

# 2024-25 TEXAS A&M BASKETBALL

Game 1: Texas A&M at UCF Monday, Nov. 4, 2024 | 6 p.m. (ESPN+) Addition Financial Arena, Orlando, Fla. (19,000 cap.) Game 2: A&M-Commerce at Texas A&M Friday, Nov. 8, 2024 | 7 p.m. (SEC Network+) Reed Arena, Bryan-College Station, Texas (12, 989)

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## 2024-25 SCHEDULE

#### November

Novem	ber	
4 (Mon.)	at UCF (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
	Lyons (PxP) + Mike O'Donnell (Analyst) + Hann io: Andrew Monaco (PxP) + Dr. John Thornton (A	
nau	SiriusXM: Channel 374 (Texas A&M broadcast,	
8 (Fri.)	TAMU-COMMERCE (SEC+)	7 p.m.
11 (Mon.)	LAMAR (SEC+)	7 p.m.
15 (Fri.)	OHIO STATE (SEC Network)	8 p.m.
20 (Wed.)	SOUTHERN (SEC+)	7 p.m.
26 (Tue.)	\$ Oregon (TBS)	3:30 p.m.
27 (Wed.)	\$ Creighton (MAX)	5:30 p.m.
30 (Sat.)	\$ TBD	TBD
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3 (Tue.)	& WAKE FOREST (ESPN2)	8 p.m.
8 (Sun.)	# vs. Texas Tech (ESPN2)	6 p.m.
14 (Sat.)	% vs. Purdue (CBS)	11 a.m.
20 (Fri.)	HOUSTON CHRISTIAN (SEC+)	1 p.m.
28 (Sat.)	ABILENE CHRISTIAN (SEC Network)	3 p.m.
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4 (Sat.)	* TEXAS (SEC Network)	7 p.m.
8 (Wed.)	* at Oklahoma (SEC Network)	8 p.m.
11 (Sat.)	* ALABAMA (ESPN/2)	7 p.m.
14 (Tue.)	* at Kentucky (ESPN2)	6 p.m.
18 (Sat.)	* LSU (SEC NetworkU)	7:30 p.m.
22 (Wed.)	* at Ole Miss (ESPN2/U)	8 p.m.
25 (Sat.)	* at Texas (ESPN/2)	1:30 p.m.
28 (Tue.)	* OKLAHOMA (SEC Network)	8 p.m.
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1 (Sat.)	* at South Carolina (SEC Network)	7:30 p.m.
8 (Sat.)	* at Missouri (SEC Network)	2:30 p.m.
11 (Tue.)	* GEORGIA (SEC Network)	8 p.m.
15 (Sat.)	* ARKANSAS (ESPN/2)	11 a.m.
18 (Tue.)	* at Mississippi State (SEC Network)	6 p.m.
22 (Sat.)	* TENNESSEE (ESPN/2)	11 a.m.
26 (Wed.)	* VANDERBILT (SEC Network)	6 p.m.
March		
1 (Sat.)	* at Florida (SEC Network)	7:30 p.m.
4 (Tue.)	* AUBURN (ESPN/2/U)	6 or 8 p.m.
8 (Sat.)	* at LSU (SEC Network)	3 p.m.
12 (Wed.)	+ SEC Tournament	
20 (Thu.)	NCAA 1st/2nd Rounds (Site TBD)	
27 (Thu.)	NCAA Regionals (Site TBD)	
April		

5 (Sat.)	NCAA Final Four (San Antonio, T	'exas)

\* - SEC Game

- \$ Players Era Festival (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- & SEC-ACC Challenge
- # USLBM Coast to Coast Challenge (Dickies Arena, Fort Worth) % - Indy Classic (Gainbridge Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Ind.)
- \* Indy Classic (Gainbridge Fleidhouse, Indianapolis, Ind + - SEC Tournament (Bridgestone Arena, Nashville, Tenn.)
- \$ NCAA 1st/2nd Rounds



CONFERENCE: Big	g 12
RANKING: NR (AP	P) / NR (Coaches)
LAST GAME:	Oct. 29, 2024
at	Georgia 114, UCF 76 (exhibition)
HEAD COACH:	Johnny Dawkins (9th season

#### **RARE ROAD SEASON OPENER**

The Aggies open the season on the road for the first time in more than 20 years against the UCF Knights in the first-ever meeting between the two schools.

- It is the Aggies' first season opener in a true road game since falling to George Washington, 94-74, in the first game of 2000-01. The GW game also marks Texas A&M's most recent defeat in a season opener. The Aggies have won 23 straight season openers.
- In fact, to find a road victory in a season opener, you have to go back to 1980 when Shelby Metcalf's Aggies opened with a 66-57 win over the Maine Black Bears at Memorial Gymnasium or "The Pit" in Orono, Maine.
- Sixth-year Aggie head coach Buzz Williams is 5-0 in season lid-lifters in Aggieland and 15-2 in openers as a head coach (0-1 at UNO, 6-0 at Marquette and 4-1 at Virginia Tech). His most recent loss in a season opener was an 85-82 loss to Alabama State at VT in 2015.

#### **AMBITIOUS NON-CON SLATE**

With the all-important NET rankings in mind, Texas A&M has constructed perhaps its toughest non-conference schedule in school history.

 For the first time in program history, the Aggies' nonconference slate features five opponents from power conferences without factoring in possible opponents from in-season tournaments. Additionally, the Aggies are guaranteed dates with Oregon and Creighton at the star-studded Players Era Festival In Las Vegas.





2023-24 RECORD: 21-15, 9-9 vs. SEC (t7th)			
CONFERENCE: SEC			
RANKING: #13 (AP) / #15 (Coaches)			
LAST GAME: 0ct. 27, 2024			
at #4/4 Houston 79, Texas A&M 64 (exhibition)			
HEAD COACH:	Buzz Williams (6th season)		

#### TRENDS & NOTABLES

- Texas A&M returns seven of its top eight players in scoring and minutes from a year ago.
- Leading the way is two-time first-team All-SEC pick Wade Taylor IV, who is college basketball's only player to log 500+ points, 100+ assists and 60+ steals in each of the past two seasons.
- Also returning is the SEC's top rebounder from 2023-24, Andersson Garcia, who finished the year with 327 total rebounds to break the 42-year old school standard of 317 set by Claude "The Crockett Rocket" Riley in 1981-82.
- Other top returnees include Jace Carter (16 starts in 2023-24), Solomon Washington (20 starts in 2023-24), Henry Coleman III (73 career starts), Manny Obaseki (started final eight games of 2023-24) and Hayden Hefner (18 starts in 2023-24).
- The Aggies' No. 13 preseason AP Top 25 ranking matches the highest in school history (2006-07).
- With 21 wins in 2023-24, sixth-year head coach Buzz Williams became the third Texas A&M head coach to lead the Aggies to three straight 20-win seasons and the first to do it in more than a decade.
- The Aggies added three impact transfers in guard Zhuric Phelps (leading scorer at SMU), Pharrel Payne (leading shot blocker at Minnesota) and C.J. Wilcher (top bench scorer at Nebraska), along high school standouts Chris McDermott, Andre Mills and George Turkson.

