



THOMAS MORE MEN'S BASKETBALL

2017-18 EXHIBITION GAME: THOMAS MORE COLLEGE VS. UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

THOMAS MORE COLLEGE (0-0) VS. UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY (0-0)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER, 27 - 7 P.M. - RUPP ARENA (LEXINGTON, KY.)

General

Location: Crestview Hills, Kentucky
 Founded: 1921
 Enrollment: 1,900
 Nickname: Saints
 School Colors: Royal Blue and White
 Conference: Presidents' Athletic (PAC)
 President: David A. Armstrong, J.D.
 Athletic Director: Terry Connor

Team Information

Head Coach: Drew Cooper (Assumption '99)
 Record at School: 71-40/5 years
 Career Record: Same
 Years in NCAA Tournament: 3
 PAC Regular Season Titles: 3
 PAC Tournament Titles: 2

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2017-18 Schedule & Times

(0-0, 0-0PAC)

Date	Opponent	Time
10/27	at Kentucky#	7:00 PM
11/04	at Xavier#	4:00 PM
11/15	WILMINGTON	7:00 PM
11/17	OTTERBEINS	7:30 PM
11/18	KENT ST. TUSCARAWAS	4:00 PM
11/21	at Grove City*	6:00 PM
11/25	TRANSYLVANIA	7:00 PM
11/29	THIEL*	7:30 PM
12/02	at Bethany*	3:00 PM
12/06	at Manchester	7:00 PM
12/09	CHATHAM*	3:00 PM
12/19	FRANKLIN	7:00 PM
12/30	at Mount St. Joseph+	3:00 PM
1/03	WESTMINSTER*	7:30 PM
1/06	at Geneva*	3:00 PM
1/10	at Waynesburg*	7:30 PM
1/13	at Washington & Jefferson*	4:00 PM
1/17	SAINT VINCENT*	7:30 PM
1/20	GROVE CITY*	1:00 PM
1/24	at Thiel*	7:30 PM
1/27	at Chatham*	3:00 PM
1/31	BETHANY*	7:30 PM
2/03	GENEVA*	3:00 PM
2/07	at Westminster*	8:00 PM
2/10	WAYNESBURG*	3:00 PM
2/14	at Saint Vincent*	7:30 PM
2/17	WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON*	3:00 PM
2/20	PAC Tournament Quarterfinals^	7:00 PM
2/22	PAC Tournament Semifinals^	7:00 PM
2/24	PAC Tournament Finals	7:00 PM

* - Presidents' Athletic Conference Game

\$ - Jim Connor Classic

+ - Bridge Shootout

- Exhibition Game

^ - PAC Tournament

% - NCAA Tournament

THE GAME

Thomas More College Saints take on pre-season ranked No.4 University of Kentucky Wildcats for the first of two exhibition match-ups at Rupp Arena in Lexington, Ky. on Friday, Oct. 27 starting at 7pm. It is Thomas More's first time taking on the Wildcats in program history.

SAINTS' UPCOMING SEASON

Thomas More enters the 2017-18 season coming off of a 22-7 record and a 15-3 PAC record. The Saints were led by Coach Cooper to the team's third PAC Championship Tournament title game and defeated Saint Vincent for the program's second-ever PAC Championship Title. The Saints advanced to the team's second ever NCAA DIII Championship Tournament. The 2017-18 season marked the first time the program surpassed the 20-win mark and advanced to the NCAA Tournament in the same season.

THE COACHES

Drew Cooper, (Assumption '99) is in his fifth season with the Saints. He has gone 71-40 in the five years at Thomas More. He guided the Saints to their third Regular Season Championship, their second Conference Championship, and their second National Championship appearance. Cooper was named PAC Coach of the Year in the 2016-17 season when he finished with a 22-7 record and took his team to a PAC Championship and a NCAA Championship.

John Calipari, (Clarion '82) is in his eighth season and is 249-53 throughout his time at Kentucky. He guided the Wildcats to a NCAA Championship in 2011-12 season and has made the NCAA tournament seven times out of his eight seasons.

