



VCU BASKETBALL

2023-24 MEDIA NOTES

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2023-24 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	TV	Time/Score
OCTOBER			
O28	MARS HILL (Exhibition)		W, 110-50
NOVEMBER			
N6	MCNEESE STATE	MASN	L, 65-76
N10	SAMFORD	MASN	W, 75-65
N15	RADFORD	MASN	W, 73-50
N18	SEATTLE	MASN	W, 60-56

ESPN Events Invitational (Kissimmee, Fla.)

N23	vs. Iowa State	ESPN2	5:30 p.m.
N24	vs. Boise St./Virginia Tech	ESPN2/U	5:30/8
N26	vs. TBD	ESPN2/U	TBD

DECEMBER

D1	NORFOLK STATE	MASN	7 p.m.
D6	MEMPHIS	ESPNU	7 p.m.
D10	ALCORN STATE	MASN	2 p.m.
D16	TEMPLE	MASN	2 p.m.
D22	UMES	MASN	7 p.m.
D30	GARDNER-WEBB	MASN	2 p.m.

JANUARY

J3	*ST. BONAVENTURE	CBSSN	9 p.m.
J6	*GEORGE WASHINGTON	USA	4 p.m.
J9	*at George Mason		7 p.m.
J13	*at La Salle	USA	12:30 p.m.
J19	*SAINT LOUIS	ESPN2	7 p.m.
J23	*LOYOLA CHICAGO	CBSSN	7 p.m.
J27	*at Davidson	CBSSN	8 p.m.
J30	*at St. Bonaventure	CBSSN	7 p.m.

FEBRUARY

F3	*RICHMOND	ESPNU	4 p.m.
F6	*at Fordham		7 p.m.
F9	*DAYTON	ESPN2	7 p.m.
F16	*at Saint Louis	ESPN2	7 p.m.
F20	*at UMass	CBSSN	7 p.m.
F25	*SAINT JOSEPH'S	CBSSN	4 p.m.
F28	*RHODE ISLAND	CBSSN	6:30 p.m.

MARCH

M2	*at Richmond	CBSSN	6 p.m.
M5	*DUQUESNE	MASN	7 p.m.
M8	*at Dayton	ESPN2	7 p.m.

Atlantic 10 Conference Championship - Brooklyn, N.Y.
March 12-17 - Barclays Center

Home games in BOLD and played at the Stuart C. Siegel Center

* - Atlantic 10 Conference Game

All game times Eastern Standard Time (EST); Dates and times subject to change.

VCU, PLEASE

On first reference, it is acceptable to use VCU or Virginia Commonwealth University. Please do not use "Virginia Commonwealth" or "Va. Commonwealth" when referring to VCU.

GAMES #4-6: ESPN EVENTS INVITATIONAL

NOV. 23, 24, 26, 2023 / KISSIMMEE, FLA. / STATE FARM FIELD HOUSE (5,000)



VCU RAMS

RECORD: 3-1
LOCATION: RICHMOND, VA.
CONFERENCE: ATLANTIC 10
COACH: RYAN ODOM
AT VCU: 3-1 (1ST YEAR)
CAREER: 173-107 (9TH YEAR)



IOWA STATE CYCLONES

RECORD: 4-0
LOCATION: AMES, IOWA
CONFERENCE: BIG 12
COACH: T.J. OTZELBERGER
AT ISU: 45-27 (3RD YEAR)
CAREER: 144-90 (8TH YEAR)

ON THE AIR

TV: ESPN2 / Doug Sherman (play-by-play) and King McClure (color commentary)

Radio: 910 AM The Fan & 98.5 FM / Robby Robinson (pxp) & Rodney Ashby (color)

Live Statistics: StatBroadcast

Twitter: @VCU_Hoops, @VCUHorns

VCU-IOWA STATE SERIES

RECORD: SERIES TIED 1-1

STREAK: IOWA STATE W1

LAST 10: N/A

1ST GAME: VCU 91, ISU 84 (12/29/93)

LAST GAME: ISU 66, VCU 59 (11/26/94)

LAST VCU WIN: ISU 66, VCU 59 (11/26/94)

TALKING POINTS

SO IT GOES...: Senior guard Zeb Jackson scored a career-high 20 points, while sophomore forward Tobi Lawal keyed a late comeback with 10 points, including his first two career 3-pointers, in a 60-56 win over Seattle on Nov. 18 at the Siegel Center. VCU, which trailed 51-44 with 5:17 left, used a 14-2 run, including a go-ahead 3-pointer by sophomore guard Jason Nelson with 1:58 left, on the way to victory.

STYLE: Through four games, the Rams have assisted on 60 percent of their field goals, the team's highest rate since 2010-11. In VCU's season-opening loss to McNeese State, the Rams assisted on 17 of 22 baskets. The Rams have also been efficient inside. VCU is shooting .589 from 2-point range this season, which currently ranks 30th nationally. Those numbers shouldn't necessarily come as a surprise. Head Coach Ryan Odom's Utah State team ranked 16th nationally in offensive efficiency in 2022-23. The Aggies were eighth nationally in effective field goal percentage and 15th in 3-point percentage. Utah State ranked 11th in assisted baskets last year and led the country in that category in 2021-22.

SOON YOU'LL GET BETTER: Tobi Lawal looks poised for a breakout sophomore campaign. Through three games the 6-foot-8 forward is averaging 9.3 points and 7.3 rebounds, while shooting .700 (14-of-20) from the field. Lawal averaged 1.3 points and 1.1 rebounds in 5.5 minutes per game last season. On Nov. 15, Lawal recorded his first career double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds against Radford.

BLANK SPACE: This will be a new-look VCU team in 2023-24. In addition to a new coaching staff, led by Odom, the VCU roster will feature eight newcomers, seven of them transfers. The Rams will be looking to replace their top seven scorers from their 2022-23 Atlantic 10 Conference Championship team. VCU returns just 12 percent of its minutes and nine percent of its points from last year's team.

THE MAN: Odom was named the 13th head coach in VCU Basketball history on March 29. He spent the past two seasons at Utah State and led the Aggies to a 26-9 mark and an NCAA Tournament appearance last season. Odom is perhaps best known for his five seasons at UMBC, when he authored the first victory by a No. 16 seed over a No. 1 seed in NCAA Tournament history when the Terriers topped Virginia 74-54 on March 16, 2018. Odom is 171-107 in eight seasons as a head coach.

I KNEW YOU WERE TROUBLE: Despite VCU's roster turnover, A-10 coaches and media expect the Rams to compete for another title. The Rams were picked second in the A-10 preseason poll, and Utah State transfers Max Shulga (Second Team) and Sean Bairstow (Third Team) were named to the league's preseason all-conference teams. Shulga averaged 11.9 points, 4.5 rebounds and 4.0 assists for Odom in Logan, Utah last season. Bairstow, meanwhile, posted career-best totals of 10.3 points, 5.2 rebounds and 2.6 assists per game.

SHAKE IT OFF: VCU will be without graduate wing Sean Bairstow for the next 6-8 weeks. The Utah State transfer, a Preseason Third Team All-Atlantic 10 selection, broke a bone in his right foot on Oct. 18 in practice. He averaged 10.3 points and 5.2 rebounds last season.

2023-24 VCU LINEUP

Possible Starters (Based on last game)

No.	Player	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
2	Zeb Jackson	G	Sr.	6-5	185	34.8	16.0	5.3	5.0	.429	.222	.941
11	Max Shulga	G	Sr.	6-5	200	31.3	13.5	4.3	4.3	.500	.435	.824
8	Michael Belle	G/F	Fr.	6-7	215	25.0	4.0	4.0	0.8	.200	.000	.667
13	Kuany Kuany	F	Gr.	6-9	200	14.8	3.5	2.3	0.3	.250	.000	.800
21	Christian Fermin	F	So.	6-10	225	27.2	6.8	7.3	2.0*	.625	--	.583

Off the Bench

1	Jason Nelson	G	R-So.	5-10	175	26.3	9.8	1.5	1.5	.500	.357	.857
10	Tobi Lawal	F	So.	6-8	200	18.1	9.3	7.3	1.0*	.700	.667	.538
5	Fats Billups III	G/F	R-Fr.	6-7	180	16.9	6.7	2.3	0.3	.353	.400	1.000
4	Roosevelt Wheeler	F	Jr.	6-11	245	6.7	0.0	1.3	0.3*	--	--	--
7	Sean Bairstow	G/F	Gr.	6-8	205	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
14	Connor Odom	G	Sr.	5-11	165	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
22	Joe Bamisile	G	Sr.	6-4	190	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
34	Obi Okafor	F	R-Fr.	6-9	220	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

* - Blocks per game

VCU BASKETBALL QUICK FACTS

TEAM INFORMATION

2022-23 Record.....	27-8
Atlantic 10 Conference Record.....	15-3
Home/Away/Neutral.....	15-3/8-3/4-2
A-10 Finish.....	1st
Postseason Finish.....	NCAA First Round
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....	5/9
Starters Returning/Lost.....	0/5
All-Time Record.....	1,077-576 (.651)
First Season.....	1968-69
NCAA Appearances.....	19
NCAA Record.....	13-18
Final Four Appearances.....	One (2011)
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BASKETBALL STAFF

Head Coach.....	Ryan Odom (Hampden-Sydney '96)
VCU Record.....	3-1 (1st Year)
Overall Record.....	173-107 (9th Year)
A-10 Record.....	0-0
NCAA Tournament Record (Division I).....	1-2
NCAA Appearances (Division I).....	2
Assistant Coach.....	Matt Henry (Trinity '01)
Assistant Coach.....	Bryce Crawford (Ohio State '11)
Assistant Coach.....	Darius Theus (VCU '13)
Director of Operations.....	Kelsey Knoche (Maryland '15)
Director of Video.....	Billy Bales (Lenoir-Rhyne '18)
Director of Student-Athlete Development.....	Bradford Burgess (VCU '12)
Director of Analytics.....	Matt Hart (George Washington '17)
Coordinator of Player Personnel...	Ahmad Thomas (UNC Asheville '18)
Dir. of Sports Performance...	Daniel Roose (Appalachian St. '01)
Director of Sports Medicine for MBB.....	Josh Wall (High Point '13)
Assistant Director of Operations...	Lexi Mallory (Randolph-Macon '19)

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Location.....	Richmond, Va.
Enrollment.....	32,000
Founded.....	1838
Nickname.....	Rams
Colors.....	Black & Gold (PMS 130)
President.....	Dr. Michael Rao, Ph.D.

Director of Athletics.....	Ed McLaughlin
Conference.....	Atlantic 10
Home Court.....	The Stuart C. Siegel Center
Capacity.....	7,637
Website.....	VCUathletics.com

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2023-24 ROSTER INFO (2022-23 STATISTICS)

Starters Returning (0)

#	Player	HT	WT	CL	POS	PPG	APG	RPG
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Returnees (5)

#	Player	HT	WT	CL	POS	PPG	APG	RPG
2	Zeb Jackson	6-5	185	Sr.	G	5.2	1.7	1.5
5	Fats Billups III	6-7	180	R-Fr.	G/F	0.3	0.0	0.5
10	Tobi Lawal	6-8	200	So.	F	1.3	0.3*	1.1
11	Christian Fermin	6-10	225	So.	F	0.4	0.2*	0.7
34	Obi Okafor	6-9	220	R-Fr.	F	--	--	--

Newcomers (8)

#	Player	HT	WT	CL	POS	PPG	APG	RPG
1	Jason Nelson	5-10	175	R-So.	G	8.0	2.0	2.3
4	Roosevelt Wheeler	6-11	245	Jr.	F	1.2	0.1	2.0
7	Sean Bairstow	6-8	205	Gr.	G/F	10.3	2.6	5.2
8	Michael Belle	6-7	215	Fr.	G/F	--	--	--
11	Max Shulga	6-5	200	Sr.	G	11.9	4.0	4.5
13	Kuany Kuany	6-9	200	Gr.	F	9.0	0.8	3.9
14	Connor Odom	5-11	165	Sr.	G	0.0	0.0	0.0
22	Joe Bamisile	6-4	190	Sr.	G	4.0	0.5	2.3

Starters Lost (5)

#	Player	HT	WT	CL	POS	PPG	APG	RPG
1	Ace Baldwin Jr.	6-1	190	Jr.	G	12.7	5.8	2.9
4	Jalen Deloach	6-9	215	So.	F	9.7	1.4*	6.9
23	Jayden Nunn	6-4	190	So.	G	9.3	1.5	2.5
24	Nick Kern Jr.	6-6	190	So.	F	5.3	0.8	2.7
30	Brandon Johns Jr.	6-8	240	Gr.	F	11.6	0.8*	5.2

Others Lost (5)

#	Player	HT	WT	CL	POS	PPG	APG	RPG
0	Jamir Watkins	6-7	210	R-So.	G/F	9.5	1.5	5.4
15	Arnold Henderson VI	5-10	180	Sr.	G	0.3	0.1	0.0
21	Jarren McAllister	6-4	205	R-Jr.	G	--	--	--
33	Josh Banks	6-5	175	Jr.	G	2.8	0.2	0.7
35	David Shriver	6-6	220	Sr.	G/F	6.5	0.5	2.3

* - Blocks per game

HEAD COACH RYAN ODOM

FIRST SEASON • 3-1 AT VCU (173-107 OVERALL)



Ryan Odom, who authored one of the greatest victories in NCAA Tournament history, was named the 13th men's basketball coach in VCU history on March 29, 2023.

Odom assumes the reigns of the VCU program following two seasons at Utah State, where he led the Aggies to a 26-9 mark and the first round of the NCAA Tournament in 2022-23. Odom, whose career also includes an unforgettable five-year tenure at UMBC, is 170-106 overall in eight-plus seasons as a head coach.

"Lucia and I could not be more excited about joining the VCU and greater Richmond communities. We look forward to continuing the incredible tradition of excellence that VCU Basketball has embodied for many years. We are humbled with the honor of leading this outstanding program and will fight each day to produce a program our university, alumni and fans can be extremely proud to call their own. I would like to particularly thank Dr. Michael Rao and Ed McLaughlin for their belief in me and for this wonderful opportunity. We cannot wait to join this tremendous community and begin to work to enhance this incredible program."

A North Carolina native, Odom and UMBC made history in 2018, when he steered the Retrievers to a 74-54 victory over No. 1 overall seed Virginia in the first round of the NCAA Tournament – the first win by a No. 16 seed over a No. 1 seed in history. He led UMBC to a 97-60 mark in five seasons, a tenure that included a 2018 America East Tournament Championship, as well as a 2021 regular season crown. For his efforts, Odom was named the 2021 America East Conference and the NABC District 1 Coach of the Year.