#### MOST RECENT STARTING 5 (OCT. 27 EXHIBITION VS. UH):





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### **TEXAS A&M QUICK FACTS**

Location Bryan-College Station, Texas 77842				
Founded	1872 (opened 1876)			
Enrollment	rollment 79,105 (Fall 2024)			
Nickname	Aggies			
Colors	Maroon and White			
Conference	Southeastern			
Home Court	Reed Arena (12,989)			
Chancellor	John Sharp (Texas A&M '72)			
President	General (Ret.) Mark A. Welsh III (U.S. Air Force Academy '76)			
Dir. of Athletics	Trev Alberts (Nebraska '93)			
Faculty Ath. Rep.	Paul J. Batista, JD (Trinity '73)			
Head Coach B	uzz Williams (Oklahoma City '94)			
Assoc. Head Coach	Devin Johnson (UNO '08)			
Assistant Coaches	Lyle Wolf (Transylvania '10) Steve Roccaforte (Lamar '89) Vince Walden (Longwood '01)			
Special Asst to HC	Dale Layer (Eckerd College '80)			
Dir. of Operations	Grant Hendrix (Auburn '17)			
Dir. of Sport Perf.	Steve Gephardt (Arizona St. '04)			
Dir. of Scouting	T.J. Ryan (Franklin College '18)			
Dir. of Player Relati	ons Antonio McKenzie (UNT '04)			
Sr. Assoc. AT	Eddie Benion (Missouri '95)			
Admin. Coor.	Landry Moffett (Texas A&M '22)			
Program Aide	Wabissa Bede (Virginia Tech '20)			
Graduate Assistants Shane Sinon (Liberty '22) Jelani Spain (Texas A&M '24)				
2023-24 Record	21-15 9-9 SEC (t7th)			
Home: 10-5   Away: 6-6   Neutral: 5-4				
Lettermen Returning/Lost 8/5				
Starters Return	ing/Lost 4/1			
2024 Postseaso	on NCAA Tournament (9-seed)			

### **POSTSEASON HISTORY**

NCAA Appearances16
(1951, 64, 69, 75, 80, 87, 2006, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 16, 18,
23, 24)
All-Time NCAA Tourney Record14-17
Sweet 16 Appearances 1951*, 69†, 80, 07, 16, 18
* 16-team field † 25-team field
NIT Appearances8 (1979, 82, 85, 86, 94, 05, 15, 22)
All-Time NIT Record11-8
CBI Appearances1 (2014)
All-Time CBI Record1-1

#### WEARING THE GRAD PATCH

Four Aggies have already earned their bachelor's degrees and will wear the coveted SEC Graduate patch in 2024-25.

 Players with their degrees in hand already are Henry Coleman III (University Studies-Race, Gender & Ethnicity), Hayden Hefner (Marketing - Strategic Retailing Track), Wade Taylor IV (University Studies-Race, Gender & Ethnicity) and CJ Wilcher (Child, Youth & Family Studies).

#### **RETURNING FIREPOWER**

With seven of the team's top eight players in terms of minutes-played returning in 2024-25, the Aggies have an uncommon percentage of returning points, rebounds, assists, steals and blocks.

#### Back For More in 2024-25

Statistic	2023-24 Total	Returning	Pct.
Points	2,736	2,105	76.9%
Assists	412	318	77.2%
Rebounds	1,541	1,233	80.0%
Steals	250	224	90.0%
Blocks	107	82	76.6%

• Last year's team leader in every statistical category across the board returns in 2024-25.

#### JERSEY NUMBER CHANGES

Two Aggies will wear different jersey numbers in 2024-25.

- Junior Solomon Washington shifts from #13 to #9.
- Redshirt freshman Rob Dockery dons #3 after having the #9 last season, although he didn't wear it in a game.
- With the NCAA rule change in 2023 allowing players to wear any number between 0 and 99, Washington will become the first Aggie to wear #9. Similarly, freshmen Andre Mills and Janusz Ratowski would be the first to wear #7 and #18, respectively.

#### **PRESEASON HONORS FOR '4'**

 Wade Taylor IV - 1st Team All-SEC (Media & Coaches); 2nd Team All-America (Jay Bilas/ESPN, Blue Ribbon); 3rd Team All-America (CBSSports.com, Jon Rothstein/CollegeHoopsToday.net, John Fanta/ FoxSports.com); Bob Cousy Point Guard of the Year watch list; NABC D1 Player of the Year watch list

#### **PRESEASON PROGNOSTICATIONS**

Texas A&M was ranked No. 13 in the preseason edition of the Associated Press Top 25 poll. It matches the highest preseason AP Top 25 ranking for the Aggies in program history. The 2006-07 Aggies, who advanced to the Sweet 16, were also ranked No. 13 in the preseason poll.

- The Aggies were one of nine SEC teams in the AP Top 25, joining No. 2 Alabama, No. 11 Auburn, No. 12 Tennessee, No. 16 Arkansas, No. 19 Texas, No. 21 Florida, No. 23 Kentucky and No. 24 Ole Miss.
- The Aggies were projected to place fifth in the SEC in 2024-25 by a vote of the SEC beat media, behind Alabama, Auburn, Tennessee and Arkansas.
- Already a two-time first-team All-SEC pick, Wade Taylor IV was select to the preseason All-SEC first team.

#### **RECORD BOOK RE-WRITE**

<u>Wade Taylor IV</u> enters his final season with 13 season school records already on his resume and more than 30 career school and SEC Tournament standards within range.



#### **Career Records Within Range**

Needs 402 Points: Has 1,588 (1,990, Bernard King, 1999-03)
Needs 337 Points in Conference Play: Has 786
(1,123, Bernard King, 2000-03)
Needs 78 3-pointers: Has 221 (299, Josh Carter, 2006-09)
Needs 29 3-pointers in Conference Play: Has 110
(139, Josh Carter, 2006-09)
Needs 81 Free Throws: Has 407 (488, Bernard King, 1999-03)
Needs 63 FT in Conference Play: Has 206
(269, Bernard King, 2000-03)
Needs 199 FTA: Has 481 (680, Bernard King, 1999-03)
Needs 130 FTA in Conference Play: Has 238
(368, Bernard King, 2000-03)
Needs .846 FT%: Has .846 (.846, Mike Floyd, 1972-75)
Needs .804 FT% in Conference Play: Has.886
(.804, Bennie Lenox, 1962-64)
Needs 31 Games Played: Has 111
(142, Khourtney Robinson, 2010-15)
Needs 18 Games Played in Conference: Has 54
(72, Alex Caruso, 2013-16)
Needs 1,185 Minutes: 2,886 (4,071, Todd Holloway, 1984-87)
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Career SEC Tournament Records Within Range
Points: 177 (187, Allan Houston, Tennessee, 1990-93)
FG: 53 (71, Chuck Person, Auburn, 1983-86)

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FGA: 138 (147, Tony Delk, Kentucky, 1993-96)
3-Pointers: 23 (33, Pat Bradley, Arkansas, 1996-99)
3-FGA: 63 (76, Pat Bradley, Arkansas, 1996-99)
FT: 44 (53, Allan Houston, Tennessee, 1990-93)
FTA: 47 (61, Allan Houston, Tennessee, 1990-93)
FT% (min. 25 FT made): .936, 44-47
(.933, 42-45, Kevin Anglin, Vanderbilt, 1990-93)
Games: 10 (12 by eight players)

#### SCORING THE BALL

Texas A&M has three players with more 1,000 career points and two more within range of quadruple digits.

