH
IN PROGRAM HISTORY.
GA COACH FOR UC'S FIRST
NCAA TOURNAMENT WIN
IN 2002.

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 2023 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

23 MYA JACKSON



GR · WILMINGTON, OH · WILMINGTON HS/SETON 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)

5 BRAYLYN MILTON



JR · CHARLOTTE, NC · 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

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CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2 Regular Season Ohio Athletic Conference Titles
1984-85, 1985-86

1 Regular Season Conference USA Title
1998-99

1 Conference USA Tournament Championship
2001-02

4

NCAA
APPEARANCES

9

WNIT
APPEARANCES

K.B. SHARP
2003, NEW YORK LIBERTY

MADINAH SLAISE
2000, DETROIT SHOCK



7

ALL-AMERICANS

IIMAR'I THOMAS (KODAK/WBCA 2020 HM)

ANTOINETTE MILLER (KODAK/WBCA 2020 HM)

DEBBIE MERRILL (KODAK/WBCA 2003 HM)

VALERIE KING (BASKETBALL TIMES 2002 HM)

BEV OBRINGER (AWSF 1986 2ND)

CHERYL COOK (AWSF 1984 HM)

(AWSF 1985 2ND)

2023-24 SCHEDULE

HOME AWAY NEUTRAL



11.01 EXH	11.06	11.15	11.19	11.23 PARADISE JAM	11.24 PARADISE JAM	11.25 PARADISE JAM	12.01	12.10	12.13
12.17	12.21	12.30	1.03	1.06	1.10	1.13	1.20	1.24	1.27
1.30	2.03	2.7	2.10	2.14	2.17	2.20	2.24	2.27	3.2

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



NIA CLARK

10+ PTS/GM IN 3 SEASONS
46 CAREER STARTS



DESTINY THOMAS

22-23 AAC ALL-FR. TEAM
4.7 PTS, 5.8 REB



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CONTRIBUTOR
AT PENN STATE



REAGAN JACKSON

FRESHMAN
KENNEDALE, TX



ABBY HOLTMAN

FRESHMAN
FLORENCE, KY



BRIANNA BYARS

FRESHMAN
PARIS, KY



RAMIYAH BYRD

FRESHMAN
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO



DELANEY SNYDER

FRESHMAN
RICHMOND, VA

7 RETURNERS

75%
OF POINTS

77%
OF REBOUNDS

82%
OF ASSISTS

73%
OF MINUTES PLAYED

90%
OF BLOCKS

CINCINNATI'S 4.7 BLOCKS/GM IN 22-23 RANKED

23RD NATIONALLY **1ST** AAC

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