Odom took over the UMBC program in 2016-17 and sparked an immediate 14-win improvement. Prior to Odom's arrival, UMBC had endured eight consecutive losing seasons and had failed to reach double digit wins in seven straight years. Odom promptly steered the Retrievers to three straight 20-win campaigns, including a school-record 25 victories in 2017-18. His 2016-17 squad advanced to the CollegeBasketballInsider.com (CIT) semifinals, becoming the first America East team to ever win three games in a single postseason. At the end of the season, Odom received the 2017 Joe B. Hall Award, which is presented annually to the top first-year coach in Division I.

In 2022-23 at Utah State, Odom's high-powered offense, which ranked 16th nationally, spurred the Aggies to 26 victories, including a 13-5 mark in a Mountain West Conference that saw four teams reach the NCAA Tournament. Utah State advanced to the Mountain West Championship Game before falling to eventual Final Four qualifier San Diego State 62-57. Utah State, rated 18th in the NCAA's NET rankings, earned an at-large berth to the NCAA Tournament as the No. 10 seed in the South Region.

In his first season at Utah State, Odom led the Aggies to an 18-16 overall record, including 8-10 in MW play, and their fourth-straight NCAA post-season berth as USU hosted Oregon as an at-large seed in the opening round of the NIT. Four Utah State players earned All-Mountain West Conference honors during his two-year tenure, including 2023 First Team selection Steven Ashworth and Sixth Man of the Year Dan Akin. Odom was 44-25 in two seasons with the Aggies.

In 2020-21, Odom led UMBC to a 14-6 record, including a 10-4 league mark, which earned the Retrievers to a share of the America East regular-season title and the No. 1 seed in the league's championship tournament. In 2018-19, UMBC advanced to the championship game of the America East Tournament after posting a 21-13 record, including an 11-5 conference mark, for its third-straight 20-win season.

In his second year at UMBC, Odom and the Retrievers posted a 25-11 record, including a 12-4 league mark, to finish second in the America East.

UMBC also won an America East Conference title at prohibitive favorite Vermont to set the stage for its stunning victory over Virginia in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in Charlotte, N.C. That victory would receive an ESPY nomination for "Best Moment" of the year. Odom was later named the 2018 Hugh Durham Award as the nation's top mid-major coach. During his UMBC tenure, the Retrievers collected nine All-Conference citations, including 2018 Defensive Player of the Year K.J. Maura and 2021 Sixth Man of the Year Keondre Kennedy.

He also served as head coach at Division II Lenoir-Rhyne in 2015-16 and led the Bears to a 21-10 mark – a 13-win improvement -- and the school's first-ever NCAA Sweet 16 appearance. The Bears led the nation in 3-point field goals made per game (12.4), and finished ninth in the country in scoring at 90.1 points per game that season.

Odom was an assistant coach at Charlotte for five seasons (2011-15), and served as the 49ers interim head coach for the final 19 games of the 2014-15 campaign. In 2013, he helped Charlotte earn a bid to the postseason NIT.

Prior to his tenure in Charlotte, Odom spent seven years (2004-10) on the coaching staff at Virginia Tech and was part of a Hokies' team that earned a berth to the NCAA Tournament in 2007 and beat Illinois in the first round.

Odom was also an assistant coach at American for three years (2001-03), at UNC Asheville for one season (2000) and at Furman for two years (1998-99). He also served as an administrative assistant at South Florida for one season (1997).

Odom graduated from Hampden-Sydney in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in economics and was a four-year starting point guard on the men's basketball team. He served as team captain his senior season and led Hampden-Sydney to an 80-30 record during his playing career, including two berths in the NCAA Division III Tournament. In addition, Odom finished his career as the school's all-time leader in 3-pointers made and placed fourth in assists.

Ryan is the son of Dave Odom, who retired in 2008 as the head coach at South Carolina. The elder Odom earned SEC Coach of the Year honors while at South Carolina in 2004 and ACC Coach of the Year honors in 1991, 1994 and 1995, while at Wake Forest.

Odom and his wife, Lucia, have two sons - Connor and Owen.

THE RYAN ODOM FILE

AS HEAD COACH

Year	School	Overall		Conf.		Notable
		W	L	W	L	
2014-15	Charlotte*	8	11	7	10	
2015-16	Lenoir-Rhyne (D-II)	21	10	14	8	NCAA Regional Finals
2016-17	UMBC	21	13	9	7	CIT Quarterfinals
2017-18	UMBC	25	11	12	4	NCAA Second Round
2018-19	UMBC	21	13	11	5	AE Runner-up
2019-20	UMBC	16	17	8	8	AE Semifinals
2020-21	UMBC	14	6	10	4	Regular Season Champ
2021-22	Utah State	18	16	8	10	NIT First Round
2022-23	Utah State	26	9	13	5	NCAA First Round
2023-24	VCU	3	1	0	0	

HC Total 9 Seasons **173 107 71 46** **3 NCAA, 1 NIT, 1 CIT**

* - Interim head coach

AS AN ASSISTANT

1996-97	South Florida	Administrative Assistant
1997-99	Furman	Assistant Coach
1999-00	UNC Asheville	Assistant Coach
2000-03	American	Assistant Coach
2003-10	Virginia Tech	Assistant Coach
2010-14	Charlotte	Assistant Coach
2014-15	Charlotte	Associate Head Coach

PLAYING CAREER

1993-96 Hampden-Sydney -- Graduated as school's career 3-point leader

Personal: Wife - Lucia... Sons - Connor and Owen... Son of former Wake Forest and South Carolina Head Coach Dave Odom... Birthday - July 11.

NEWS AND NOTES

VCU-IOWA STATE SERIES

Series tied 1-1

Date	Site	W/L	VC-ISU	Series
12/29/93	N38	W	91-84	1-0
11/26/94	N22	L	59-66	1-1

Neutral: 1-1

VCU-VIRGINIA TECH SERIES

VCU leads 11-10

Date	Site	W/L	VC-VT	Series
2/10/78	HR6	L	63-71	0-1
12/29/80	HR6	W	57-51	1-1
12/29/84	HR6	W	69-65	2-1
12/7/86	A	L	52-78	2-2
12/14/86	HR	L	65-67	2-3
1/26/87	A	W	70-65	3-3
1/18/88	HR	W	97-84	4-3
12/30/88	HR6	L	91-97	4-4
1/8/90	A	L	68-71*	4-5
12/11/90	HR	L	75-77	4-6
1/11/92	A	L	72-73*	4-7
2/20/92	HR	W	63-60	5-7
2/6/93	A	W	73-54	6-7
2/22/93	HR	W	86-69	7-7
3/13/93	NM2	W	85-71	8-7
2/10/94	HR	W	81-75	9-7
2/17/94	A	L	59-75	9-8
3/11/94	NM1	L	64-65	9-9
1/14/95	A	L	69-78	9-10
2/23/95	HR	W	62-57	10-10
12/21/13	N	W	82-52	11-10

Home: 7-4 Away: 2-5 Neutral: 2-1

VCU-BOISE STATE SERIES

VCU leads 1-0

Date	Site	W/L	VC-BS	Series
12/28/73	A	W	87-85	1-0

Away: 1-0

...READY FOR IT?

Four Rams who saw action with VCU last season returned to the fold for the Ryan Odom era: Zeb Jackson, Tobi Lawal, Christian Fermin and Fats Billups III. All four have been rewarded with dramatic increases in playing time and have seen a significant increase in on-floor production (a fifth returnee, Obi Okafor, redshirted the 2022-23 season and will miss the 2023-24 campaign with a knee injury).

Here's a look at the difference a year has made for VCU's returning Rams:

Zeb Jackson, Sr., G

Season	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG
2022-23	17.4	5.2	1.5	1.7
2023-24	34.8	16.0	5.3	5.0

Tobi Lawal, So., F

Season	MPG	PPG	RPG	BPG
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2023-24 STARTING LINE-UPS

Opp.	Date	PG	SG	SF	PF	C	Rec.
McNeese State	11/6	Jackson	Shulga	Belle	Kuany	Fermin	0-1
Samford	11/10	Jackson	Shulga	Belle	Kuany	Fermin	1-1
Radford	11/15	Jackson	Shulga	Belle	Kuany	Fermin	2-1
Seattle	11/18	Jackson	Shulga	Belle	Kuany	Fermin	3-1

Different starting lineups: 1
Players to start at least one game: 5

2023-24 VCU RAMS ROSTER

#	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School/Previous School
1	Jason Nelson	G	R-So.	5-10	175	Richmond, Va./John Marshall/Richmond
2	Zeb Jackson	G	Sr.	6-5	185	Toledo, Ohio/Montverde Academy/Michigan
4	Roosevelt Wheeler	F	Jr.	6-11	245	Richmond, Va./John Marshall/Louisville
5	Alphonzo "Fats" Billups	G/F	R-Fr.	6-7	180	Richmond, Va./Varina
7	Sean Bairstow	G/F	Gr.	6-8	205	Brisbane, Australia/Churchie/Utah State
8	Michael Belle	G/F	Fr.	6-7	215	London, England/Strasbourg
10	Toibu "Tobi" Lawal	F	So.	6-8	200	London, England/Lee Academy (Me.)
11	Max Shulga	G	Sr.	6-5	200	Kyiv, Ukraine/Basketball School of Excellence/Utah State
13	Kuany Kuany	F	Gr.	6-9	200	Melbourne, Australia/Prolific Prep/Cal
14	Connor Odom	G	Sr.	5-11	165	Annapolis, Md./Archbishop Spalding/Utah State
21	Christian Fermin	F	So.	6-10	225	Tobyhanna, Pa./Pocono Mountain West
22	Joe Bamisile	G	Sr.	6-4	190	Chesterfield, Va./Monacan/Oklahoma
34	Obinnaya "Obi" Okafor	F	R-Fr.	6-9	220	Hampton, Va./Bethel

Head Coach: Ryan Odom (First season, Hampden-Sydney '96)
Assistant Coaches: Matt Henry (First season, Trinity '01), Bryce Crawford (First season, Ohio State '11), Darius Theus (VCU '13)
Director of Operations: Kelsey Knoche (Maryland, '15)
Director of Video: Billy Bales (First season, Lenoir-Rhyne '18)
Director of Student-Athlete Development: Bradford Burgess (First season, VCU '12)
Directory of Analytics: Matt Hart (First season, George Washington '17)
Coordinator of Player Personnel: Ahmad Thomas (First season, UNC Asheville '18)
Athletic Trainer: Josh Wall (Third season, High Point '13)
Director of Sports Performance: Daniel Roose (Eleventh season, Appalachian State '01)
Assistant Director of Operations: Lexi Mallory (Third season, Randolph-Macon '19)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Sean Bairstow = Sean BARE-stow
 Toibu Lawal = Toy-boo Lah-wall (Please use Tobi) - Toby LAH-wall
 Max Shulga = Max Shuhl-gah
 Kuany Kuany = KWAN-e KWAN-e
 Christian Fermin = Fur-min
 Joe Bamisile = Joe Bam-uh-seel
 Obinnaya Okafor = Oh-bin-eye-ah Oh-kah-for (Please use Obi)

2022-23	5.5	1.3	1.1	0.3
2023-24	18.1	9.3	6.3	1.0

Christian Fermin, So., F

Season	MPG	PPG	RPG	BPG
2022-23	3.4	0.4	0.7	0.2
2023-24	27.2	6.8	7.3	2.0

Fats Billups III, R-Fr., G

Season	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG
2022-23	4.1	0.3	0.5	0.0
2023-24	15.8	5.5	2.3	0.3

Opposing teams may find themselves looking up at the trees this season, as the Rams do not lack length. Eleven of the 13 players on this season's roster stand 6-foot-4 or taller, and the Rams' average height is 6-foot-6.

According to the NCAA, the average height of VCU's roster (78.08) ranks 38th nationally.

END GAME

While it may not look like the "Havoc" VCU is known for wreaking on opposing

OUT OF THE WOODS

NEWS AND NOTES

TRENDS

VCU RECORD	'22-23	'23-24
Overall	27-8	3-1
Conference Games	15-3	0-0
When VCU leads at halftime	20-2	0-0
When VCU trails at halftime	7-5	2-1
When tied at halftime	0-1	1-0
In national TV games	15-4	0-0

BY MONTH

November	5-2	3-1
December	5-2	0-0
January	7-2	0-0
February	6-1	0-0
March	4-1	0-0

SCORING

VCU scores fewer than 40 points	0-0	0-0
VCU scores 40-49 points	0-1	0-0
VCU scores 50-59 points	1-4	0-0
VCU scores 60-69 points	5-1	1-1
VCU scores 70-79 points	14-2	2-0
VCU scores 80 or more points	7-0	0-0
Opp. scores fewer than 40 points	0-0	0-0
Opp. scores 40-49 points	0-0	0-0
Opp. scores 50-59 points	10-0	2-0
Opp. scores 60-69 points	15-5	1-0
Opp. scores 70-79 points	2-2	0-1
Opp. scores 80 or more points	0-1	0-0

FROM THE FIELD

VCU shoots below 35%	0-1	0-0
VCU shoots between 35-40%	0-4	1-0
VCU shoots between 40.1 - 45%	7-1	0-1
VCU shoots between 45.1 - 50%	11-2	2-0
VCU shoots between 50.1 - 55%	5-0	0-0
VCU shoots better than 55.1%	4-0	0-0

FINAL MARGIN

1-3 points	4-1	0-0
4-7 points	3-2	1-0
8-10 points	3-2	1-0
11-15 points	8-3	0-1
16+ points	9-0	1-0
In overtime	0-0	0-0

BATTLE OF THE BOARDS

Outrebounding opponent	15-2	2-1
Outrebounded by opponent	10-6	1-0
Rebounds are even	2-0	0-0

DOWN TO THE WIRE

Leading with 5:00 left (in reg.)	22-1	2-0
Trailing with 5:00 left	4-6	1-1
Tied with 5:00 left	1-1	0-0

LAYING IT ON THE LINE

VCU attempts more free throws	19-4	3-0
Opp. attempts more free throws	6-3	0-1
Free throw attempts are even	2-1	0-0

BY LOCATION

Home	15-3	3-1
Road	8-3	0-0
Neutral	4-2	0-0
Conference at home	7-2	0-0
Conference on the road	8-1	0-0
Conference tournament	3-0	0-0

STREAKING

When VCU is coming off a win	20-7	2-0
When VCU is coming off a loss	6-1	1-0
Longest VCU winning streak	W9	W3
Longest VCU losing streak	L2	L1
Current VCU streak	L1	W3

STRENGTH OF OPPOSITION

vs. AP Top 25 teams	0-1	0-0
vs. teams receiving votes	0-2	0-0
vs. teams with a winning record	16-5	2-0
vs. teams with .500 record	2-2	0-0
vs. teams with a losing record	8-1	1-0

offenses, the Rams' defense has impressed early. Through four games, VCU is holding opponents to an effective field goal percentage of .423, the 34th-best rate in the country. On 2-point attempts, that percentage is .402, 22nd in the country. VCU also ranks 45th in the country in blocks rate (14.1).

ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS STAY

Senior Zeb Jackson leads VCU's quintet or returners. The athletic combo guard averaged 5.2 points and 1.7 assists in 17.3 minutes per game as a critical piece of VCU's rotation. His play helped the Rams hoist an A-10 Championship trophy last March at Barclays Center. He has been a member of three NCAA Tournament teams, including two at Michigan prior to joining VCU last season.

LONDON BOY

London, England native Michael Belle became just the seventh true freshman to start VCU's season-opener since 2000 when he suited up on Nov. 6 against McNeese State. He joins Nick George (2002), Eric Maynor (2005), current VCU staffer Bradford Burgess (2008), Malik Crowfield (2016), Ace Baldwin Jr. (2020) and Jayden Nunn (2021) on that exclusive list. Belle scored seven points and grabbed four rebounds in 24 minutes in that contest.

AUGUST

VCU completed a 10-day tour of Greece in August. The Rams handily won both of their exhibition games and enjoyed a number of team bonding activities in Athens, Delphi and other locations.

EXHILE

This will arguably be the most diverse VCU roster ever assembled. Five Rams hail from outside the United States, including Sean Bairstow and Kuany Kuany (Australia), Michael Belle and Tobi Lawal (England) and Max Shulga (Ukraine).

COME BACK...BE HERE

While there's a lot of foreign flavor on this year's roster, four Rams are Richmond

SUPERLATIVES

DOUBLE-DOUBLES

Christian Fermin (1)
11/10 vs. Samford - 10 points, 10 rebounds

Tobi Lawal (1)
11/15 vs. Radford - 12 points, 10 rebounds

20+ POINTS

Max Shulga (1)
11/6 vs. McNeese State - 22 points

Zeb Jackson (1)
11/18 vs. Seattle - 20 points

10+ REBOUNDS

Christian Fermin (1)
11/10 vs. Samford - 10 rebounds

Tobi Lawal (1)
11/15 vs. Radford - 10 rebounds

5+ BLOCKS

Christian Fermin (1)
11/10 vs. Samford - 5 blocks

5+ STEALS

Jason Nelson (1)
11/10 vs. Samford - 6 steals

natives: Jason Nelson, Roosevelt Wheeler, Fats Billups III and Joe Bamisile. Nelson and Wheeler helped lead John Marshall High School to a state championship in 2020. Nelson and Billups were also teammates at Varina High School for one season. While Billups began his collegiate career here at VCU, Nelson, Wheeler and Bamisile all transferred into the program this summer.

BAD BLOOD

A pair of VCU players have spent time at other A-10 institutions, adding some juice to rivalries around the league. Bamisile averaged 16 points per game and was named Third Team All-Atlantic 10 in 2021-22 while at George Washington. Meanwhile, Jason Neslon will suit up for the Rams this season after spending two years at cross-town rival Richmond. Nelson started 26 games for the Spiders last season.

SPARKS FLY

Sophomore forward Tobi Lawal's athleticism practically off the charts. The

NEWS AND NOTES

ATLANTIC 10 PRESEASON POLL

#-SCHOOL	POINTS
1-Dayton (20)	370
2-VCU (3)	321
3-St. Bonaventure (1)	319
4-Duquesne	302
5-Saint Joseph's	257
6-Saint Louis	225
7-Fordham (1)	215
8-Loyola Chicago	177
9-George Washington	173
10-George Mason	146
11-Richmond	137
12-Davidson	118
13-UMass	93
14-Rhode Island	76
15-La Salle	71

First-place votes in parenthesis

PRESEASON ALL-ATLANTIC 10

Max Shulga	Second Team
Sean Bairstow	Third Team

London, England native measured a vertical leap of 49.5 inches in September. His standing vertical of 39 inches was also easily tops on the team. Here are some notable results from VCU's annual NBA combine testing:

Player	Max Vertical
Tobi Lawal	49½"
Joe Bamisile	42½"
Zeb Jackson	41½"
Fats Billups III	40"

Player	Wingspan
Obi Okafor	7'3¾"
Roosevelt Wheeler	7'3"
Christian Fermin	7'1"
Michael Belle	7'
Joe Bamisile	7'

Player	3/4 Court Sprint
Zeb Jackson	3.11
Tobi Lawal	3.192
Christian Fermin	3.264

SUPERSTAR

VCU produced NBA Draft picks in back-to-back years in 2021 and 2022. Nah'Shon "Bones" Hyland was a first-round selection (26th overall) of the Denver Nuggets in the

2021 NBA Draft. Hyland, who was traded to the Los Angeles Clippers last year, averaged 11.8 points and 3.1 assists per game in 2022-23. In the 2022 Draft, the Memphis Grizzlies used a second-round pick (47th overall) to select Vince Williams Jr., who was an All-Atlantic 10 Conference First Team honoree in 2022. Williams spent the majority of his rookie season with the Grizzlies G-League affiliate, the Memphis Hustle, but did see action in 15 NBA games in 2022-23 with the parent club.

Since 2009, VCU has sent seven players to the NBA, including three first-round draft picks (Eric Maynor, Larry Sanders, Hyland). Another player, Justin Tillman, signed a 10-day contract with the Atlanta Hawks in 2021-22, but did not appear in a game.

LOOK WHAT YOU MADE ME DO

VCU Head Coach Ryan Odom is the son of former Dave Odom, who won 406 games as head coach at Wake Forest, South Carolina and East Carolina. Dave Odom is best known for his Wake Forest teams from 1993-97, featuring Tim Duncan. Those teams reached an Elite Eight and

RAM RULE - ATLANTIC 10 STANDINGS SINCE 2012-13

Since joining the league prior to the 2012-13 season, VCU has been the A-10's most successful program in terms of winning percentage (regular season) in league play. The Rams captured the 2015 and 2023 A-10 Tournament titles, as well as a share of the 2015-16 regular season crown, and claimed the 2018-19 regular season title outright. The Rams reached the A-10 Championship Game in five straight seasons (2013-17). VCU is 17-8 all-time in A-10 Tournament play since 2012-13. (Through 2022-23 season)

School	'12-13	'13-14	'14-15	'15-16	'16-17	'17-18	'18-19	'19-20	'20-21	'21-22	'22-23	TOTAL	WIN%
VCU	12-4	12-4	12-6	14-4	14-4	9-9	16-2	8-10	10-4	14-4	15-3	136-54	.716
Dayton	7-9	10-6	13-5	14-4	15-3	8-10	13-5	18-0	9-7	14-4	12-6	133-59	.693
Davidson	--	--	14-4	10-8	8-10	13-5	14-4	10-8	7-4	15-3	8-10	99-56	.631
St. Bonaventure	7-9	6-10	10-8	14-4	11-7	14-4	12-6	11-7	11-4	12-5	8-10	116-74	.611
Saint Louis	13-3	13-3	3-15	5-13	6-12	9-9	10-8	12-6	5-4	12-6	12-6	100-85	.541
Richmond	8-8	8-8	12-6	7-11	13-5	9-9	6-12	14-4	6-4	10-8	7-11	100-86	.538
Rhode Island	3-13	5-11	13-5	9-9	13-5	15-3	9-9	13-5	7-10	5-12	5-13	97-95	.505
George Washington	7-9	11-5	10-8	11-7	10-8	7-11	4-14	6-12	3-5	8-9	10-8	87-96	.475
George Mason	--	4-12	4-14	5-13	9-9	9-9	11-7	5-13	8-6	7-9	11-7	75-99	.431
Saint Joseph's	8-8	11-5	7-11	13-5	4-14	10-8	6-12	2-16	3-9	5-13	8-10	77-108	.416
UMass	9-7	10-6	10-8	6-12	4-14	5-13	4-14	8-10	6-4	7-11	6-12	75-111	.403
La Salle	11-5	7-9	8-10	4-14	9-9	7-11	8-10	6-12	6-11	5-13	7-11	78-115	.400
Duquesne	1-15	5-11	6-12	6-12	3-15	7-11	10-8	11-7	7-7	1-16	10-8	67-122	.355
Fordham	3-13	2-14	4-14	8-10	7-11	4-14	3-15	2-16	2-11	8-10	12-6	55-135	.290
Loyola Chicago	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4-14	4-14	.222

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VCU VS. THE TOP 25

VCU has met a top-25 opponent in 10 straight regular seasons. The Rams are 16-50 all-time against the Associated Press Top 25, including 5-3 at the Stuart C. Siegel Center (Siegel Center games in BOLD CAPS).

Date	Opponent	AP Rk	W/L	Score
1/26/22	at Davidson	25	W	70-68
11/26/21	vs. UConn	22	L	63-70 ot
11/25/21	vs. Baylor	6	L	61-69
2/18/20	DAYTON	5	L	61-66
1/14/20	at Dayton	13	L	65-79
11/30/19	vs. Tennessee	17	L	69-72
11/13/19	LSU	23	W	84-82
12/9/18	at Virginia	4	L	49-57
3/9/18	vs. Rhode Island	25	L	67-76
2/2/18	RHODE ISLAND	22	L	68-81
12/9/17	at Seton Hall	19	L	67-90
*3/16/17	vs. St. Mary's (Cal.)	22	L	77-85
11/23/16	vs. Baylor	20	L	63-71
*3/20/16	vs. Oklahoma	7	L	81-85
11/20/15	vs. Duke	5	L	71-79
3/14/15	vs. Davidson	24	W	93-73
12/13/14	NORTHERN IOWA	23	W	93-87 ot
12/6/14	VIRGINIA	7	L	57-74
11/24/14	vs. Villanova	12	L	53-77
3/1/14	SAINT LOUIS	10	W	67-56
2/15/14	at Saint Louis	12	L	62-64
11/12/13	at Virginia	25	W	59-56
*3/23/13	vs. Michigan	10	L	53-78
3/17/13	vs. Saint Louis	16	L	56-62
3/2/13	BUTLER	20	W	84-52
11/24/12	vs. Missouri	13	L	65-68
11/23/12	vs. Duke	5	L	58-67
11/22/12	vs. Memphis	19	W	78-65
*3/17/12	vs. Indiana	16	L	61-63
*3/15/12	vs. Wichita State	18	W	62-59
11/27/12	at Alabama	13	L	64-72
*3/27/11	vs. Kansas	2	W	71-61
*3/20/11	vs. Purdue	13	W	94-76
11/24/10	vs. Tennessee	24	L	72-77
11/21/09	OKLAHOMA	17	W	82-69
*3/19/09	vs. UCLA	18	L	64-65
12/20/08	vs. Oklahoma	5	L	70-81
11/18/07	vs. Arkansas	18	L	60-70
*3/17/07	vs. Pitt	12	L	79-84 ot
11/18/04	at Wake Forest	2	L	67-81
*3/18/04	vs. Wake Forest	17	L	78-79
12/29/03	at Georgia Tech	3	L	65-86
12/21/96	vs. Alabama	20	L	69-72
*3/14/96	vs. Mississippi State	19	L	51-58
12/21/95	at Virginia	23	L	65-80
11/25/95	vs. Louisville	13	L	74-83
1/29/94	LOUISVILLE	12	L	74-94
1/8/94	at Louisville	11	W	93-89 ot
3/14/93	at Louisville	16	L	78-90
1/23/93	LONG BEACH ST.	25	W	95-61
12/5/92	at Syracuse	17	L	81-94
2/8/92	at Tulane	14	L	85-87 ot
12/8/90	at Oklahoma	16	L	105-141
12/1/89	at Syracuse	1	L	73-100
2/23/85	at Memphis	4	L	73-81
2/13/85	UAB	19	W	67-53
12/29/84	VIRGINIA TECH	16	W	69-65
12/1/84	at Louisville	6	L	55-67
*3/18/84	vs. Syracuse	18	L	63-78
*3/19/83	vs. Georgia	18	L	54-56
11/27/82	at Virginia	1	L	63-69
*3/15/81	vs. Tennessee	15	L	56-58
11/29/80	at Virginia	8	L	62-77
+3/9/78	vs. Detroit	18	L	86-94
12/10/70	at Western Kentucky	13	L	71-96

* - NCAA Tournament Game / + - NIT Game / Home: 8-4 (5-3 Siegel Center) • Away: 3-18 • Neutral: 5-28
vs. AP Top 10: 2-15

a Sweet 16. Ryan Odom is one of 12 sons of Division I head coaches who will also oversee a D-I program in 2023-24.

Son/Current HC (Father)

Brian Barone, SIUE (Tony Barone, Sr.)
Tony Bennett, Virginia (Dick Bennett)
Jeff Capel III, Pitt (Jeff Capel II)
Bryce Drew, Grand Canyon (Homer Drew)
Scott Drew, Baylor (Homer Drew)
Brian Dutcher, San Diego St. (Jim Dutcher)
Kevin Kruger, UNLV (Lon Kruger)
Dan Monson, Long Beach St. (Don Monson)
Eric Musselman, Arkansas (Bill Musselman)
Ryan Odom, VCU (Dave Odom)
Richard Pitino, New Mexico (Rick Pitino)
Kevin Willard, Maryland (Ralph Willard)

YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN, KID

You could say the Odoms are a basketball family. VCU Head Coach Ryan Odom's son, Connor, joined the Rams as a walk-on this summer. Connor spent the past two seasons with his father at Utah State. Ryan and Connor are one of 21 father-son, head coach-player duos in Division I this season.

School	Father/Son
Arizona St.	Bobby Hurley/Bobby Hurley
Boise State	Leon Rice/Kade & Max Rice
Charlotte	Aaron Fearne/Tyler Fearne
UConn	Dan Hurley/Andrew Hurley
Dayton	Anthony Grant/Makai Grant
Drake	Darian DeVries/Tucker DeVries
Ill.-Chicago	Luke Yaklich/Griffin Yaklich
Iowa	Fran McCaffrey/Patrick McCaffrey
Lehigh	Brett Reed/Brendan Reed
Liberty	Ritchie McKay/Gabriel McKay
LBSU	Dan Monson/Maddow Monson
Louisville	Kenny Payne/Alexander Payne
Memphis	Penny Hardaway/ Jayden & Ashton Hardaway
Michigan	Juwan Howard/Jace Howard
Michigan State	Tom Izzo/Steven Izzo
Nebraska	Fred Hoiberg/Sam Hoiberg
N. Iowa	Ben Jacobson/Hunter Jacobson
Oklahoma	Porter Moser/Jacob Moser
Southern Miss	Jay Ladner/Luke Ladner
USC Upstate	Dave Dickerson/ Dave Dickerson III
VCU	Ryan Odom/Connor Odom

WINS VS. THE POWER 5 SINCE 2007

It all started with Eric Maynor's jumper to beat Duke in the 2007 NCAA Tournament. Since then, VCU has earned a reputation for taking down "Power 5" programs. Since 2007, VCU has scored 21 wins over Power 5 schools, not to mention a few near-misses.