Texas A&M's	Active	Career	Points	Leaders

Player	Points	Years
Wade Taylor IV	1,588	3
Zhuric Phelps	1,137	3
Henry Coleman III	1,046	4
Jace Carter	914	3
CJ Wilcher, Xavier	818	4

#### **REBOUNDING THE BALL**

Texas A&M has two players with more 500 career rebounds and another within range.

#### Texas A&M's Active Career Rebounds Leaders

Player	Points	Years
Henry Coleman III	649	4
Andersson Garcia	628	4
Jace Carter	493	3



#### **TRANSLATING BUZZ**

Buzz Williams refers to many of his players by a nickname. Here's a handy guide:

Rob Dockery = <b>'Doc'</b>	
Hayden Hefner = <b>'H'</b>	
Andersson Garcia = <b>'Andy'</b>	
Jaelyn Lee = <b>'J-Lee'</b>	
Chris McDermott = <b>'C-Mac'</b>	
Andre Mills = 'Dre'	
Manny Obaseki = <b>'Mo'</b>	
Pharrel Payne = ' <b>Gochi'</b>	
Zhuric Phelps = <b>'Zoo'</b>	
Janusz Ratowski = <b>'Rato' or 'JR'</b>	
Wade Taylor = ' <b>4</b> '	
Solomon Washington = <b>'Solo' or 'So'</b>	

#### **FILLING THE BOXSCORE**

<u>Wade Taylor IV</u> was the nation's leading scorer last season among players with at least 140 assists and 65 steals.

Leading NCAA T Scorers w. 140+ Assists, 65+ Steals

Player, School	Pts./G	Ast.	Stl.
Wade Taylor IV, Texas A&M#	19.1	145	66
Judah Mintz, Syracuse	18.8	142	67
Shahada Wells, McNeese	17.8	155	98
Kadary Richmond, Seton Hall#	15.7	180	75
Jimmy Clark III, Duquesne	15.0	142	87
# - Beturning in 2024-25			

# - Returning in 2024-25

#### AT HIS BEST AGAINST THE BEST

Among DI players with 10 or more games vs. AP Top 25 teams in 2023-24, <u>Wade Taylor IV</u> ranked No. 3 with a 22.2 scoring average.

 Taylor and Dalton Knecht of Tennessee were the only D1 players with four 30-point games vs ranked teams in 2023-24.

#### 2023-24 DI Scoring Leaders vs. AP Top 25 Teams (Min. 10 Games)

Player, School	Gm.	Pts./G
Zach Edey, Purdue	11	25.5
Dalton Knecht, Tennessee	12	24.3
Wade Taylor IV, Texas A&M	10	22.2
Mark Sears, Alabama	11	21.5
Walter Clayton Jr., Florida	10	19.8

#### Taylor IV vs. AP Top 25 Teams (2023-24)

Opponent (Date)	Pts.	Rebs.	Asts.	
vs. #19 FAU (11/24)	35	3	5	_
vs. #4 Houston (12/16)	34	3	4	_
at #16 Auburn (1/9)	8	3	1	_
#6 Kentucky (1/13)	31	6	5	_
#6 Tennessee (2/10)	25	3	7	_
at #15 Alabama (2/17)	10	5	3	_
at #5 Tennessee (2/24)	11	1	5	_
#18 South Carolina (2/28)	15	3	4	_
#9 Kentucky (3/15)	32	2	3	
#2 Houston (3/24)	21	7	3	

#### **DOMINICAN RODMAN**

Drawing comparisons to former NBA great <u>Dennis</u> <u>Rodman</u> for his tenacious defense and rebounding prowess, senior F <u>Andersson Garcia</u> emerged as the SEC's top rebounder and one of the nation's best on the offensive glass in 2023-24.

- Named to the SEC's All-Defensive Team last season, the 6-foot-7 Garcia ranked behind only 7-foot-4 Zach Edey of Purdue in offensive rebounds/G at 4.6 to 4.3.
- Garcia led in the SEC with an average of 9.1 rebounds/ game, despite being in the starting lineup for only four games. In SEC play, he increased his average to 10.0/G (No. 1).
- Garcia reached double-digit rebounds in 10 of 18 SEC games, and once in SEC Tournament play, including three games with 15 or more.
- Twice last season, Garcia reached double-digit rebounds while not attempting a shot -- vs. FAU and against Ole Miss
- Had career-highs in offensive, defensive and total rebounds (9/10/19) vs. HCU on 12/22 ... totaled 33 rebounds in back to back games vs. Missouri (16) and Tennessee (17) on 2/7 and 2/10. He was third player in program history with consecutive games of 16 or more rebounds (first since 1995).

#### DI Offensive Rebounds Leaders

Player, School	Off-Reb./G
Zach Edey, Purdue	4.6
Andersson Garcia, Texas A&M#	4.3
Drew Cisse, Western Illinois	4.3
Juslin Bodo Bodo, High Point#	4.2
Isaiah Cozart, Eastern Kentucky	4.1
# - Returning in 2024-25	

#### Garcia's Double-Digit Rebound Games (2023-24)

Date	Opponent (Rank)	0ff	Def	Total
12/22/23	HCU	9	10	19
2/10/24	Tennessee (6)	9	8	17
2/7/24	@Missouri	8	8	16
2/20/24	Arkansas	7	8	15
12/10/23	Memphis	7	7	14
3/14/24	vs. Ole Miss	8	6	14
11/10/23	@Ohio St.	7	6	13
11/24/23	vs. FAU (19)	6	7	13
1/9/24	@Auburn (16)	6	7	13
3/9/24	@Ole Miss	4	9	13
12/30/23	Prairie View A&M	4	8	12
1/16/24	@Arkansas	5	7	12
2/17/24	@Alabama (15)	8	4	12
2/28/24	South Carolina (18)	4	8	12
3/2/24	@Georgia	5	5	10
1/20/24	@LSU	6	4	10

#### Texas A&M Season Rebounds List

Ronnie Peret (SWC)

5 Jeff Overhouse (SWC)

Rk.	Player	Year	Rebounds
1	Andersson Garcia	2023-24	327
2	Claude Riley	1981-82	317
2	Tyler Davis	2017-18	313
4	Rudy Woods	1978-79	286
	John Beasley	1965-66	286
Tex	as A&M Conference-(	Only Reb	ounds List
Rk.	Player (Conference)	Year	Rebounds
1	Andersson Garcia (SEC)	2024	180
2	John Beasley (SWC)	1966	178
3	Robert Williams (SEC)	2017	172

1967

1973

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166

#### **MANNY IN MARCH**

Manny Obaseki's addition to the starting lineup on March 2, 2024 proved to be a boon to the Aggies' fortunes as they rolled five straight wins, including four away from Reed Arena, to solidify their place in the NCAA Tournament field.

