

LeTourneau University Men's Basketball Notes

HIGH 5: Thursday's game vs. New Mexico will mark the fifth NCAA Division I exhibition for the YellowJackets this season ... LETU has already played at Stephen F. Austin St., Rice, Sam Houston State and Texas Southern ... Both SFA and TSU were picked to win their respective leagues by *Lindy's*.

HOW THE WEST WAS WON: LeTourneau featured the NCAA Division III National Player of the Year, Nate West, in 2019-20 ... West graduated, and is waiting to begin his professional career ... He helped LETU win back-to-back American Southwest Conference East Division titles, the ASC Championship Tournament and two trips to the NCAA Tournament in his four years as a YellowJacket.

NET RETURNS: LETU returns 10 players from last year's American Southwest Conference Championship Tournament team that made its second appearance in the NCAA Division III Tournament ... The Jackets began the season with 12 returners, but two are no longer playing this season, and another was injured – likely out for the remainder of the year.

MOORE THAN ENOUGH: Sr. G **Justin Moore** (Houston/Stratford HS) was a Second Team All-American Southwest Conference East Division selection last year, averaging 13.5 ppg and 5.8 reb ... He scored nine points, and had two steals in the exhibition at SFA ... He had 10 points at Sam Houston State before suffering a likely season-ending injury.

NO ARGUE-ING THAT: Soph. F [John Argue](#) (Houston/Clear Lake HS) is a focal point in the Jackets' offense ... Argue had nine points, seven rebounds, four steals and two blocks at SFA ... He had 18 points, nine boards, two steals and a block at Rice ... Argue scored 13 points, grabbed nine boards, and blocked two shots at Sam Houston State ... He had 12 points, five boards and two steals at Texas Southern ... Argue was named to the American Southwest Conference East All-Freshman Team last year after averaging 12.1 points, 6.5 rebounds and 1.4 blocks per game ... He was second in the ASC in blocks (42) ... Argue's status for Tuesday is a game time decision.

ANDREW'S HEART: Jr. G **Andrew Eberhardt** (Pearland/Dawson HS) was an Honorable Mention All-ASC East pick last year ... He averaged 10.5 ppg and 4.4 rebounds ... Eberhardt canned a career-high eight triples in the ASC Championship quarterfinals, earning him ASC Championship All-Tournament Team honors ... Eberhardt scored a career-high 31 points, going 7 of 13 from three-point range in the regular season opener win Tuesday over Howard Payne.

LETU PRIDE: Newcomer **Jordan Pride**, a junior guard from Houston Strake Jesuit who transferred from Mary Hardin-Baylor, had eight points on 3 of 4 shooting in the exhibition at SFA ... He had six points and seven assists in the season-opening win over Howard Payne Tuesday ... Pride hails from the same Houston high school that last year's NCAA DIII National Player of the Year Nate West graduated.

PEARLAND PAIR: Jr. Gs [Andrew Eberhardt](#) and [Kyle Matthews](#) both hail from Pearland Dawson High School ... Eberhardt was an Honorable Mention All-ASC East selection last year after averaging 10.5 ppg and 4.4 reb ... Eberhardt's 67 triples last year is tied for 10th in school season history ... He scored 11 points, and had two steals at Rice ... He scored 13 points at Sam Houston State, and had 11 points at Texas Southern ... Matthews started five games last year, and averaged 4.5 ppg and 4.0 reb ... As a starter, Matthews averaged 7.8 ppg and 4.8 reb ... He had six boards at Rice ... Matthews grabbed seven boards at TSU ... He had seven points, four assists, four rebounds and a steal in Tuesday's home opener.

ACTION JACKSON: Fr. G [Deonte Jackson](#) averaged 11 points and 3.5 assists in the previous four exhibition games ... He shot .395 from the floor, going 17 of 43 ... Jackson scored in double figures in two of those games, including 16 at Rice ... The freshman from Nacogdoches, Texas, was inserted into the starting lineup Tuesday, finishing with 16 points, six assists and three steals.

KYCE IS NICE: Soph. G **Kyce Wilson** scored nine points on 3 of 4 shooting at Sam Houston State ... He followed that up with nine points, going 6-for-6 from the free throw line in the Jackets' win over Howard Payne Tuesday.

NO BABY STEPS FOR THIS GERBER: Jr. F **Elijah Gerber** is coming off a 13-point performance on 6 of 8 shooting in the win over Howard Payne Tuesday ... Gerber was inserted into the starting lineup in the exhibition game at Texas Southern after Moore was injured a night earlier at Sam Houston State.

CoVID CANCELLATIONS: LeTourneau has had three games canceled or tabled due to coronavirus concerns with the opposition ... The Jackets rescheduled and already played their Dec. 5 game with Howard Payne, a 100-63 LeTourneau win Tuesday ... LETU's home game against Mary Hardin-Baylor, originally scheduled for Monday, has been tabled until Dec. 31 ... The Jackets' Nov. 20 game against Sul Ross State has been canceled.