Date	Opponent	Score
11/30/22	VANDERBILT	W, 70-65
11/17/22	vs. Pitt	W, 71-67
11/24/21	vs. Syracuse	W, 67-55
11/17/21	at Vanderbilt	W, 48-37
11/13/19	LSU	W, 84-82
12/5/18	at Texas	W, 54-53
11/21/17	vs. Cal	W, 83-69
11/25/16	vs. LSU	W, 85-74
11/18/16	vs. Oregon St.	W, 75-67
11/25/14	vs. Oregon	W, 77-63
11/14/14	vs. Tennessee	W, 85-69
12/28/13	vs. Boston College	W, 69-50
12/21/13	vs. Virginia Tech	W, 82-52
11/12/13	at Virginia	W, 59-56
12/15/12	ALABAMA	W, 73-54
3/27/11	vs. Kansas	W, 71-61
3/25/11	vs. Florida State	W, 72-71 ot
3/20/11	vs. Purdue	W, 94-76
3/18/11	vs. USC	W, 59-46
11/26/10	vs. UCLA	W, 89-85
11/16/10	at Wake Forest	W, 90-69
11/21/09	OKLAHOMA	W, 82-69

Wisconsin Greg Card/Isaac Gard

WILDEST DREAMS

154 wins vs. the A-10

VCU is 154-63 (.710) against Atlantic 10 opponents, including A-10 Tournament games, since it joined the league prior to the 2012-13 season, most in the conference. The Rams reached the A-10 Championship Game in each of their first five seasons in the league and captured the title in 2015 over Dayton.

521 wins since 2001

VCU's 521 wins since the start of the 2001-02 season are the most among the 13 Division I schools in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

13 NCAA bids since 2004

VCU rose to national prominence on the

NEWS AND NOTES

RAMS IN THE NBA

Player	Years	Games
Bernie Harris	1974-75	11
Jesse Dark	1974	47
Gerald Henderson	1978-92	871
Edmund Sherod	1982-83	64
Eric Maynor	2009-14	267
Larry Sanders	2010-15, 17	238
Troy Daniels	2014-20	339
Briante Weber	2016-18	45
Treveon Graham	2016-20	180
Bones Hyland	2021-	Active
Vince Williams	2022-	Active

Active players in **bold**

games through 2021-22 season

strength of its thrilling defeat of Duke in the 2007 NCAA Tournament, as well as its Final Four run in 2011, but the Rams have been a staple of the NCAA field for a long time. VCU has reached the NCAA Tournament 19 times since the school was formed in 1968, including 13 appearances in the past 19 seasons. VCU reached the NCAA field seven straight years from 2011-17.

23 straight winning seasons

VCU is one of six (Duke, Gonzaga, Kansas, Michigan State, Xavier, VCU) NCAA Division I men's basketball programs that owns an active streak of at least 20 consecutive winning seasons.

Year	Record	Postseason
2000-01	16-14	
2001-02	21-11	
2002-03	18-10	
2003-04*	23-8	NCAA 1st Rd.
2004-05	19-13	NIT 1st Rd.
2005-06	18-10	
2006-07*	28-7	NCAA 2nd Rd.
2007-08	24-8	NIT 1st Rd.
2008-09*	24-10	NCAA 1st Rd.
2009-10	27-9	CBI Champs
2010-11	28-12	Final Four
2011-12*	29-7	NCAA 2nd Rd.
2012-13	27-9	NCAA 2nd Rd.
2013-14	26-9	NCAA 1st Rd.

2014-15*	26-10	NCAA 1st Rd.	2010-11	11-3	6-3	4
2015-16	25-11	NCAA 2nd Rd.	2011-12	13-1	8-1	14
2016-17	26-9	NCAA 1st Rd.	2012-13	15-2	7-1	17
2017-18	18-15		2013-14	15-0	8-0	15
2018-19	25-8	NCAA 1st Rd.	2014-15	12-4	6-3	16
2019-20	18-13	Canceled	2015-16	15-2	8-1	17
2020-21	19-7	NCAA 1st Rd.	2016-17	15-1	9-0	16
2021-22	22-10	NIT 2nd Rd.	2017-18	11-7	4-5	18
2022-23*	27-8	NCAA 1st Rd.	2018-19	16-1	9-0	17

* - Conference Championship

HOLY GROUND

VCU is pretty proud of its home court advantage at the Stuart C. Siegel Center. Since the building opened for the 1999-2000 season, its been a nightmare for opponents.

VCU at the Siegel Center (all-time)

Season	Overall	Conf.	Sellouts
1999-00	12-3	6-2	3
2000-01	12-2	7-1	0
2001-02	13-1	9-0	0
2002-03	12-3	7-2	0
2003-04	12-2	8-1	1
2004-05	11-4	7-2	0
2005-06	12-2	7-2	2
2006-07	12-2	9-0	3
2007-08	12-2	8-1	4
2008-09	13-1	8-1	3
2009-10	18-1	8-1	3

166 consecutive sellouts

VCU sold out every game at the Stuart C. Siegel Center from Jan. 29, 2011 through the 2020-21 season. That streak came to an official end on Nov. 9, 2021 when 7,017 attended VCU's 2021-22 opener versus St. Peter's. The Rams were 139-27 (.837) at home during the streak.

The Stu vs. ranked teams

VCU has hosted a ranked opponent eight times in 24 seasons at the Stuart C. Siegel Center. The Rams are 5-3 in those contests, including an 84-82 win over No. 23 LSU on Nov. 13 (Associated Press Top 25

CRADLE OF COACHES?

Former VCU Men's Basketball staffers who are current Division I head coaches.

Name	Current HC	Years at VCU	VCU Position
Mike Rhoades	Penn State	2009-11	Assistant Coach
		2011-14	Associate HC
		2017-23	Head Coach
Will Wade	McNeese State	2009-13	Assistant Coach
		2015-17	Head Coach
Shaka Smart	Marquette	2009-15	Head Coach
Mike Morrell	UNC Asheville	2011-13	Director of Ops
		2013-15	Assistant Coach
Dwight Perry	Wofford	2011-13	Graduate Assistant
		2013-14	Video Coordinator
Mike Jones	UNC Greensboro	2009-11	Assistant Coach
Jeremy Ballard	Florida International	2012-15	Assistant Coach
		2017-18	Associate HC
Anthony Grant	Dayton	2006-09	Head Coach
Jeff Capel	Pittsburgh	2001-02	Assistant Coach
		2002-06	Head Coach
Tony Pujol	North Alabama	2006-09	Assistant Coach

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Rankings).

Date	Opponent	Rank	Score
2/18/20	Dayton	5	L, 61-66
11/13/19	LSU	23	W, 84-82
2/2/18	Rhode Island	22	L, 68-81
12/13/14	Northern Iowa	23	W, 93-87 ot
12/6/14	Virginia	7	L, 57-74
3/1/14	Saint Louis	10	W, 67-56
3/2/13	Butler	20	W, 84-52
11/21/09	Oklahoma	17	W, 82-69

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VCU signed point guard Brandon Jennings on Nov. 8, the first day of the NCAA's early signing period. Jennings, a 6-foot-4 Richmond native, averaged 18 points, seven rebounds and five assists per game in 2022-23 for nearby St. Christopher's. Jennings also starred this past summer for the Team Loaded AAU program. He picked VCU over offers from Louisville, Colorado State, Richmond and others.

NCAA ALL-TIME WINNING PERCENTAGE

Division I Only (Through 2022-23 Season)

No.	School	First Season*	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1	Kentucky	1902-03	120	2,375	748	1	.760
2	North Carolina	1910-11	113	2,343	852	0	.733
3	Kansas	1898-99	125	2,385	885	0	.729
4	Duke	1905-06	118	2,273	920	0	.712
5	UCLA	1919-20	104	1,986	888	0	.691
6	UNLV	1958-59	65	1,328	614	0	.684
7	Syracuse	1900-01	122	1,973	964	0	.672
8	Arizona	1904-05	118	1,912	977	1	.662
9	Western Kentucky	1914-15	104	1,872	972	0	.658
10	Villanova	1920-21	103	1,864	973	0	.657
11	VCU	1970-71	53	1,051	554	0	.655
12	Murray State	1925-26	98	1,724	934	0	.649
13	Norfolk St.	1953-54	70	1,302	718	0	.645
14	Louisville	1911-12	109	1,776	987	0	.643
15	Notre Dame	1896-97	120	1,950	1,089	1	.642

* - VCU was an NAIA-affiliated school until the 1970-71 season

THE LAST TIME...

TEAM

VCU scored 85+ points	2/21/23	88 (W, 88-63 at Saint Joseph's)
VCU scored 90+ points	3/11/23	90 (W, 90-78 vs. Saint Louis)
VCU scored 95+ points	12/9/20	95 (95-59, W vs. North Carolina A&T)
VCU scored 100+ points	11/20/14	106 (106-66, W vs. UMES)
Opponent scored 80+	12/3/22	83 (L, 73-83 at Temple)
Opponent scored 90+	12/9/17	90 (67-90, L at #19 Seton Hall)
Opponent scored 100+	1/12/18	106 (79-106, L at Dayton)
Held an Opponent to 50 pts. or less	11/15/23	50 (W, 73-50 vs. Radford)
Held an Opponent to 40 pts. or less	11/17/21	37 (48-37, W at Vanderbilt)
VCU was held under 50 pts.	11/17/21	48 (48-37, W at Vanderbilt)
Shot 50% from the field	3/11/23	55.7% (34-61), (W, 90-78 vs. Saint Louis)
Shot 80% from the foul line	11/10/23	80.0% (20-25), (W, 75-65 vs. Samford)
Shot 90% from the foul line	1/7/23	90.9% (10-11), (W, 89-72 vs. Davidson)
Shot 100% from the foul line	1/5/22	(2-2), 53-52, W at Dayton)
Had a 20-pt. win	11/15/23	23 (73-50 vs. Radford)
Had a 30-pt. win	12/9/20	36 (95-59 vs. North Carolina A&T)
Had a 40-pt. win	11/20/14	40 (106-66 vs. UMES)
Had a 20-pt. loss	1/14/22	20 (53-73, L at St. Bonaventure)
Had a 30-pt. loss	2/2/22	30 (52-82, L vs. Dayton)
Had a 40-pt. loss	11/30/99	41 (44-85, L vs. Tulane)
A double-overtime win	12/13/14	93-87, W (2ot) vs. #23 Northern Iowa
An overtime win	11/24/18	69-67 vs. Hofstra
A triple-overtime loss	2/29/00	88-97, L vs. American
A double-overtime loss	2/25/15	63-67 at Richmond
An overtime loss	3/3/20	77-80 vs. Duquesne
10-game winning streak	2018-19	12 (1/26/19 - 3/8/19)
5-game winning streak	2022-23	9 (2/15/23 - present)
5-game losing streak	2019-20	5 (2/12/20 - 2/26/20)
10-game losing streak		Never Happened, Longest was 6 (2/7/98 - 2/23/98)

INDIVIDUAL

20-24 pts.	20 by Zeb Jackson vs. Seattle (11/18/23)
25-29 pts.	28 by Ace Baldwin Jr. vs. Vanderbilt (11/30/22)
30-34 pts.	31 by Jayden Nunn at Saint Joseph's (2/21/23)
35-39 pts.	37 by Ace Baldwin Jr. at Saint Louis (2/3/23)
40+ pts.	41 by Willie Taylor vs. Evansville (12/20/00)
5 players in double figures	Jayden Nunn (18), Brandon Johns Jr. (16), Jamir Watkins (15) Ace Baldwin Jr. (13), David Shriver (11) vs. Saint Louis 3/11/23)
Two players with 20 pts. or more	23 by KeShawn Curry & Ace Baldwin Jr. vs. Princeton (3/15/22)
Three players with 20 pts. or more	Brandon Rozzell (23), Joey Rodriguez (22), Jamie Skeen (22) vs. UNC Greensboro (11/12/2010)
Player with 20 or more rebounds	22 by Marcus Santos-Silva vs. Rhode Island (3/15/19)
Two players with 10 or more rebounds	Hason Ward (10) and Vince Williams (10) at Richmond (1/29/22)
Player with double-double (pts/reb)	Tobi Lawal (12 pts, 10 rebs) vs. Radford (11/15/23)
Player with double-double (pts/asst)	Ace Baldwin Jr. (13 pts, 10 ast vs. Fordham (2/18/23)
Player with double-double (pts/stls)	13 pts, 10 steals by Briante Weber vs. Florida Gulf Coast (11/9/2012)
Player with double-double (reb/asst)	10 rebs./10 assists by Eric Maynor at George Mason (1/24/2007)
Two players with double-doubles	Vince Williams (22 pt/10 rebs) & Hason Ward (14 pt/10 reb) at Richmond (1/29/22)
100% from the field (min. 5 made)	6-6 by Marcus Evans at Fordham (1/5/19)
100% from foul line (min. 5 made)	8-8 by Zeb Jackson vs. Seattle (11/18/23)
10+ Assists	10 by Ace Baldwin Jr. vs. Fordham (2/18/23)
5 or more steals	6 by Jason Nelson vs. Samford (11/10/23)
5 or more blocks	6 by Christian Fermin vs. Samford (11/10/23)
Occurances this season in bold	

VCU SINGLE-GAME RECORDS

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Most Minutes Played – 48: Kenny Stancell vs. UNC Charlotte, Jan. 9, 1982

Most Points – 45: Charles Wilkins vs. West Liberty State, Dec. 20, 1968

Most Field Goals Made – 18: Chris Cheeks vs. Old Dominion, Jan. 14, 1989

Most Field Goals Attempted – 28: Jesse Dark vs. Texas A&M, Dec. 19, 1973; JeQuan Lewis vs. Saint Mary's, March 16, 2017

Highest Field Goal Percentage (min. 10 FGA) – 1.000 (twice): Greg McCray vs. Cincinnati, Dec. 23, 1980 (10-10); Mike Schlegel vs. Jacksonville, March 2, 1985 (10-10)

Most 3-Point Field Goals Made – 11: Troy Daniels vs. ETSU, Jan. 2, 2013

Most 3-Point Field Goals Attempted – 20: Troy Daniels vs. ETSU, Jan. 2, 2013

Highest 3-Point Field Goal Percentage – 1.000: Jayden Nunn at Saint Joseph's, Feb. 18, 2023 (7-7) / .875 (twice): Chris Brower vs. Western Kentucky, March 2, 1992 (7-8); Terrence Gibson vs. Xavier, Feb. 23, 1994 (7-8)

Most Free Throws Made – 14 (four times): Charles Wilkins vs. Virginia Union, Feb. 22, 1971; Chris Cheeks vs. Western Kentucky, Jan. 23, 1987; Willie Taylor vs. Hampton, Dec. 19, 2002; Treveon Graham at Richmond, Feb. 25, 2015