- In fact, Obaseki's addition may have saved the Aggies' season since the team was mired in a fivegame losing streak before he re-joined the starting lineup.
- His start on 3/2 marked his first return to the starting lineup since the NIT Championship game in 2022 -- a span of 63 games.
- Prior to 3/2, Obaseki had seen 20 or more minutes of action just three times and only once during SEC player (20 minutes vs. Tennessee). He saw 10 or less minutes in 16 games.
- Averaged 16.5 points and hit 54.5% of his 3-point tries while starting the final eight games of the season
- The Aggies averaged 86.4 points with Obaseki in the starting lineup, compared to 73.0 in the first 28 games of the season

#### Obaseki's Impact on the Aggies

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Date	Opp.	FG/FGA	3FG-FGA	Reb.	Pts.	
3/2/24	@UGa	4-10	2-3	5	12	
3/6/24	MissSt	6-12	3-3	3	17	
3/9/24	@Miss	9-14	5-3	1	25	
3/14/24	*Miss	5-12	2-2	1	12	
3/15/24	*Kty(9)	6-12	1-4	3	17	
3/16/24	*Fla	4-9	2-4	5	12	
3/22/24	+Neb	8-17	3-5	3	22	
3/24/24	+UH	5-14	1-2	3	15	
Average	s	.470	.545	3.0	16.5	

\* - SEC Tournament

#### SOLO SURGE

Solomon Washington became a regular starter in the Aggies' lineup in mid-January last season and closed the month of March on a heater.

- Generally one of the top reserves off the bench for the first 1.5 seasons at Texas A&M, Washington took over the starting role at forward when Henry Coleman III suffered an injury against Kentucky.
- In the month of March, Washington averaged:
   -2.0 blocks/G No. 3 among SEC players
   -8.0 rebounds/G No. 4 among SEC players
   -2.8 offensive rebounds/G No. 5 among SEC players
   -1.25 steals/G tNo. 9 among SEC players
   -10.9 points/G No. 20 among all SEC players
   -Additionally, he swatted a career-high 4 blocks vs. Nebraska, which was a Texas A&M record at the NCAA Tournament

#### Solo Surges in March

Date	Opp.	FG/FGA	Pct.	0/D/T	Pts.
3/6/24	MissSt	5-8	.625	3/6/9	15
3/9/24	@Miss	4-7	.571	5/5/10	10
3/14/24	*Miss	5-10	.500	3/6/9	13
3/15/24	*Kty(9)	4-7	.571	1/6/7	11
3/16/24	*Fla	5-10	.500	3/7/10	18
3/22/24	+Neb	2-5	.400	1/3/4	7
3/24/24	+UH	3-5	.600	3/5/8	9
* - SEC 1	Fournamer	nt			

+ - NCAA Tournament



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#### CAREER MILESTONES WATCH

- Manny Obaseki need 17 points to reach 500 and three rebounds for 150.
- Wade Taylor IV needs seven rebounds for 300.
- Jace Carter needs seven rebounds fokkr 500 and four steals for 100.

#### THIN MARGINS

The margin was thin in multiple games for the Aggies last season with 16 contests being tied or a one-possession game after the under 4:00 media timeout.

#### Texas A&M in Tight Games in 2023-24

Opponent (Date)	Score	Time	Result
vs. Houston (3/24)	86-86	0:00	L, 95-100 ot
vs. Ole Miss (3/14)	A&M led 61-58	2:16	W, 80-71
Mississippi St. (3/6)	A&M led 72-69	1:35	W, 75-69
South Carolina (2/28	3) 68-68 tie	:09	L, 68-70
Arkansas (2/20)	ARK led 61-58	2:44	L, 71-78
at Vanderbilt (2/13)	A&M led 73-72	:13	L, 73-74
Florida (2/3)	A&M led 67-66	:35	W, 67-66
Ole Miss (1/27)	62-62 tie	:46	L, 68-71
Missouri (1/23)	A&M led 56-53	3:21	W, 63-57
at LSU (1/20)	A&M led 70-69	1:04	W, 73-69
at Arkansas (1/16)	A&M led 77-76	:07	L, 77-78
Kentucky (1/13)	89-89 tie	0:00	W, 97-92 ot
at Auburn (1/9)	AU led 56-54	2:54	L, 55-66
vs. Houston (12/16)	UH led 69-66	.05	L, 66-70
vs. Iowa St.(11/26)	A&M led 72-69	:02	W, 73-69
at Ohio St. (11/10)	A&M led 63-60	2:54	W, 73-66

#### **CRASHING THE OFFENSIVE GLASS**

With 10 games with 20 or more offensive rebounds last season, Texas A&M's 17.4 offensive rebounds/game ranked No. 1 nationally by a significant margin.

- The Aggies averaged over 2.0 more offensive rebounds/game than any other DI team (No. 2 South Carolina State averaged 14.9/G).
- In 10 games vs. AP Top 25 teams, the Aggies averaged 18.3 offensive rebounds.
- Texas A&M stood atop KenPom's offensive rebounding percentage at 42.3 which is over 2.0% higher than any other DI team.

#### Texas A&M's 20+ O-Rebounding Games in 2023-24

Opponent (Date)	0-Rebounds	
Prairie View A&M (12/30)	29	
Oral Roberts (11/17)	28	
vs. #2 Houston (3/24)	26	
at #15 Alabama (2/17)	26	
#6 Kentucky (1/13)	*25 (OT)	
vs. #19 FAU (11/24)	22	
HCU (12/22)	22	
vs. Ole Miss (3/14)	21	
at LSU (1/20)	21	
Arkansas (2/20)	20	

#### \* - 21 in regulation

#### **CONTINUITY IN COLLEGE STATION**

Texas A&M Basketball is an outlier in collegiate landscape where roster movement among players and coaches is common.

- Among the 12 players that saw action for the Aggies in 2023-24, only one player that didn't finish his eligibility isn't back in 2024-25.
- Texas A&M's coaching staff has remained unchanged except for internal promotions for the past three seasons.
- Buzz Williams' staff has a combined 107 years together, led by associate head coach Devin Johnson's 14 seasons on Team Bus #1. Others with double-digit years of service with Williams are: Lyle Wolf (13), Dale Layer (12) and Josh Chambers (10).

#### **AGGIES NEVER GAVE UP**

The 2023-24 Aggies rallied from a trio of 20-point deficits to at least a tie last season, including the largest comeback for a win in school history - the Aggies rallied from 21 points down to beat Iowa State, 73-69, in the 3rd-place game of the ESPN Event Invitational.

- The Aggies also rallied from a 21-point deficit against then No. 4 Houston on 12/16 to tie the game at 63-63 at the 1:30 mark, but the Cougars prevailed 70-66 at the Toyota Center in the Halal Guys Showcase.
- On the road against Arkansas on 1/16, the Aggies found themselves in a 20-point hole with just over 6:00 remaining in the first half. Behind Wade Taylor IV's career-high 41 points, the Aggies rallied to take a one-point lead with :07 remaining but UA's Tramon Mark responded with a game-winner at the buzzer.
- Against No. 18 South Carolina, the Aggies used a 17-2 run to erase a 13-point deficit and take the lead with less than nine minutes remaining.
- The Aggies trailed Houston by as many as 13 points, and by 10 with 1:24 remaining, in their second round matchup in the NCAA Tournament, but rallied to force overtime on Andersson Garcia's buzzer-beating 3-pointer.

#### TEXAS A&M'S BIGGEST RALLIES

Deficit	Score (Time)	Opponent (Date)	Result
21	35-14 (2:44 1H)	vs. Iowa State (11/26/2023)	W, 73-69
(16-0 run	from 2:44 of 1st to 18	3:18 of 2nd narrows deficit to 5 poi	ints)
21	53-32 (15:39 2H)	vs. Houston (12/16/2023)	L, 70-66
(Aggies t	ie game at 63-63 at 1:	:30 mark, but can't surpass Couga	rs)
20	34-14 (6:07 1H)	at Arkansas (1/16/2024)	L, 78-77
(Aggies t	ake lead with :07 rem	aining, ARK's T. Mark hitsgame-w	inner)
18	48-30 (14:23 2H)	at Nebraska (02/24,2009)	W, 57-55
(Buzzer b	eater by Josh Carter	for win)	
17	53-36 (14:55 H)	vs. Virginia Tech (11/25/2016)	W, 68-65
(DJ Hogg	's 3 puts Aggies ahea	ad by one, 2-pointer provides winn	ing margin)
	(****)		

17 (2H) at Penn State (01/02/2005) W, 62-60 (Acie Law hits two free throws for winning margin)

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 27-12 (9:04 1H)
 NW St. (12/27/2022)
 W. 64-52

 (Aggies whittle deficit to five points by halftime, win comfortably)

#### WILLIAMS VS. AP TOP 25

Head coach Buzz Williams tallied a trio of AP top 10 victories in 2023-24 with wins over No. 6 Kentucky, No. 6 Tennessee in the regular season and No. 9 Kentucky in the 2024 SEC Tournament.

- With four AP top 6 wins, Williams is the only head coach in Texas A&M men's basketball history with more than two. Joining Williams with multiple top 6 wins is Billy Gillispie, who hired Williams on his initial Aggie coaching staff in 2004-05. Gillispie logged a pair of top 6 victories - over No. 6 Texas in 2006 and No. 6 Kansas in 2007.
- Williams' teams have tallied the two highest-ranked wins in school history over AP Top 25 teams with victories over No. 2 Alabama in the 2022-23 regular season finale and No. 4 Auburn in the 2022 SEC Tournament quarterfinals.
- The Aggies' five-game home winning streak against AP Top 25 teams from 1/11/23 to 2/28/24 was easily the longest in school history (previous best was three wins in 2010-11).

## Williams vs. AP Top 25 at Texas A&M (since 2019-20)

Date	Opponent (Rk)	Result
11/15/19	Gonzaga (8)	L, 49-79
2/25/20	Kentucky (8)	L, 60-69
3/4/20	at Auburn (17)	W, 78-75
1/9/21	Tennessee (9)	L, 54-68
1/16/21	Missouri (17)	L, 52-68
3/6/21	at Arkansas (12)	L, 80-87
1/19/22	Kentucky (12)	L, 58-64
1/26/22	at LSU (19)	L, 64-70
2/1/22	at Tennessee (22)	L, 80-90
2/12/22	at Auburn (1)	L, 58-75
3/2/22	at Alabama (25)	W, 87-71
3/11/22	vs. Auburn (4)	W, 67-62
3/12/22	vs. Arkansas (15)	W, 82-64
3/13/22	vs. Tennessee (9)	L, 50-65
1/11/23	Missouri (20)	W, 82-64
1/25/23	at Auburn (15)	W, 79-63
2/21/23	Tennessee (11)	W, 68-63
3/4/23	Alabama (2)	W, 67-61
3/12/23	vs. Alabama (4)	L, 63-82
11/24/23	vs. FAU (19)	L, 89-96
12/16/23	vs. Houston (4)	L, 66-70
1/9/24	at Auburn (16)	L, 55-66
1/13/24	Kentucky (6)	W, 97-92
2/10/24	Tennessee (6)	W, 85-69
2/17/24	at Alabama (15)	L, 75-100
2/24/24	at Tennessee (5)	L, 51-86
2/28/24	South Carolina (18)	L, 68-70
3/15/24	vs. Kentucky (9)	W, 97-87
3/24/24	vs. Houston (2)	L, 95-100 ot



## WHAT'S UNIQUE ABOUT AGGIE HOOPS?

#### **GAMEDAY VIBES**

 During gameday shoot-arounds, the Aggies traditionally vibe to The Commodores Pandora station on the team Turtlebox (founded by an Aggie) bluetooth speaker.

#### Buzz Williams ঔ @TeamCoachBuzz - Aug 23 ... Happy 49th Birthday≝ to 11 of my favorites in the �: @mamba\_11 ♣

I 🙏 this is ur best 📅 yet

#### 👁 🖤 U> 🌞 🌞 in the 🌲 🌲

#### I am grateful for your loyalty on 'Team = # 111' the last 2 years.

I appreciate all that you've taught me,  $+\,$  have great belief that special things are on their



#### **BIRTHDAY SHENANIGANS**

 On player or staff member's birthdays, Williams honors the occasion with an emoji-filled tweet that always includes a wrong number of birthdays for the celebrator.

#### **GETTING 'THE JUICE'**

 Prior to practices, the team draws into a huddle at midcourt and Buzz Williams distributes "The Juice" to the team, which is actually simply hand sanitizer. Williams has been distributing "The Juice" prior to practices since his days at Marquette to ward off the spread of germs in the winter months.

#### **TURKEYS AND SOCKS**

- In Aggie Basketball vernacular, a "turkey" is when an opponent is held scoreless on three straight possessions. When the team has posted consecutive stops, the Aggie bench calls out "turkey, turkey" to implore the five on the floor to get another stop.
- Taking charges on defense is valued by Aggie Basketball, and the team rewards a charge taken by presenting a pair of socks to the charge taker from the special socks treasure chest (pictured above).

#### **CULTURE WALL**

 After road game shoot-arounds, everyone on the trip gets on the court for a fun photo. If the Aggies win, the photo is posted on Williams' X and Instagram (@teamcoachbuzz) and added to the "Culture Wall" in the locker room.

#### **PROFESSOR BUZZ**

 Always seeking to connect to young people, Williams is co-teaching a sport management class at Texas A&M this fall, after guest lecturing for a leadership education class the past two fall semesters. Williams also taught similar classes at Virginia Tech.



#### **#GETBETTER EXPLAINED**

 #getBETTER is the mantra for Buzz Williams and his teams. It refers to "the continual improvement in all facets of life. Always finding something to work on, to make progress on. Never being satisfied. Always looking for ways to grow."

#### **READING IS FUN**

Buzz Williams is a voracious reader, generally completing 4-5 books every month. On Oct. 1, 2024, he tweeted from @TeamCoachBuzz his "3rd Quarter 2024 Reads" with a list of the 40 books he consumed in the first nine months of 2024. For the last 11 years, Williams has selected and gifted a book to every player, staff member and their family on the initial road trip of the season. Describing his commitment to reading, Williams said, "Who you are today and who you will be five years from today are the people you meet and the books that you read. Regardless of the genre of book that you read, they say it's worth five years of experience." (Source: @ AggieMBK/Dec. 16, 2023)

#### **QUOTE SHIRTS**

During the course of a season, Williams distributes 12 "Quote Shirts" to his players and staff that carry a life lesson or story behind its design for which the people within the men's basketball family can relate.