Most Free Throws Attempted – 19: Shawn Hampton vs. Liberty, Dec. 12, 1998

Highest Free Throw Percentage (minimum 10 made) – 1.000 (seven times): Mike Schlegel vs. St. Joseph's, Dec. 4, 1982 (13-13); Willie Taylor vs. UAB, Dec. 15, 2001 (13-13); Bo Jones vs. Texas A&M, Dec. 2, 2000 (11-11); Bo Jones vs. Kent State, Dec. 22, 2000 (11-11); Willie Taylor vs. William & Mary, Feb. 25, 2002 (11-11); LaMar Taylor vs. Norfolk State, Dec. 12, 1998 (10-10); Willie Taylor at George Mason, Feb. 20, 2002 (10-10); Issac Vann vs. St. John's, Nov. 20, 2018 (10-10)

Most Rebounds – 28: Charles Wilkins vs. Southeastern, on Jan. 4, 1970

Most Assists – 17: Joey Rodriguez vs. UNC Greensboro, Nov. 12, 2010

Most Blocked Shots – 11: Lorenza Watson vs. South Carolina State, Dec. 1, 1976

Most Steals – 10: Briante Weber vs. Florida Gulf Coast, Nov. 9, 2012

TEAM, OFFENSIVE

Most Points – 142: vs. College of Charleston, Nov. 28, 1969 (VCU 142, College of Charleston 83)

83)

Fewest Points – 40: at UNC Wilmington, Dec. 4, 2005 (VCU 40, UNC Wilmington 60)

Most Points, Neutral Court Game – 105: vs. UAB, Feb. 25, 1980 (VCU 105, UAB 88)

Most Points, Road Game – 117: vs. York, Feb. 13, 1971 (VCU 117, York 89)

Most Points, One Half – 69: in second half vs. Baptist, Jan. 8, 1975 (VCU 116, Baptist 79)

Most Points, Both Teams – 225: vs. College of Charleston, Nov. 28, 1969 (VCU 142, College of Charleston 83)

Most Field Goals – 56 (twice): vs. College of Charleston, Nov. 28, 1969; vs. Southeastern, Feb. 22, 1974

Most Field Goals Attempted – 109: vs. Auburn, March 3, 1975

Highest Field Goal Percentage (no FGA minimum) – .756: vs. Richmond, Dec. 4, 1984 (31-of-41)

Highest Field Goal Percentage (min. 50 FGA) – .691: vs. Methodist, Dec. 4, 1978 (38-of-55)

Most Three-Point Field Goals Made – 20 vs. Towson, Jan. 27, 2010

Most Three-Point Field Goals Attempted – 45: vs. William & Mary, Feb. 19, 2003

Highest Three-Point Field Goal Percentage (min. 5 3FGA) – .875: vs. Elon, Nov. 24, 2007 (7 of 8)

Most Free Throws Made – 36: vs. Jacksonville, Jan. 20, 1982 (attempted: 40)

Most Free Throws Attempted – 56: vs. Richmond, Jan. 27, 1979 (made: 34)

Highest Free Throw Percentage (min. 10 FTA) – 1.000: vs. Davidson, Feb. 7, 2020 (19-19); at George Mason, Jan. 5, 2020 (18-18); 1.000: vs. Maine, Jan. 11, 1975 (12-12); 1.000: at Georgia Tech, Dec. 15, 2015 (12-12)

Highest Free Throw Percentage (min. 15 FTA) – 1.000: vs. Davidson, Feb. 7, 2020 (19-19); at George Mason, Jan. 5, 2020 (18-18); .938: vs. William & Mary, Dec. 7, 1991 (23-24)

Most Rebounds – 73: vs. West Florida, Feb. 11, 1974

Most Assists – 36: vs. East Tennessee State, Dec. 1, 1973

Fewest Turnovers – 4: vs. South Alabama, Jan. 22, 1981

Most Turnovers – 35: vs. George Mason, Jan. 3, 1995

Most Blocked Shots – 14 (twice): vs. Methodist, Dec. 4, 1978; vs. North Carolina Central, Dec. 11, 1978

Most Steals – 22: vs. Virginia Tech, Dec. 21, 2013

TEAM, DEFENSIVE

Fewest Points Allowed – 36: by George Mason, March 5, 2019

Most Points Allowed – 141: by Oklahoma, Dec. 8, 1990

Fewest Field Goals Made – 12: by New Hampshire, Feb. 11, 1992; by George Mason, March 5, 2019; **by Vanderbilt, Nov. 17, 2021**

Most Field Goals Made – 58: by Oklahoma, Dec. 8, 1990

Highest Opponent Field Goal Percentage (no min. FGA) – .750: by Northeastern, Mar. 16, 1984 (33 of 44)

Highest Opponent Field Goal Percentage (min. 50 FGA) – .656: by Maine, Jan. 11, 1975 (40 of 61)

Lowest Opponent Free Throw Percentage (min. 15 FTA) – .222: by S. Illinois, Nov. 21, 1998 (4 of 18)

Highest Opponent Free Throw Percentage (min. 15 FTA) – 93.8: by Virginia, Dec. 28, 1979 (15 of 16)

Lowest Opponent Three-Point Field Goal Percentage (min. 10 3FGA) – .000 by Hofstra, Jan. 12, 2008 (0 of 11).

Highest Opponent Three-Point Field Goal Percentage (min. 10 3FGA) – .766: by Radford, Dec. 2, 1996 (13 of 17)

Most Opponent Turnovers – 42: by CCNY, Dec. 29, 1975

PLAYER PROFILES



#1 - JASON NELSON

R-So., Guard, 5-11, 180, Richmond, Va./ John Marshall (Richmond)

2023-24 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				Other						
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
McNeese	11/06/2023		19:10	1-4	.250	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	1	2	0	0	2	2.0
Samford	11/10/2023		31:12	4-10	.400	0-4	.000	3-4	.750	0	2	2	1.5	2	1	1	0	6	11	6.5
Radford	11/15/2023		28:59	7-10	.700	4-5	.800	1-1	1.000	0	2	2	1.7	3	2	2	0	2	19	10.7
Seattle U	11/18/2023		25:54	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	1.5	1	2	2	0	1	7	9.8
Totals		0	105:15	14-28	.500	5-14	.357	6-7	.857	0	6	6	1.5	6	6	7	0	9	39	9.8

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MISC.

Double Figures (2023-24)	2
Double Figures (Career)	12
20-Point Games (2023-24)	1
20-Point Games (Career)	1
Double-Digit Assists (2023-24)	0
Double-Digit Assists (Career)	0

NOTABLE

2x A-10 Rookie of the Week in 2022-23... Named A-10 Rookie of the Year by HoopsHD... Scored in double figures 10 times in 2022-23. Led John Marshall to VHSL state title in 2020... 2020 Virginia Class 2 Player of the Year... HS teammate of Roosevelt Wheeler (John Marshall 2020-21) and Fats Billups (Varina - 2018-19)

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2022-23	UR	32-26	874/27.3	85-235	.362	33-107	.308	54-74	.730	12	60	72	2.3	61-0	64	58	1	25	257	8.0
2023-24	VCU	4-0	105/26.3	14-28	.500	5-14	.357	6-7	.857	0	6	6	1.5	6-0	6	7	0	9	39	9.8
TOTAL FOR VCU		4-0	105/26.3	14-28	.500	5-14	.357	6-7	.857	0	6	6	1.5	6-0	6	7	0	9	39	9.8
TOTAL		36-26	979/27.2	99-263	.376	38-121	.314	60-81	.741	12	66	78	2.2	67-0	70	65	1	34	296	8.2

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	21	vs UNI 11/11/22
Rebounds	5	vs George Washington 01/04/23
Assists	7	vs Wichita St. 11/17/22
Steals	6	vs Samford 11/10/23
Blocks	1	at St. Bonaventure 01/14/23
FG Made	9	vs UNI 11/11/22
FG Attempts	15	vs UNI 11/11/22
3FG Made	4	vs Syracuse 11/21/22, at Davidson 01/11/23, vs Radford 11/15/23
3FG Attempts	6	4 times
FT Made	6	vs Saint Louis 02/21/23
FT Attempts	8	vs VMI 11/07/22

PLAYER PROFILES



#2 - ZEB JACKSON Sr., Guard, 6-5, 185, Toledo, Ohio/Montverde Academy (Michigan)

2023-24 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG							
McNeese	11/06/2023	*	36:44	5-17	.294	2-12	.167	2-3	.667	0	7	7	7.0	2	8	3	1	0	14	14.0
Samford	11/10/2023	*	36:35	5-9	.556	1-4	.250	2-2	1.000	0	4	4	5.5	1	7	5	0	4	13	13.5
Radford	11/15/2023	*	32:24	6-12	.500	1-4	.250	4-4	1.000	0	4	4	5.0	2	5	2	0	2	17	14.7
Seattle U	11/18/2023	*	33:38	5-11	.455	2-7	.286	8-8	1.000	1	5	6	5.3	1	0	2	0	1	20	16.0
Totals			4 139:21	21-49	.429	6-27	.222	16-17	.941	1	20	21	5.3	6	20	12	1	7	64	16.0

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MISC.

Double Figures (2023-24)	4
Double Figures (Career)	7
20-Point Games (2023-24)	1
20-Point Games (Career)	1
Double-Doubles (Career)	0
Double-Digit Assists (Career)	0

NOTABLE

Team co-captain... Athletic lefty guard with outstanding range... High basketball IQ & feel for the game... Strong passer. Able to get to the rim... Helped Michigan to the Elite Eight & a Big Ten regular season title in 2021... Ranked 71st in ESPN's Top 100 of the 2020 Class, 4-Star Prospect... Prep National Champion at Montverde.

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2020-21	Mich	16-0	86/5.4	5-26	.192	2-13	.154	4-7	.571	1	11	12	0.8	6-0	6	6	0	0	16	1.0
2021-22	Mich	4-0	35/8.7	5-10	.500	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	0	6	6	1.5	2-0	2	3	1	0	13	3.3
2022-23	VCU	35-5	608/17.4	59-151	.391	10-54	.185	54-70	.771	8	45	53	1.5	46-0	61	43	5	31	182	5.2
2023-24	VCU	4-4	139/34.8	21-49	.429	6-27	.222	16-17	.941	1	20	21	5.3	6-0	20	12	1	7	64	16.0
TOTAL FOR VCU	39-9	747/19.2	80-200	.400	16-81	.198	70-87	.805	9	65	74	1.9	52-0	81	55	6	38	246	6.3	
TOTAL	59-9	868/14.7	90-236	.381	21-100	.210	74-94	.787	10	82	92	1.6	60-0	89	64	7	38	275	4.7	

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	20	vs Seattle U 11/18/23
Rebounds	7	vs McNeese 11/06/23
Assists	8	vs McNeese 11/06/23
Steals	4	vs Samford 11/10/23
Blocks	1	7 times
FG Made	6	vs La Salle 12/31/22, vs Radford 11/15/23
FG Attempts	17	vs McNeese 11/06/23
3FG Made	2	5 times
3FG Attempts	12	vs McNeese 11/06/23
FT Made	8	vs Seattle U 11/18/23
FT Attempts	8	vs Pittsburgh 11/17/22, vs Seattle U 11/18/23

PLAYER PROFILES



#4 - ROOSEVELT WHEELER Jr., Forward, 6-11, 245, Richmond, Va./ John Marshall (Louisville)

2023-24 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				Other								
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG		
McNeese	11/06/2023		13:19	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	3.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Samford	11/10/2023		02:08	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Radford	11/15/2023		06:23	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.3	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Seattle U	11/18/2023		04:49	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.3	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	0.0
Totals		0	26:39	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	4	5	1.3	7	0	3	1	2	0	0	0.0	

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MISC.

Double Figures (2022-23)	0
Double Figures (Career)	0
20-Point Games (2022-23)	0
20-Point Games (Career)	0
Double-Doubles (2022-23)	0
Double-Doubles (Career)	0

NOTABLE

Appeared in 46 games at Louisville (2021-23)... HS teammate of Jason Nelson at John Marshall... Led John Marshall to 2020 State Championship; Averaged 15.8 points, 11.9 rebounds, in 2019-20... Member of 40-0 National Champion Team Loaded AAU squad in 2018... Consensus top-100 recruit in 2020

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Other				Scoring		
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
2021-22	LOU	21-0	140/6.7	12-19	.632	0-0	.000	9-12	.750	11	25	36	1.7	21-0	2	4	4	5	33	1.6
2022-23	LOU	25-0	218/8.7	12-32	.375	0-1	.000	6-18	.333	22	27	49	2.0	33-1	3	8	5	5	30	1.2
2023-24	VCU	4-0	27/6.7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	4	5	1.3	7-0	0	3	1	2	0	0.0
TOTAL FOR VCU	4-0	27/6.7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	.000	1	4	5	1.3	7-0	0	3	1	2	0	0.0
TOTAL	50-0	384/7.7	24-51	.471	0-1	.000	15-30	.500	34	56	90	1.8	61-1	5	15	10	12	63	1.3	

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	8	at Western Ky. 12/18/21
Rebounds	8	vs Bellarmine 11/09/22
Assists	1	5 times
Steals	2	vs Navy 11/15/21, vs Seattle U 11/18/23
Blocks	1	10 times
FG Made	4	at Western Ky. 12/18/21
FG Attempts	4	at Western Ky. 12/18/21, vs North Carolina 01/14/23
3FG Attempts	1	at Boston College 01/25/23
FT Made	4	vs Mississippi St. 11/25/21
FT Attempts	4	vs Mississippi St. 11/25/21, vs Maryland 11/29/22

PLAYER PROFILES



#5 - ALPHONZO "FATS" BILLUPS III R-Fr., Guard/Forward, 6-7, 180, Richmond, Va./Varina

2023-24 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG							
McNeese	11/06/2023		21:11	3-8	.375	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	2	2	4	4.0	4	0	2	0	1	9	9.0
Samford	11/10/2023		18:08	2-7	.286	0-3	.000	2-2	1.000	1	2	3	3.5	0	1	1	1	1	6	7.5
Radford	11/15/2023		11:27	1-2	.500	1-1	1.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	2.3	0	0	0	0	0	5	6.7
Seattle U	11/18/2023		12:15	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.3	0	0	2	1	1	2	5.5
Totals		0	63:01	7-20	.350	4-11	.364	4-4	1.000	3	6	9	2.3	4	1	5	2	3	22	5.5

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MISC.

Double Figures (2022-23)	0
Double Figures (Career)	0
20-Point Games (2022-23)	0
20-Point Games (Career)	0
Double-Doubles (2022-23)	0
Double-Doubles (Career)	0

NOTABLE

Redshirted 2022-23 campaign (hand injury)... Given name is Alphonzo... No. 94 recruit in ESPN's class of 2022... Long versatile wing... 2022 Virginia Class A State Player of the Year... 2022 McDonald's All-America Nominee... HS teammate of Jason Nelson in 2018-19

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2022-23	VCU	8-0	33/4.1	1-5	.200	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	0.5	5-0	0	5	0	0	2	0.3
2023-24	VCU	4-0	63/15.8	7-20	.350	4-11	.364	4-4	1.000	3	6	9	2.3	4-0	1	5	2	3	22	5.5
TOTAL		12-0	96/8.0	8-25	.320	4-14	.286	4-4	1.000	4	9	13	1.1	9-0	1	10	2	3	24	2.0

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	9	vs McNeese 11/06/23
Rebounds	4	vs McNeese 11/06/23
Assists	1	vs Samford 11/10/23
Steals	1	vs McNeese 11/06/23, vs Samford 11/10/23, vs Seattle U 11/18/23
Blocks	1	vs Samford 11/10/23, vs Seattle U 11/18/23
FG Made	3	vs McNeese 11/06/23
FG Attempts	8	vs McNeese 11/06/23
3FG Made	3	vs McNeese 11/06/23
3FG Attempts	6	vs McNeese 11/06/23
FT Made	2	vs Samford 11/10/23, vs Radford 11/15/23
FT Attempts	2	vs Samford 11/10/23, vs Radford 11/15/23

PLAYER PROFILES



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MISC.

Double Figures (2022-23)	20
Double Figures (Career)	36
20-Point Games (2022-23)	1
20-Point Games (Career)	2
Double-Doubles (2022-23)	0
Double-Doubles (Career)	0

NOTABLE

Expected to miss 6-8 weeks with a broken right foot, suffered on Oct. 18... 2023 A-10 Preseason Third Team... Played four seasons at Utah State, including the past two under new VCU Coach Ryan Odom... Athletic, versatile wing... Scored in double figures 20 times last season... Older brother, Cam, was drafted by the Chicago Bulls in 2014 and played two NBA seasons

#7 – SEAN BAIRSTOW

Gr., Guard/Forward, 6-8, 205, Brisbane, Australia/Churchie (Utah St.)

2023-24 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2019-20	USU	32-0	374/11.7	33-74	.446	8-24	.333	15-21	.714	5	44	49	1.5	33-0	33	34	1	5	89	2.8
2020-21	USU	25-1	290/11.6	36-76	.474	10-26	.385	11-16	.688	3	25	28	1.1	17-0	19	22	3	9	93	3.7
2021-22	USU	25-18	654/26.2	98-190	.516	6-48	.125	36-56	.643	19	47	66	2.6	37-0	36	37	8	14	238	9.5
2022-23	USU	35-35	1106/31.6	148-313	.473	32-83	.386	34-62	.548	43	138	181	5.2	91-0	92	51	7	15	362	10.3
TOTAL FOR VCU	0-0	0/0.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL	117-54	2425/20.7	315-653	.482	56-181	.309	96-155	.619	70	254	324	2.8	178-0	180	144	19	43	782	6.7	

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	20	at Colorado St. 01/12/22, vs New Mexico 02/01/23
Rebounds	10	vs Nevada 02/18/23, at UNLV 03/01/23
Assists	10	at Colorado St. 02/04/23
Steals	4	at Colorado St. 01/12/22
Blocks	2	vs New Orleans 12/11/21, vs Colorado St. 02/26/22
FG Made	8	at Colorado St. 01/12/22, vs Utah Valley 11/07/22, vs New Mexico 02/01/23
FG Attempts	16	at San Diego St. 01/25/23
3FG Made	4	vs SMU 12/23/22
3FG Attempts	6	4 times
FT Made	5	vs Wyoming 01/15/22, vs Air Force 03/09/22
FT Attempts	7	at San Jose St. 03/04/22



#8 – MICHAEL BELLE

Fr., Guard/Forward, 6-7, 215, London, England/Strasbourg

2023-24 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG							
McNeese	11/06/2023	*	23:34	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	3-4	.750	2	2	4	4.0	2	2	3	2	2	7	7.0
Samford	11/10/2023	*	25:05	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	5-6	.833	2	1	3	3.5	3	0	1	0	1	7	7.0
Radford	11/15/2023	*	29:09	0-6	.000	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	1	3	4	3.7	1	1	0	0	0	4	4.7
Seattle U	11/18/2023	*	22:09	1-8	.125	0-4	.000	0-1	.000	2	3	5	4.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4.0
Totals			4 99:57	4-20	.200	0-8	.000	8-12	.667	7	9	16	4.0	6	3	4	2	3	16	4.0

IG: michaeljbelle

MISC.

Double Figures (Career) 0
 20-Point Games (Career) 0
 Double-Doubles (Career) 0

NOTABLE

Played two years with French pro club Strasbourg... Starred for Strasbourg's U21 team in 2022-23, averaging 17.0 points, 9.0 rebounds, 3.1 assists... Member of U.K. National Team... Collected 19 points and 9 rebounds for Hoopsfix Elite vs. Bronny James and California Basketball Club in an August 2022 contest

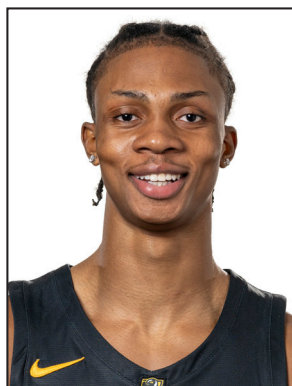
CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2023-24	VCU	4-4	100/25.0	4-20	.200	0-8	.000	8-12	.667	7	9	16	4.0	6-0	3	4	2	3	16	4.0
TOTAL		4-4	100/25.0	4-20	.200	0-8	.000	8-12	.667	7	9	16	4.0	6-0	3	4	2	3	16	4.0

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	7	vs McNeese 11/06/23, vs Samford 11/10/23
Rebounds	5	vs Seattle U 11/18/23
Assists	2	vs McNeese 11/06/23
Steals	2	vs McNeese 11/06/23
Blocks	2	vs McNeese 11/06/23
FG Made	2	vs McNeese 11/06/23
FG Attempts	8	vs Seattle U 11/18/23
3FG Attempts	4	vs Seattle U 11/18/23
FT Made	5	vs Samford 11/10/23
FT Attempts	6	vs Samford 11/10/23

VCU PLAYER PROFILES



#10 – TOIBU "TOBI" LAWAL So., Forward, 6-8, 200, London, England/Lee Academy

2023-24 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG							
McNeese	11/06/2023		14:48	3-3	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	2	0	0	2	0	6	6.0
Samford	11/10/2023		20:14	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	3	6	9	5.5	2	1	3	0	1	9	7.5
Radford	11/15/2023		17:24	3-5	.600	0-1	.000	6-10	.600	4	6	10	7.0	0	0	2	0	1	12	9.0
Seattle U	11/18/2023		20:01	4-7	.571	2-2	1.000	0-1	.000	1	3	4	6.3	4	1	1	2	0	10	9.3
Totals		0	72:27	14-20	.700	2-3	.667	7-13	.538	8	17	25	6.3	8	2	6	4	2	37	9.3

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MISC.

Double Figures (2023-24)	2
Double Figures (Career)	3
20-Point Games (Career)	0
Double-Doubles (2023-24)	1
Double-Doubles (Career)	1

NOTABLE

Saw action in 25 games as a freshman & helped lift Rams to an A-10 Championship... Extraordinary athlete. Measured a 49.5-inch vertical leap in preseason testing... Scored 10 points and grabbed five rebounds in his first career start last season vs. Jacksonville... Averaged 14.5 points & 11.4 rebounds at Lee Academy

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
2022-23	VCU	25-1	138/5.5	14-27	.519	0-0	.000	5-17	.294	14	14	28	1.1	27-1	3	12	7	4	33	1.3
2023-24	VCU	4-0	72/18.1	14-20	.700	2-3	.667	7-13	.538	8	17	25	6.3	8-0	2	6	4	2	37	9.3
TOTAL		29-1	210/7.2	28-47	.596	2-3	.667	12-30	.400	22	31	53	1.8	35-1	5	18	11	6	70	2.4

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	12	vs Radford 11/15/23
Rebounds	10	vs Radford 11/15/23
Assists	1	5 times
Steals	1	6 times
Blocks	3	vs Jacksonville 12/07/22
FG Made	4	vs Samford 11/10/23, vs Seattle U 11/18/23
FG Attempts	7	vs Seattle U 11/18/23
3FG Made	2	vs Seattle U 11/18/23
3FG Attempts	2	vs Seattle U 11/18/23
FT Made	6	vs Radford 11/15/23

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#11 - MAX SHULGA

Sr., Guard, 6-5, 200, Kyiv, Ukraine/Basketball School of Excellence (Utah St.)

2023-24 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				Other							
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG	
McNeese	11/06/2023	*	34:49	6-11	.545	6-10	.600	4-4	1.000	0	2	2	2.0	2	4	2	0	0	22	22.0	
Samford	11/10/2023	*	34:35	5-9	.556	4-7	.571	3-4	.750	0	4	4	3.0	2	3	5	0	2	17	19.5	
Radford	11/15/2023	*	23:05	3-6	.500	0-3	.000	2-2	1.000	0	4	4	3.3	4	3	2	1	0	8	15.7	
Seattle U	11/18/2023	*	32:37	1-4	.250	0-3	.000	5-7	.714	0	7	7	4.3	0	7	2	0	1	7	13.5	
Totals			4	125:06	15-30	.500	10-23	.435	14-17	.824	0	17	17	4.3	8	17	11	1	3	54	13.5

IG: maxshulga_

MISC.

Dougle Figures (2023-24)	2
Double Figures (Career)	31
20-Point Games (2023-24)	1
20-Point Games (Career)	3
Double-Doubles (2023-24)	0
Double-Doubles (Career)	4

NOTABLE

2023 A-10 Preseason Second Team... 2022 Mountain West Honorable Mention... Rugged playmaker with outstanding range... Blossomed in 2022-23 under Ryan Odom... Scored in double figures 23 times last season; Dished out five or more assists 13 times... Has played for Ukrainian U18 and U20 teams

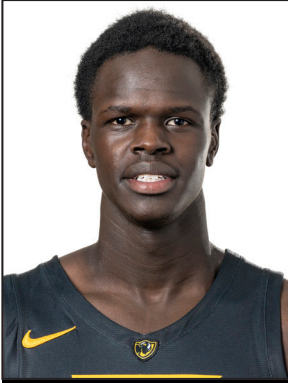
CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2020-21	USU	23-0	157/6.8	13-38	.342	6-20	.300	5-6	.833	9	33	42	1.8	13-0	8	16	0	9	37	1.6
2021-22	USU	32-2	438/13.7	42-82	.512	18-40	.450	38-49	.776	17	51	68	2.1	45-0	33	28	2	21	140	4.4
2022-23	USU	35-35	1088/31.1	125-292	.428	55-151	.364	112-136	.824	19	137	156	4.5	55-0	140	80	10	26	417	11.9
2023-24	VCU	4-4	125/31.3	15-30	.500	10-23	.435	14-17	.824	0	17	17	4.3	8-0	17	11	1	3	54	13.5
TOTAL FOR VCU	4-4	125/31.3	15-30	.500	10-23	.435	14-17	.824	0	17	17	4.3	8-0	17	11	1	3	54	13.5	
TOTAL	94-41	1808/19.2	195-442	.441	89-234	.380	169-208	.813	45	238	283	3.0	121-0	198	135	13	59	648	6.9	

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	29	vs Air Force 02/14/23
Rebounds	10	vs Oral Roberts 11/22/22, vs Seattle U 12/22/22, vs Nevada 02/18/23
Assists	10	vs Utah Tech 12/01/22
Steals	4	vs Nevada 02/28/21
Blocks	2	vs Seattle U 12/22/22
FG Made	8	vs Air Force 02/14/23
FG Attempts	16	vs Air Force 02/14/23
3FG Made	6	vs McNeese 11/06/23
3FG Attempts	10	vs McNeese 11/06/23
FT Made	11	vs LMU (CA) 12/10/22
FT Attempts	13	vs LMU (CA) 12/10/22

VCU PLAYER PROFILES



#13 - KUANY KUANY

Gr., Forward, 6-8, 200, Melbourne, Australia/Prolific Prep (California)

2023-24 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				Miscellaneous						
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
McNeese	11/06/2023	*	15:33	1-6	.167	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	2	2	4	4.0	3	1	1	1	0	2	2.0
Samford	11/10/2023	*	07:36	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	2.5	4	0	2	0	0	2	2.0
Radford	11/15/2023	*	17:32	2-6	.333	0-3	.000	2-2	1.000	1	3	4	3.0	1	0	0	1	0	6	3.3
Seattle U	11/18/2023	*	18:35	2-8	.250	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	0	0	0	2.3	2	0	0	0	1	4	3.5
Totals			4 59:16	5-20	.250	0-10	.000	4-5	.800	3	6	9	2.3	10	1	3	2	1	14	3.5

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MISC.

Double Figures (2023-24)	0
Double Figures (Career)	21
20-Point Games (2023-24)	0
20-Point Games (Career)	0
Double-Doubles (2023-24)	0
Double-Doubles (Career)	0

NOTABLE

Versatile forward; Inside-outside threat... Led Cal in free throw makes last year... Spent time in Kenya & South Sudan before moving to Australia when he was six years old... Graduated with a degree in Sociology from Cal... 2023 Joseph M. Kavanagh Award recipient, which recognizes the Cal student-athlete "who has holistically demonstrated poise, patience, & persistence in their journey at Cal".

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2019-20	Cal	28-2	188/6.7	14-36	.389	5-14	.357	28-42	.667	10	22	32	1.1	25-1	7	6	4	2	61	2.2
2020-21	Cal	26-3	240/9.2	18-42	.429	3-15	.200	22-34	.647	10	25	35	1.3	34-0	10	16	6	1	61	2.3
2021-22	Cal	30-16	514/17.1	45-109	.413	15-47	.319	40-52	.769	21	50	71	2.4	65-1	15	24	15	18	145	4.8
2022-23	Cal	32-26	810/25.3	83-231	.359	28-94	.298	93-113	.823	24	101	125	3.9	96-5	27	52	14	20	287	9.0
2023-24	VCU	4-4	59/14.8	5-20	.250	0-10	.000	4-5	.800	3	6	9	2.3	10-0	1	3	2	1	14	3.5
TOTAL FOR VCU		4-4	59/14.8	5-20	.250	0-10	.000	4-5	.800	3	6	9	2.3	10-0	1	3	2	1	14	3.5
TOTAL		120-51	1812/15.1	165-438	.377	51-180	.283	187-246	.760	68	204	272	2.3	230-7	60	101	41	42	568	4.7

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	Context
Points	18	vs Stanford 01/06/23
Rebounds	9	vs Washington St. 02/25/23
Assists	4	vs CSUN 12/19/20, vs UT Arlington 12/21/22, vs Washington 02/23/23
Steals	2	9 times
Blocks	6	vs Colorado 02/17/22
FG Made	6	vs Oregon St. 01/22/23
FG Attempts	14	vs Washington St. 02/25/23
3FG Made	3	vs Stanford 01/06/23
3FG Attempts	5	6 times
FT Made	9	vs UT Arlington 12/21/22
FT Attempts	11	vs UT Arlington 12/21/22

VCU PLAYER PROFILES



#21 - Christian Fermin

So., Forward, 6-10, 225, Tobyhanna, Pa./Pocono Mountain West

2023-24 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				Other							
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG	
McNeese	11/06/2023	*	20:52	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	2	4	6	6.0	1	1	1	2	0	3	3.0	
Samford	11/10/2023	*	24:27	4-8	.500	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	6	4	10	8.0	2	0	1	5	0	10	6.5	
Radford	11/15/2023	*	33:37	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	1	3	4	6.7	2	2	1	1	0	6	6.3	
Seattle U	11/18/2023	*	30:02	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	5	4	9	7.3	4	1	1	0	0	8	6.8	
Totals			4	108:58	10-16	.625	0-0	.000	7-12	.583	14	15	29	7.3	9	4	4	8	0	27	6.8

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Other				Scoring		
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2022-23	VCU	14-0	47/3.4	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	4-10	.400	3	7	10	0.7	4-0	0	4	3	2	6	0.4
2023-24	VCU	4-4	109/27.2	10-16	.625	0-0	.000	7-12	.583	14	15	29	7.3	9-0	4	4	8	0	27	6.8
TOTAL		18-4	156/8.7	11-19	.579	0-0	.000	11-22	.500	17	22	39	2.2	13-0	4	8	11	2	33	1.8

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- MISC.**
- Double Figures (2023-24) 1
 - Double Figures (Career) 1
 - 20-Point Games (2023-24) 0
 - 20-Point Games (Career) 0
 - Double-Doubles (2023-24) 1
 - Double-Doubles (Career) 1

NOTABLE

Helped VCU to 2023 A-10 Championship... No. 2-ranked player in Pennsylvania in the class of 2022, according to 247Sports... 2022 Pennsylvania Class 6A 1st Team All-State... Averaged 21.7 points, 14.5 rebounds, 4.8 blocks as a senior... Set a Pocono Mountain West record with 43 points in a single game.