#### **BUZZ'S BUNCH**

"Buzz's Bunch" connects young people with special needs to the game of basketball with an invitation to a game in the fall and a summer clinic. Originally founded during William's time in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at Marquette, Buzz's Bunch continued during his time in Blacksburg, Virginia at Virginia Tech and now at Texas A&M. Every player, coach and staff member has been lucky to develop a relationship, learn and grown from these children as Buzz's Bunch has grown to more than 500 members spanning all three cities.

#### **TEAM RULE NO. 1**

"Always tell the truth."

#### **BEING THANKFUL**

 A staple of every road trip are the Aggies' Thank
 You letters. Each coach/player/staff member on the trip writes a Thank You letter to someone in their life at the first team meal of the roadie.

#### **SHOOTING WITH BUZZ**

"Shooting with Buzz" is a staple of the Aggies' practice regimen. As described by the Bryan-College Station Eagle: "Each player must move their way through 18 shooting spots – some straight catch and shoot and some off of movement – and make 7 of 10 shots. The clock starts after the player's first make and stops once the whole circuit is done. Managers rebound the shots and pass a ball to Williams, who stands near the player, handing the ball off for each shot. On the sideline, a manager stands in front of a giant white board, keeping tallies of the players score at each position. On the other side, a record book of times it took to complete the course are logged.

"I wanted to try to figure out a way, coming off of COVID and all the protocols and having, in essence, a completely revamped roster – how could I find some time working, while at the same time not screaming, while, in an unspoken way, they know I'm trying to invest in their life and in their game."



# - NUMERICAL / ALPHABETICAL ROSTER - TEXAS A&M BASKETBALL

#### **NUMERICAL**

#	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	ClExp.	Hometown / High School / Previous School	
0	Jace Carter	G	6'-6"	225	Sr1L	Titusville, Fla. / Astronaut / Illinois-Chicago	
1	Zhuric Phelps	G	6'-4"	190	SrTR	Midland, Texas / Duncanville / SMU	
2	Hayden Hefner	G	6'-6"	190	Gr4L	Nederland, Texas / Nederland	
3	Rob Dockery	G/F	6'-6"	215	rFrSQ	Washington D.C. / Jackson-Reed	
4	Wade Taylor IV	G	6'-0"	180	Gr3L	Dallas, Texas / Lancaster	
5	George Turkson Jr.	G/F	6'-7"	220	FrHS	Lowell, Mass. / Bradford Christian Academy	
7	Andre Mills	G	6'-4"	205	FrHS	Boston, Mass. / Brimmer and May School	
9	Solomon Washington	F	6'-7"	220	Jr2L	New Orleans, La. / Carver	
10	CJ Wilcher	G	6'-5"	210	GrTR	Plainfield, N.J. / Roselle Catholic / Nebraska	
11	Andersson Garcia	F	6'-7"	220	Sr2L	Moca, Dominican Republic / Hamilton Heights (Tenn.) / Mississippi State	
14	Chris McDermott	F	6'-7"	225	FrHS	Houston, Texas / Booker T. Washington	
15	Henry Coleman III	F	6'-8"	250	Gr3L	Richmond, Va. / Trinity Episcopal School / Duke	
18	Janusz Ratowski	F	6'-11"	225	FrHS	Chotomow, Poland	
21	Pharrel Payne	F/C	6'-9"	250	JrTR	Cottage Grove, Minn. / Park / Minnesota	
24	Jaelyn Lee	G/F	6'-8"	200	rSo1L	Paris, Texas / Paris	
35	Manny Obaseki	G	6'-4"	200	Sr3L	Allen, Texas / John Paul II	

#### **ALPHABETICAL**

#	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	ClExp.	Hometown / High School / Previous School	
0	Jace Carter	G	6'-6"	225	Sr1L	Titusville, Fla. / Astronaut / Illinois-Chicago	
15	Henry Coleman III	F	6'-8"	250	Gr3L	Richmond, Va. / Trinity Episcopal School / Duke	
3	Rob Dockery	G/F	6'-6"	215	rFrSQ	Washington D.C. / Jackson-Reed	
11	Andersson Garcia	F	6'-7"	220	Sr2L	Moca, Dominican Republic / Hamilton Heights (Tenn.) / Mississippi State	
2	Hayden Hefner	G	6'-6"	190	Gr4L	Nederland, Texas / Nederland	
24	Jaelyn Lee	G/F	6'-8"	200	rSo1L	Paris, Texas / Paris	
14	Chris McDermott	F	6'-7"	225	FrHS	Houston, Texas / Booker T. Washington	
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5	George Turkson Jr.	G/F	6'-7"	220	FrHS	Lowell, Mass. / Bradford Christian Academy	
9	Solomon Washington	F	6'-7"	220	Jr2L	New Orleans, La. / Carver	
10	CJ Wilcher	G	6'-5"	210	GrTR	Plainfield, N.J. / Roselle Catholic / Nebraska	

#### **COACHING STAFF**

Head Coach: Buzz Williams (6th season | Oklahoma City '94)Manny CAssoc. Head Coach: Devin Johnson (6th season | UNO '08)Manny CAssistant Coaches: Lyle Wolf (6th season | Transylvania '10), Steve Roccaforte (4thPHARREseason | Lamar '89), Vince Walden (6th season | Longwood '01)PHARRESpecial Asst to HC: Dale Layer (6th season | Eckerd College '80)Head Strength & Conditioning Coach: Steve Gephardt (5th season | Arizona St. '04)Dir. of Scouting: TJ Ryan (6th season | Franklin College '18)Dir. of Player Relations: Antonio McKenzie (7th season | UNT '04)Dir. of Creative: Josh Chambers (6th season | Virginia Tech '14)Dir. of Operations: Grant Hendrix (1st season | Auburn '17)Sr. Assoc. Athletic Trainer: Eddie Benion (6th season | Missouri '95)Administrative Coordinator: Landry Moffett (3rd season | Texas A&M '22)Program Aide: Wabissa Bede (3rd season | Virginia Tech '20)Graduate Assistants: Shane Sinon (1st season | Liberty '22), Jelani Spain (5th season | Texas A&M '24)

#### **PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

Manny OBASEKI	oh-BASS (as in the fish)-uh-key
PHARRELL Payne	FAH-rell
ZHURIC Phelps	ZER (as in her)-ick
JANUSZ RATOWSKI	jah-NEWS rah-TOW (as in how)-ski
CJ WILCHER	WILL-cher (as in her)

# - HEAD COACH - BUZZ WILLIAMS



#### THE WILLIAMS FILE

HOMETOWN .	Van Alstyne, Texas
WIFE	the former Corey Norman
CHILDREN	Zera, Calvin, Mason and Addyson
COLLEGE	Oklahoma City University
	(Bachelor's degree in kinesiology, 1994)
	Texas A&M-Kingsville
	(Master's in kinesiology, 1999)