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	10	vs Samford 11/10/23
Rebounds	10	vs Samford 11/10/23
Assists	2	vs Radford 11/15/23
Steals	1	vs Manhattan 11/07/22, vs Massachusetts 01/17/23
Blocks	5	vs Samford 11/10/23
FG Made	4	vs Samford 11/10/23
FG Attempts	8	vs Samford 11/10/23
FT Made	2	4 times
FT Attempts	4	vs Radford 11/15/23



#22 - JOE BAMISILE

Sr., Guard, 6-4, 190, Chesterfield, Va./Monacan (Oklahoma)

2023-24 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
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CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Other				Scoring		
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2020-21	VT	13-0	116/8.9	17-46	.370	4-16	.250	7-8	.875	5	14	19	1.5	7-0	4	6	1	2	45	3.5
2021-22	GWU	30-29	939/31.3	189-413	.458	60-171	.351	50-71	.704	44	107	151	5.0	71-0	39	72	29	37	488	16.3
2022-23	OU	21-0	241/11.5	30-76	.395	9-36	.250	14-24	.583	8	40	48	2.3	23-0	10	19	6	6	83	4.0
TOTAL FOR VCU		0-0	0/0.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL		64-29	1297/20.3	236-535	.441	73-223	.327	71-103	.689	57	161	218	3.4	101-0	53	97	36	45	616	9.6

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- MISC.**
- Double Figures (2022-23) 4
 - Double Figures (Career) 29
 - 20-Point Games (2022-23) 0
 - 20-Point Games (Career) 12
 - 30-Point Games (Career) 1
 - Double-Doubles (2022-23) 0
 - Double-Doubles (Career) 2

NOTABLE

2022 All-Atlantic 10 Third Team while at George Washington... Dynamic scorer and 3-point shooter... One of four Richmond natives on VCU's roster... Rated 61st nationally in class of 2020 by Rivals... Scored 20 or more points 12 times with George Washington in 2021-22

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	30	vs Duquesne 03/02/22
Rebounds	14	vs UMass Lowell 11/19/21
Assists	3	8 times
Steals	4	vs Dayton 01/08/22, vs La Salle 02/02/22
Blocks	3	vs Saint Francis (PA) 11/09/21, at Charlotte 12/04/21
FG Made	11	4 times
FG Attempts	24	vs George Mason 01/17/22
3FG Made	7	vs La Salle 02/02/22
3FG Attempts	12	vs Rhode Island 02/19/22
FT Made	6	vs Davidson 02/05/22
FT Attempts	8	vs Davidson 02/05/22

VCU PLAYER PROFILES



#14 - CONNOR ODOM

Sr., Guard, 5-11, 165, Annapolis, Md./Archbishop Spalding (Utah St.)

2023-24 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring							
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG	
2021-22	USU	6-0	9/1.5	1-4	.250	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1	1	2	0.3	1-0	0	1	0	0	3	0.5	
2022-23	USU	4-0	3/0.8	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
TOTAL FOR VCU		0-0	0/0.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL		10-0	12/1.2	1-5	.200	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1	1	2	0.2	2-0	0	1	0	0	3	0.3	

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MISC.

Double Figures (Career) 0
 20-Point Games (Career) 0
 Double-Doubles (Career) 0

NOTABLE

Transfer who played two years at Utah State; Appeared in 10 games in two seasons... Has also spent time at Flagler College and Maryland... Walk-on who will add depth to guard corps... Son of VCU Head Coach Ryan Odom

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value
Points	3 vs Air Force 03/09/22
Rebounds	1 at Nevada 01/29/22, vs Air Force 03/09/22
FG Made	1 vs Air Force 03/09/22
FG Attempts	1 5 times
3FG Made	1 vs Air Force 03/09/22
3FG Attempts	1 at Nevada 01/29/22, vs Air Force 03/09/22



#34 - Obinnaya "Obi" Okafor

R-Fr., Forward, 6-9, 220, Hampton, Va./Bethel

2023-24 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

WILL MISS 2023-24 SEASON WITH A KNEE INJURY																
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CAREER STATISTICS

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MISC.

Double Figures (Career) 0
 20-Point Games (Career) 0
 Double-Doubles (Career) 0

NOTABLE

Joined VCU as a walk-on last season and redshirted the 2022-23 campaign... Member of VCU's 2023 A-10 Championship team... First Team All-Peninsula and Second Team All-Region as a senior at Bethel... Granted a scholarship for 2023-24

2023-24 VCU BOX SCORES

GAME #4: VCU 60, SEATTLE 56



Official Basketball Box Score - Final
Seattle U at VCU
 11/18/23 The Stuart C. Siegel Center, Richmond, Va.
 VCU vs. Seattle

Game Time: 2:00 PM
 Game Duration: 1:59
 Attendance: 6,421

Seattle U - 56

Record: 2-2

Officials: Roger Ayers, Lee Cassell, Brent Hampton

NO.	Name	Min	FG		3P		FT		Rebounds		Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-				
			M-A	M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD	BS					BA						
25	Brandon Chatfield	F 23:32	4-6	1-2	0-0	3	5	8	5	3	9	2	3	0	0	1	1	1	1				
0	Alex Schumacher	G 25:16	4-15	2-7	1-1	0	1	1	4	1	11	2	1	0	0	1	-13						
1	Vasja Pandža	G 32:17	0-1	0-1	1-2	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	7						
5	Cameron Tyson	G 35:00	4-14	3-7	4-5	0	4	4	3	2	15	2	2	4	0	0	-8						
33	Kobe Williamson	G 36:22	5-12	0-4	7-9	2	6	8	2	5	17	1	0	3	0	0	0						
2	Paris Dawson	22:06	1-6	0-3	0-0	2	3	5	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	-11						
23	Seyi Reiley	12:13	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2						
24	Malek Gomma	07:23	0-0	0-0	1-2	2	0	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	-4						
35	Matthew Lewis	05:51	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	10						
Team									1	2	3	0	2										
Totals									18:55	6:24	14:19	10	24	34	21	14	56	9	11	8	0	3	-4

Shooting By Period

1 st FG%	7-28	25.0%
3PT%	2-13	15.4%
FT%	12-16	75%
2 nd FG%	11-27	40.7%
3PT%	4-11	36.4%
FT%	2-3	66.7%
GM FG%	18-55	32.7%
3PT%	6-24	25.0%
FT%	14-19	73.7%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 3/0

Technical Fouls: NONE

VCU - 60

Record: 3-1

NO.	Name	Min	FG		3P		FT		Rebounds		Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-				
			M-A	M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD	BS					BA						
6	Michael Belle	F 22:09	1-6	0-4	0-1	2	3	5	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	-2						
13	Kuany Kuany	F 18:35	2-8	0-3	0-1	0	0	0	2	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	-1						
21	Christian Fermin	C 30:02	3-4	0-0	2-2	5	4	9	4	4	8	1	1	0	0	0	9						
2	Zeb Jackson	G 33:38	5-11	2-7	8-8	1	5	6	1	5	20	0	2	1	0	0	6						
11	Max Shulga	G 32:37	1-4	0-3	5-7	0	7	7	0	5	7	7	2	1	0	0	0						
1	Jason Nelson	25:54	2-4	1-2	2-2	0	1	1	1	1	7	2	2	1	0	0	5						
10	Toibu Lawal	20:01	4-7	2-2	0-1	1	3	4	4	1	10	1	1	0	2	0	7						
4	Roosevelt Wheeler	04:49	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	-3						
5	Alphonzo Billups III	12:15	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	-1						
Team									0	3	3	0	2										
Totals									19:49	5:22	17:22	9	29	38	14	21	60	11	14	7	3	0	4

Shooting By Period

1 st FG%	11-27	40.7%
3PT%	1-12	8.3%
FT%	4-7	57.1%
2 nd FG%	8-22	36.4%
3PT%	4-10	40.0%
FT%	13-15	86.7%
GM FG%	19-49	38.8%
3PT%	5-22	22.7%
FT%	17-22	77.3%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 2/0

Technical Fouls: NONE

	'HAWKS		RAMS	
	Points	Rebounds	Points	Rebounds
Biggest lead	8 (2 nd 6:32)	13 (1 st 8:01)		
Best Scoring Run	9 (1 st 5:58)	9 (2 nd 0:17)		
Lead Changes	4			
Times Tied	2			
Time with Lead	20:21	18:51		

	'HAWKS		RAMS	
	Points	Rebounds	Points	Rebounds
Points from Turnovers	14	12		
Paint	22	24		
Second Chance	10	9		
Fast Breaks	0	9		
Bench	3	19		

	Period by Period Scoring		
	1st	2nd	TOT
'HAWKS	28	28	56
RAMS	27	33	60

GAME #6

GAME #7

VCU GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	Date	Score	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
			FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
McNeese	11/06/2023	65-76 L	22-53	.415	11-36	.306	10-14	.714	9	27	36	36.0	17	17	14	9	3	65	65.0
Samford	11/10/2023	75-65 W	25-51	.490	5-18	.278	20-25	.800	12	28	40	38.0	16	13	21	6	15	75	70.0
Radford	11/15/2023	73-50 W	24-50	.480	6-20	.300	19-26	.731	7	26	33	36.3	17	13	10	3	5	73	71.0
Seattle U	11/18/2023	60-56 W	19-49	.388	5-22	.227	17-22	.773	9	29	38	36.8	14	11	14	3	7	60	68.3
Total		273	90-203	.443	27-96	.281	66-87	.759	37	110	147	36.8	64	54	59	21	30	273	68.3
Opponents		247	86-234	.368	26-85	.306	49-72	.681	48	88	136	34.0	82	40	49	5	36	247	61.8

VCU Averages

Games Played	Points/game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/game	Assists/game	Turnovers/game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/game	Blocks/game
4	68.3	44.3	28.1	75.9	36.8	13.5	14.8	0.9	7.5	5.3

OPPONENT GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	Date	Score	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
			FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
McNeese	11/06/2023	65-76 L	27-59	.458	8-17	.471	14-22	.636	9	25	34	34.0	18	11	5	1	9	76	76.0
Samford	11/10/2023	75-65 W	23-66	.348	8-26	.308	11-14	.786	17	17	34	34.0	24	15	16	2	12	65	70.5
Radford	11/15/2023	73-50 W	18-54	.333	4-18	.222	10-17	.588	12	22	34	34.0	19	5	17	2	7	50	63.7
Seattle U	11/18/2023	60-56 W	18-55	.327	6-24	.250	14-19	.737	10	24	34	34.0	21	9	11	0	8	56	61.8
Total		247	86-234	.368	26-85	.306	49-72	.681	48	88	136	34.0	82	40	49	5	36	247	61.8
VCU		273	90-203	.443	27-96	.281	66-87	.759	37	110	147	36.8	64	54	59	21	30	273	68.3

Opponents Averages

Games Played	Points/game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/game	Assists/game	Turnovers/game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/game	Blocks/game
4	61.8	36.8	30.6	68.1	34.0	10.0	12.3	0.8	9.0	1.3

VCU SPECIALTY STATISTICS

Opponent	---- VCU Points Off ----						Lead		W/L	Score	Leads overcome
	T/O	2ndCh	Paint	FastB	Bench	Ties	Changes				
MCNEESE ST.	6	4	22	10	17	1	1	L	65-76	Lost by 11	
SAMFORD	15	15	40	20	26	2	1	W	75-65	trailed by 13, 13:59-1st	
RADFORD	20	4	36	11	36	5	3	W	73-50	trailed by 9, 3:13-1st	
SEATTLE	12	9	24	9	19	2	4	W	60-56	trailed by 8, 6:32-2nd	
Total	53	32	122	50	98					Largest deficit overcome - 13	
Average	13.3	8.0	30.5	12.5	24.0					Double-digit deficits overcome: 1	

VCU STATISTICS & RESULTS

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	3-1	3-1	0-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-1	3-1	0-0	0-0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT	TOT
VCU	120	153	0	273
Opponents	136	111	0	247

Team Box Score

No.	Player	Total			3-Point			F-Throw		Rebounds				Other								
		GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2	JACKSON, Zeb	4-4	139:21	34.8	21-49	.429	6-27	.222	16-17	.941	1	20	21	5.3	6	0	20	12	1	7	64	16.0
11	SHULGA, Max	4-4	125:06	31.3	15-30	.500	10-23	.435	14-17	.824	0	17	17	4.3	8	0	17	11	1	3	54	13.5
1	NELSON, Jason	4-0	105:15	26.3	14-28	.500	5-14	.357	6-7	.857	0	6	6	1.5	6	0	6	7	0	9	39	9.8
10	LAWAL, Toibu	4-0	72:27	18.1	14-20	.700	2-3	.667	7-13	.538	8	17	25	6.3	8	0	2	6	4	2	37	9.3
21	FERMIN, Christian	4-4	108:58	27.2	10-16	.625	0-0	.000	7-12	.583	14	15	29	7.3	9	0	4	4	8	0	27	6.8
5	BILLUPS III, Alphonzo	4-0	63:01	15.8	7-20	.350	4-11	.364	4-4	1.000	3	6	9	2.3	4	0	1	5	2	3	22	5.5
8	BELLE, Michael	4-4	99:57	25.0	4-20	.200	0-8	.000	8-12	.667	7	9	16	4.0	6	0	3	4	2	3	16	4.0
13	KUANY, Kuany	4-4	59:16	14.8	5-20	.250	0-10	.000	4-5	.800	3	6	9	2.3	10	0	1	3	2	1	14	3.5
4	WHEELER, Roosevelt	4-0	26:39	6.7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	4	5	1.3	7	0	0	3	1	2	0	0.0
Team												10	10					4				
Total		4	800		90-203	.443	27-96	.281	66-87	.759	37	110	147	36.8	64	0	54	59	21	30	273	68.3
Opponents		4	800		86-234	.368	26-85	.306	49-72	.681	48	88	136	34.0	82	2	40	49	5	36	247	61.8

Team Statistics

	VCU	OPP
Scoring	273	247
Points per game	68.3	61.8
Scoring margin	+6.5	-
Field goals-att	90-203	86-234
Field goal pct	.443	.368
3 point fg-att	27-96	26-85
3-point FG pct	.281	.306
3-pt FG made per game	6.8	6.5
Free throws-att	66-87	49-72
Free throw pct	.759	.681
F-Throws made per game	16.5	12.3
Rebounds	147	136
Rebounds per game	36.8	34.0
Rebounding margin	+2.8	-
Assists	54	40
Assists per game	13.5	10.0
Turnovers	59	49
Turnovers per game	14.8	12.3
Turnover margin	-2.5	-
Assist/turnover ratio	0.9	0.8
Steals	30	36
Steals per game	7.5	9.0
Blocks	21	5
Blocks per game	5.3	1.3
Winning streak	3	-
Home win streak	3	-
Attendance	28217	0
Home games-Avg/Game	4-7054	0-0
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
11/06/2023	McNeese	L	65-76	7637
11/10/2023	Samford	W	75-65	7114
11/15/2023	Radford	W	73-50	7045
11/18/2023	Seattle U	W	60-56	6421

TV/RADIO CHART

CAREER HIGHS



1 Jason NELSON
R-So. • Guard • Richmond, Va. (Richmond)

PPG	9.8	FG%	.500
RPG	1.5	FT%	.857
APG	1.5	3PT%	.357

- Transfer from crosstown rival Richmond; Started 26 games a year ago for the Spiders, averaged 8.0 ppg
- Named 2022-23 Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year by HoopsHD
- Ranked fifth among A-10 freshmen in points per game (8.0) last season and third in assists (2.0)
- 2020 Virginia Class 2 Player of the Year; Averaged 17.3 ppg, 5.9 apg, 3.8 rpg
- Was high school teammates with Fats Billups at Varina and with Roosevelt Wheeler at John Marshall
- His father, Jason Nelson Sr. was a member of Virginia Union's 2005 NCAA D-II National Championship team
- Major: Sociology

POINTS	21 vs. Northern Iowa (11/11/22)
REBOUNDS	5 vs. George Washington (1/4/23)
ASSISTS	7 vs. Wichita State (11/17/22)
LAST GAME:	7 pts, 1 reb, 2 ast, 26 min



2 Zeb JACKSON
Sr. • Guard • Toledo, Ohio (Michigan)

PPG	16.0	FG%	.429
RPG	5.3	FT%	.941
APG	5.0	3PT%	.222

- Transfer from Michigan who played a major role off the bench for VCU's 2023 A-10 Championship team
- Athletic, left-handed guard with a high basketball IQ and outstanding shooting range; Team Co-Captain
- A member of Michigan's 2021 Elite Eight squad
- Ranked No. 71 in ESPN's Top 100 of the 2020 Class; 4-star prospect in high school
- Fastest testing Ram in 3/4-court sprint (3.11 seconds); 41-inch max vertical leap
- Helped Montverde Academy to a 25-0 record and a Prep National Championship in 2020
- Major: Psychology

POINTS	20 vs. Seattle (11/18/23)
REBOUNDS	4 vs. McNeese State (11/6/23)
ASSISTS	8 vs. McNeese State (11/6/23)
LAST GAME:	20 pts, 6 reb, 1 stl, 34 min



4 Roosevelt WHEELER
Jr. • Forward • Richmond, Va. (Louisville)

PPG	0.0	FG%	--
RPG	1.3	FT%	--
BPG	0.3	3PT%	--

- Transfer from Louisville who will have two years of eligibility remaining; Appeared in 46 games for Cardinals
- Rugged post player with a 7-foot-3 wingspan
- Was ranked No. 60 nationally in the class of 2021 by 247Sports' composite rankings
- High School teammate at John Marshall of Jason Nelson
- He and Nelson helped John Marshall to 2020 2A State Championship; Averaged 15.8 ppg, 11.9 rpg, 4.3 bpg
- Grew up in Atlanta before moving to Virginia in 2016; Moved from Hampton to Richmond in 2017
- Major: Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus on Creative Process and Photography studies

POINTS	8 at Western Kentucky (12/18/21)
REBOUNDS	8 vs. Bellemine (11/9/22)
BLOCKS	1 - 10 times
LAST GAME:	0 pts, 1 reb, 2 stl, 5 min



5 Fats BILLUPS III
R-Fr. • Guard/Forward • Richmond, Va. (Varina HS)

PPG	5.5	FG%	.350
RPG	2.3	FT%	1.000
APG	0.3	3PT%	.364

- Appeared in eight games in 2022-23; Received medical redshirt following December hand injury
- Long, versatile wing who can play multiple positions; Dynamic playmaker and accomplished shooter
- Four-star recruit; Was ranked 94th in ESPN's Top 100 in the class of 2022; No. 6 player in VA in 2022 class
- Chose VCU over interest from West Virginia, Texas A&M, Oklahoma State, N.C. State, Pitt and others
- 2022 Virginia Class 4 State Player of the Year; 2022 McDonald's All-America Nominee
- Averaged 15.7 ppg, 6.9 rpg & 2.4 spg to lead Varina to a 25-1 record and a Class 4 State Championship
- Major: Undecided

POINTS	9 vs. McNeese State (11/6/23)
REBOUNDS	4 vs. McNeese State (11/6/23)
ASSISTS	1 vs. Sanford (11/10/23)
LAST GAME:	2 pts, 2 reb, 1 stl, 1 blk, 12 min



7 Sean BAIRSTOW
Sr. • Guard/Forward • Brisbane, Australia (Utah St.)

PPG	--	FG%	--
RPG	--	FT%	--
APG	--	3PT%	--

- Fractured a bone in his right foot in practice on Oct. 18; Expected to miss 6-8 weeks of action
- 2023 All-Atlantic 10 Conference Preseason Third Team selection; Team Co-Captain
- Graduate transfer from Utah State who blossomed following the arrival of Ryan Odom in Logan
- Long, athletic wing who can play multiple positions; Averaged 10.3 ppg, 5.2 rpg, 2.6 apg in 2022-23
- Improved 3-point shooting from .125 (6-of-48) as a junior to .386 (32-of-83) as a senior
- One of seven siblings; His brother, Cameron, was drafted by the Chicago Bulls in 2014 - played two seasons
- Major: Psychology

POINTS	20 - 2x last vs. New Mexico (2/1/23)
REBOUNDS	10 - 2x last at UNLV (3/1/23)
ASSISTS	10 at Colorado State (2/4/22)
LAST GAME:	DNP-Broken Foot



8 Michael BELLE
Fr. • Forward • London, England (Strasbourg)

PPG	4.0	FG%	.200
RPG	4.0	FT%	.667
APG	0.8	3PT%	.000

- Joined the Rams from French pro club Strasbourg, where he starred for the team's U21 squad
- Averaged 17.0 ppg, 9.0 rpg, 3.1 apg for Strasbourg last year; Member of U.K. National Team
- Only true freshman on this year's roster; Rugged wing who can drive and absorb contact
- Largest hands on the team (9" length, 10" width) and owns a 7-foot wingspan
- Recorded 19 points & 9 rebs for Hoopsfix Elite vs. Bronny James & California Basketball Club in '22 contest
- Hails from the London, England borough of Richmond
- Major: Undecided

POINTS	7 vs. McNeese State (11/6/23)
REBOUNDS	5 vs. Seattle (11/18/23)
ASSISTS	2 vs. McNeese State (11/6/23)
LAST GAME:	2 pts, 5 reb, 22 min



10 Tobi LAWAL
So. • Forward • London, England (Lee Academy)

PPG	9.3	FG%	.700
RPG	6.3	FT%	.538
BPG	1.0	3PT%	.667

- Saw action in 25 games last year; One of five returners from VCU's 2023 A-10 Championship team
- Made great strides this offseason and excelled during VCU's 10-day tour of Greece in August
- Exceptional athlete with superior leaping ability and a high motor
- Measured a 49.5-inch max vertical leap in September testing. Standing vertical measured at 39 inches
- Native of London, England who played one season at Lee Academy, a private boarding school in Lee, Maine
- Averaged 14.5 points, 11.4 rebounds & 3.0 blocks, while shooting 67 percent from the floor for Lee in '21-'22
- Major: International Studies

POINTS	12 vs. Radford (11/15/23)
REBOUNDS	10 vs. Radford (11/15/23)
BLOCKS	3 vs. Jacksonville (12/7/22)
LAST GAME:	10 pts, 4 reb, 2 blk, 1 ast, 20 min



11 Max SHULGA
Sr. • Guard • Kyiv, Ukraine (Utah State)

PPG	13.5	FG%	.500
RPG	4.3	FT%	.824
APG	4.3	3PT%	.435

- 2023 All-Atlantic 10 Conference Preseason Second Team selection; Team Co-Captain
- Three-level scorer who blossomed last season under Ryan Odom at Utah State
- One of three players to follow Odom from Utah State with Sean Bairstow and Connor Odom
- 2023 Mountain West Honorable Mention pick after averaging 11.9 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 4.0 apg
- Played for his native Ukraine at 2022 FIBA U20 European Championships
- Major: Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus on Global Health and Communications

POINTS	29 vs. Air Force (2/14/23)
REBOUNDS	10 - 3x, last vs. Nevada (2/18/23)
ASSISTS	10 vs. Utah Tech (12/1/22)
LAST GAME:	7 pts, 7 reb, 7 ast, 1 stl, 33 min



13 Kuany KUANY
Gr. • Forward • Melbourne, Australia (California)

PPG	3.5	FG%	.250
RPG	2.3	FT%	.800
APG	0.3	3PT%	.000

- Graduate transfer from Cal; Played four years & logged 116 games, including 47 starts, for the Golden Bears
- Long, athletic forward who is comfortable in catch-and-shoot situations, as well as driving to the rim
- Made 26 starts last year; Averaged 9.0 ppg, 3.9 rpg; 2nd on Cal with 28 3-pt FG; Led team with 93 made FT
- Scored in double figures 17 times for Cal in 2022-23
- Spent time in South Sudan and Kenya before his family moved to Australia when he was six years old
- Moved to the U.S. at 15 to pursue basketball; Played HS hoops at Victory Rock Prep (Fla.) & Prolific Prep (Calif.)
- Major: Master's in Sport Leadership; Earned Sociology degree from Cal in May 2023

POINTS	18 vs. Stanford (1/6/23)
REBOUNDS	9 vs. Washington State (2/25/23)
ASSISTS	4 - 3x, last vs. Washington (2/23/23)
LAST GAME:	4 pts, 1 stl, 19 min



14 Connor ODOM
Sr. • Guard • Annapolis, Md. (Utah State)

PPG	--	FG%	--
RPG	--	FT%	--
APG	--	3PT%	--

- Walk-on who joined the team following two seasons at Utah St.; One of three Utah St. transfers on the roster
- Appeared in 10 games the past two seasons at Utah St.
- Scored 1st career bucket on a 3-pointer vs. Air Force in the Mountain West Tournament on March 9, 2022
- Also spent one season at Flagler College (D-II) in St. Augustine, Fla.
- Son of VCU Head Coach Ryan Odom
- Major: Psychology

POINTS	3 vs. Air Force (3/9/22)
REBOUNDS	1 - 2x, last vs. Air Force (3/9/22)
ASSISTS	n/a
LAST GAME:	DNP-CD



21 Christian FERMIN
So. • Forward • Tobyhanna, Pa. (Pocono Mtn. West)

PPG	6.8	FG%	.625
RPG	7.3	FT%	.583
BPG	2.0	3PT%	--

- High-motor post player; One of five returning members of VCU's 2023 Atlantic 10 Championship team
- Rated the No. 2 overall player in Pa. in the class of 2022, according to 247Sports composite rankings
- Rated the No. 16 center nationally in his class, according to 247Sports
- Chose VCU over interest from Pitt, Penn State, St. John's, Temple and others
- 2022 Pa. Class 6A 1st Team All-State; Lehigh Valley Co-Player of the Year & Eastern Pa. Conference MVP
- Averaged 21.7 ppg, 14.5 rpg, 4.8 bpg, while shooting 60 percent, as a senior; Scored 43 points in one game
- Major: Undecided

POINTS	10 vs. Samford (11/10/23)
REBOUNDS	10 vs. Samford (11/10/23)
BLOCKS	5 vs. Samford (11/10/23)
LAST GAME:	8 pts, 9 reb, 1 ast, 30 min



22 Joe BAMISILE
Sr. • Guard • Chesterfield, Va. (Oklahoma)

PPG	--	FG%	--
RPG	--	FT%	--
APG	--	3PT%	--

- Transfer from Oklahoma, who has also spent time at George Washington and Virginia Tech
- Native of nearby Chesterfield; One of four Richmond natives on this year's roster
- Averaged 16.3 ppg for George Washington in 2021-22; Named Third Team All-Atlantic 10
- Dangerous long-range shooter. Connected on 60-of-171 (.351) from beyond the arc for GW in '21-'22
- Averaged 28.0 ppg, 7.0 rpg for Monacan as a junior in 2018-19 (Missed senior year with an injury)
- Rated No. 61 nationally and No. 15 shooting guard in class of 2020 by Rivals
- Major: Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus on Communications and Social Studies

POINTS	30 vs. Duquesne (3/2/22)
REBOUNDS	14 vs. UMass Lowell (11/19/21)
ASSISTS	3 - 8 times
LAST GAME:	DNP-Awaiting NCAA waiver appeal



34 Obi OKAFOR
Fr. • Forward • Hampton, Va. (Bethel)

PPG	--	FG%	--
RPG	--	FT%	--
BPG	--	3PT%	--

- Joined VCU as a walk-on in 2022-23; Received a scholarship for 2023-24
- One of five returners from VCU's 2023 A-10 Championship team; Redshirted the 2022-23 campaign
- Talented post player who will add depth down low
- Possesses a team-best wingspan of 7-3 1/2
- Was a standout at Bethel HS and the Boo Williams AAU program
- 1st Team All-Penninsula & 2nd Team All-Region as a senior; Set school single-game record with 11 blocks
- Major: Business

POINTS	N/A
REBOUNDS	N/A
BLOCKS	N/A
LAST GAME:	DNP-Knee