#### HEAD COACHING RECORD

NEW ORL	EANS (1 year).	14-17
Years	Record (Sun Belt)	Postseason
2006-07	14-17 (9-9, 4th W)	
MARQUE	TTE (6 years)	139-69
Years	Record (Big East)	Postseason
2008-09	25-10 (12-6, 5th)	NCAA (2nd Rd)
2009-10	22-12 (11-7, t5th)	NCAA (1st Rd)
2010-11	22-15 (9-9, t9th)	NCAA (Sweet 16)
2011-12	27-8 (14-4, 2nd)	NCAA (Sweet 16)
2012-13	26-9 (14-4, t1st)	NCAA (Elite 8)
2013-14	17-15 (9-9, 6th)	
VIRGINIA	TECH (5 years)	100-69
Years	Record (ACC)	Postseason
2014-15	11-22 (2-16, 15th)	
2015-16	20-15 (10-8, t7th)	NIT (2nd Rd)
2016-17	22-11 (10-8, t7th)	NCAA (1st Rd)
2017-18	21-12 (10-8, 7th)	NCAA (1st Rd)
2018-19	26-9 (12-6, 5th)	NCAA (Sweet 16)
TEXAS A	ቆM (5 years)	95-62
Years	Record (SEC)	Postseason
2019-20	16-14 (10-8, t6th)	COVID-19
2020-21	8-10 (2-8, 13th)	
2021-22	27-13 (9-9, t5th)	NIT (Finalist)
2022-23	25-10 (15-3, 2nd)	NCAA (1st Rd)
2023-24	21-15 (9-9, t7th)	NCAA (2nd Rd)
TOTAL (17	years)	348-217

\*The first two games of the 2021-22 season are not reflected in Williams' record.

#### **BUZZ WILLIAMS AT A GLANCE**

- Buzz Williams is in his sixth season as the head coach at Texas A&M and his 18th year as a collegiate head coach.
- Prior to being named head coach of the Aggies on April 3, 2019, Williams served as head coach at Virginia Tech (5 years, 2014-19), Marquette (6 years, 2008-14) and New Orleans (1 year, 2006-07).
- In addition to his head coaching stints, Williams served on staffs at Marquette (2007-08), Texas A&M (2004-06), Colorado State (2000-04), Northwestern State (1999-2000), Texas A&M-Kingsville (1998-99) and UTA (1994-98).
- After the 2022-23 season, the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents approved a contract extension for Williams through 2028.
- Williams is one of a handful of Div. I head coaches to take three different programs to the "Big Dance." He's coached in 21 NCAA Tournament games and produced 11 victories, which rank No. 22 in both categories among active Div. I head coaches. For his age (52) and his number of years as a head coach (17), Williams is the active leader in total victories and ranks No. 2 in NCAA Tournament games and NCAA Tournament victories.
- He received the nickname "Buzz" while working as an energetic student assistant for longtime Navarro Junior College coach and mentor Lewis Orr. Williams was inducted into the Navarro College Bulldog Hall of Fame in 2021 as the school honored Williams' climb from "floor maintenance manager" to head coach.
- Brent Langdon Williams or "Buzz" was born in Greenville, Texas and grew up in the small Texas town of Van Alstyne (population 4,369), which is located 50 miles north of the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas. Van Alstyne is pronounced Van ALL-steen.
- This is Williams' second stint at Texas A&M - he also served as assistant coach/recruiting coordinator on Billy Gillispie's first staff at Texas A&M from 2004-06.
- Williams is one of the few NCAA Div. I head coaches that did not play college basketball. Instead, he was a student/graduate assistant at Navarro JC and Oklahoma City University.
- Perhaps the most impactful initiative by Williams was the founding of "Buzz's Bunch," which connects young people with special needs to the game of basketball with an annual Buzz's Bunch game in the fall and a summer clinic. Originally founded during William's time at Marquette, Buzz's Bunch continued at Virginia Tech and now at Texas A&M. Buzz's Bunch has grown to more than 500 members spanning all three cities.
- Williams was named the Associated Press SEC Coach of the Year in 2019-20 and again in 2022-23.
- He has 10 NCAA Tournament appearances in 17 postseason opportunities as a head coach, including four career Sweet 16 appearances (3 at Marquette, 1 at Virginia Tech) and one Elite Eight appearance (2013 Marquette)
- Williams has won 20-or-more games in 12 of his 17 seasons as a head coach and averages over 20 wins per season for his career. Williams' teams have suffered just two losing conference records.
- His 52 combined wins in 2021-22 and 2022-23 were a program record for consecutive season victories, and the 73 wins over the past three seasons were the third-best three-year total in school history. The 73 wins were the fourth-most victories by an SEC program over the past three seasons.
- He's coached, recruited or developed 16 NBA players over the course of his career, totaling over \$480 million in total salaries and over 3,000 games played.

# - COACHING / SUPPORT STAFF -TEXAS A&M BASKETBALL





BUZZ WILLIAMS HEAD COACH 6TH SEASON



DEVIN JOHNSON ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH 6TH SEASON



LYLE WOLF ASSISTANT COACH 6TH SEASON



STEVE ROCCAFORTE ASSISTANT COACH 4TH SEASON



VINCE WALDEN ASSISTANT COACH 6TH SEASON



DALE LAYER SPECIAL ASST. TO THE HEAD COACH 6TH SEASON



STEVE GEPHARDT DIR. OF STRENGTH & COND. 5TH SEASON



GRANT HENDRIX DIR. OF OPERATIONS 1ST SEASON



JOSH CHAMBERS DIR. OF CREATIVE 6TH SEASON



TJ RYAN DIR. OF SCOUTING 6TH SEASON



EDDIE BENION SENIOR ASSOC. ATHLETIC TRAINER 5TH SEASON



ANTONIO MCKENZIE DIR. OF PLAYER RELATIONS 7TH SEASON



LANDRY MOFFETT ADMIN. COORDINATOR 3RD SEASON



MACY RICHARDSON SCHOLASTIC SUPERVISOR 3RD SEASON



WABISSA BEDE PROGRAM AIDE 4TH SEASON



SHANE SINON GRADUATE ASSISTANT 1ST SEASON



JELANI SPAIN GRADUATE ASSISTANT 5TH SEASON



## - AGGIES -IN THE NBA

#### AGGIES IN THE NBA (ACTIVE)

Player	Current Team	1st Year
Alex Caruso	Oklahoma City Thunder	2016
Quenton Jackson	Indiana Pacers	2022
DeAndre Jordan	Denver Nuggets	2008
Khris Middleton	Milwaukee Bucks	2012
Robert Williams III	Portland Trail Blazers	2018

#### WILLIAMS AND THE NBA

Buzz Williams has coached, recruited or developed 16 NBA players over the course of his career, totaling over \$480 million in total salaries and over 3,000 games played entering 2024-25 (sorted by career NBA games).

Player	School	Games	Career Earnings
Wes Matthews	Marquette	986	\$115,730,643
Jimmy Butler	Marquette	815	\$263,773,726
Jae Crowder	Marquette	803	\$67,690,895
Nickeil Alexander Walker	Virginia Tech	301	\$19,036,613
Juan Toscano Anderson	Marquette	202	\$4,685,748
Lazar Hayward	Marquette	72	\$3,372,973
Dwight Buycks	Marquette	49	\$796,188
Justin Robinson	Virginia Tech	43	\$784,140
Jamil Wilson	Marquette	15	\$50,000
Quenton Jackson	Texas A&M	13	\$4,997,743
Vander Blue	Marquette	10	\$50,000
Darius Johnson Odom	Marquette	7	\$192,228
Jerel McNeal	Marquette	6	\$29,843
Dexter Dennis	Texas A&M	4	\$3,541,610
Justin Bibbs	Virginia Tech	0	\$94,742
Ahmed Hill	Virginia Tech	0	\$40,000

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Source: Basketball-Reference.com (entering 2024-25 NBA season)





# - RADIO-TV ROSTER -**TEXAS A&M BASKETBALL**





CARTER G | 6'-6" | 225 | SR.-1L TITUSVILLE, FLA.



G | 6'-4" | 190 | SR.-TR MIDLAND, TEXAS



G | 6'-6" | 190 | GR.-4L NEDERLAND, TEXAS



DOCKERY G/F | 6'-6" | 215 | RFR.-SQ BALTIMORE, MD.

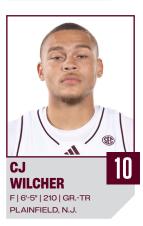


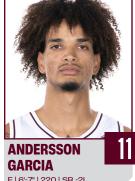
G | 6'-0" | 180 | SR.-3L DALLAS, TEXAS





g SOLOMON WASHINGTON F | 6'-7" | 220 | JR.-2L NEW ORLEANS, LA.





F | 6'-7" | 220 | SR.-2L MOCA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



15 HENRY **COLEMAN III** F | 6'-8" | 250 | GR.-3L RICHMOND, VA.





#### **PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

Manny OBASEKI	OH-BASS (AS IN THE FISH)-UH-KEY
PHARRELL Payne	FAH-RELL
ZHURIC Phelps	ZER (AS IN HER)-ICK
JANUSZ RATOWSKI	JAH-NEWS RAH-TOW (AS IN HOW)-SKI
CJ WILCHER	WILL-CHER (AS IN HER)





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## - TEXAS A&M -SEASON/CAREER BESTS

#### **#0 JACE CARTER** G | 6'-6" | 225 | SR.-1L | TITUSVILLE, FLA.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS		28 vs. Stonehill (11/21/22)
RBS		12 3x, last vs. HCU (12/22/23)
AST		4 2x, last at Missouri St. (01/24/23)
STL		4 4x, last at Evansville (02/22/23)
BLK		2 10x, last at SMU (11/14/23)
3PM		5 3x, last at Murray St. (01/14/23)
MIN		43 2x, last at Drake (01/10/23)

#### **#1 ZHURIC PHELPS** G | 6'-4" | 190 | SR.-TR | MIDLAND, TEXAS

	Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS		28 vs. A&M-Commerce (11/7/22)
RBS		12 vs. West Virginia (11/20/23)
AST		10 vs. East Carolina (2/19/23)
STL		7 at Wichita State (2/12/23)
BLK		2 7x, last at FAU (2/22/24)
3PM		5 at Texas A&M (11/30/22)
MIN		46 at Wichita State (2/12/23)

#### #2 HAYDEN HEFNER G | 6'-6" | 190 | GR.-4L | NEDERLAND, TEXAS Season Highs Career Highs

	Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS		24 vs. HCU (12/22/23)
RBS		7 vs. PVAM (12/30/23)
AST		3 4x, last vs ORU (11/17/23)
STL		3 vs Mississippi St. (3/5/22)
BLK		1 9x, last vs. Kentucky (1/13/24)
3PM		5 vs Missouri (2/5/22)
MIN		28 vs. ORU (11/17/23)

#### #4 WADE TAYLOR IV G | 6'-0" | 180 | GR.-3L | DALLAS, TEXAS

	Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS		41 at Arkansas (1/16/24)
RBS		7 3x, last vs. Houston (3/24/24)
AST		9 2x, last vs. Arkansas (2/20/24)
STL		6 3x, last vs. LSU (1/6/24)
FTM		16 vs Tennessee (2/21/23)
FTA		17 vs Tennessee (2/21/23)
3PM		7 vs. Nebraska (3/22/24)
MIN		44 vs. Houston (3/24/24)
MIN		44 vs. Houston (3/24/24)

#### **#9 SOLOMON WASHINGTON** F|6'-7"|220|JR.-2L|NEW ORLEANS, LA.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS		18 2x, last vs. Florida (3/16/23)
RBS		10 3x, last vs. Florida (3/16/23
AST		5 vs. HCU (12/22/23)
STL		3 vs. Memphis (12/10/23)
BLK		4 vs. Nebraska (3/22/24)
3PM		3 vs. Iowa State (11/26/23)
MIN		35 at LSU (1/20/24)

#### #10 CJ WILCHER G | 6'-5" | 210 | GR.-TR | PLAINFIELD, N.J.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS		22 2x, last vs. Wisconsin (2/1/24)
RBS		6 3x, last vs. Minnesota (2/25/23)
AST		4 3x, last at Rutgers (2/14/23)
STL		3 2x, last vs. SC State (12/29/23)
3PM		5 2x, last vs. Wisconsin (2/1/24)
3PA		9 at Rutgers (2/14/23)
MIN		38 2x, last at Minnesota (1/7/23)

#### #11 ANDERSSON GARCIA F | 6'-7" | 215 | SR.-1L | MOCA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

	Season Highs		Career Highs
PTS	 	14	at Texas A&M (3/5/22)
RBS	 	19	vs. HCU (12/22/23)
0-RBS	 	9	2x, last vs. Tennessee (2/10/24)
AST	 	5	at Missouri (2/7/2024)
STL	 	5	vs. Kentucky (1/13/24)
BLK	 	3	vs. South Carolina (2/28/24)
MIN	 	41	vs. Houston (3/24/24)

#### #15 HENRY COLEMAN III F | 6'-8" | 250 | GR.-3L | RICHMOND, VA.

	Season Highs		Career Highs
PTS	 	27	vs North Florida (11/10/21)
RBS	 	15	3x, last at SMU (11/14/23)
0-RBS	 	8	vs. Alabama (3/4/23)
AST	 	6	at DePaul (11/25/22)
STL	 	5	vs Florida (3/10/22)
BLK	 	2	3x, last at LSU (1/26/22)
MIN	 	41	vs Florida (3/10/22)

#### #21 PHARREL PAYNE F/C | 6'-9" | 250 | JR.-TR | COTTAGE GROVE, MINN

	Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS		21 vs. Rutgers (2/18/24)
RBS		13 vs. Cal Baptist (12/21/22)
0-RBS		7 vs. Rutgers (2/18/24)
AST		6 vs. Penn State (2/18/23)
STL		2 3x, last at Rutgers (2/1/23)
BLK		5 at Indiana (1/12/24)
MIN		40 vs. Cal Baptist (12/21/22)

#### #35 MANNY OBASEKI G|6'-4"|200|SR.-3L|ALLEN, TEXAS

	Season	Highs	Career Highs
PTS		25	at Ole Miss (3/9/24)
RBS		9	vs. Northwestern St. (12/21/21)
AST		4	2x, last at Georgia (3/2/24)
STL		3	vs. Kentucky (3/15/24)
BLK		2	2x, last vs. ORU (11/17/23)
3PM		4	at Ole Miss (3/9/24)
MIN		36	vs. Kentucky (3/15/24)