PROJECTED THOMAS MORE STARTERS

3 Brandon Horne	G/F 6-3 Jr.	Louisville, Ky. / Male	116 assts.
5 Damion King	G 5-10 Jr.	Winchester, Ky. / George Rogers Clark	11.2 ppg
10 Ryste Callahan	G 6-0 Jr.	Morehead, Ky. / Rowan County	9.8 ppg
25 Austin Young	F 6-5 Sr.	Campbellsburg, Ky. / Henry County	83 assts.
32 Simon Clifford	F/C 6-6 Sr.	Louisville, Ky. / DuPont Manual	13.5 ppg

SCOUTING THE GAME

Thomas More is looking to improve themselves for the upcoming season by facing off against Kentucky.

Thomas More finished the 2016-17 season with a 22-7 record, winning the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Championship Tournament before falling in the first round of the Division III NCAA Championship Tournament. It was the second-ever PAC Championship Tournament title and NCAA Division III Tournament appearance (2009). The season also marked the first time in program history that the team eclipsed the 20-win mark and advanced to the NCAA Tournament in the same season. The Saints return 18 players from last season's squad, including all five starters.

Kentucky is the winningest program in NCAA Division I with 2,237 wins. The Wildcats are coming off their third-straight and 48th overall Southeastern Conference (SEC) regular-season championship and fifth under John Calipari in eight seasons. UK has players on four-of-five pre-season watch lists, with Nick Richards just selected last Friday (10/20).

UP NEXT ...

Thomas More will play in its second exhibition game on Nov. 4 against Xavier University. The Saints open up their season at home hosting Wilmington on Nov. 15. The following weekend, the Saints host the Coach Jim Connor Classic, playing Otterbein and Kent St. Tuscarawas.

2017-18 ROSTER

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos./Ht.	Hometown/High School
2	Ralph Stone	Jr.	F/6-3	Shelbyville, KY/Martha Layne Collins
3	Brandon Horne	Jr.	G/F/6-3	Louisville, KY/Male
4	Michael Griffin	Sr.	G/6-0	Crestwood, KY/South Oldham
5	Damion King	Jr.	G/5-10	Winchester, KY/George Rogers Clark
10	Ryne Callahan	Jr.	G/6-0	Morehead, KY/Rowan County
11	Kedan Davis	So.	F/6-3	Newport, KY/Newport
12	Antonio McKinney	Jr.	F/6-3	Macon, GA/Windsor Academy
13	Ryan Baker	So.	G/5-11	Sellersburg, IN/Silver Creek
14	JC Kinnard	Jr.	G/5-9	Jeffersonville, IN/Floyd Central
15	Kamrin Boone	So.	G/5-10	Alapaha, GA/North Hardin
21	Cameron Fitts	Sr.	F/6-4	Spencer County, KY/Spencer County
22	Braden Connor	FY	G/5-10	Cincinnati, OH/Elder
24	Garren Bertsch	FY	F/6-4	Alexandra, KY/Campbell County
25	Austin Young	Sr.	F/6-5	Campbellsburg, KY/Henry County
32	Simon Clifford	Sr.	F/C/6-6	Louisville, KY/DuPont Manual
33	Gavin Jameson	So.	F/C/6-5	New Castle, KY/Henry County
34	Junior Stockwell	Jr.	C/6-4	Florence, KY/Boone County

Head Coach: Drew Cooper (Fifth Season)

Assistant Coaches: Tyler Hochstetler, Fred Andrews, Tyler Farley, Sawyer Pauly

Cooper Named Coach of the Year and Two Saints All-PAC

Feb 28, 2017

(GREENVILLE, Pa.) – The Thomas More College head men’s basketball coach Drew Cooper has been named the Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC) Men’s Basketball Coach of the Year and two Saints were named All-PAC by the conference’s 10 head coaches.

This is the first PAC Coach of the Year honor for Cooper, who is in his fourth season at Thomas More. He guided the Saints to a share of the PAC regular season and their first PAC Championship title since 2009. Thomas More will be making its second-ever appearance in the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament on Friday (March 3) when it plays Guilford College at 5 p.m. in a first round game at Marietta College’s Ban Johnson Arena in Marietta, Ohio. Cooper’s Saints have shot 47.4 percent (797-of-1,672) from the field and has a +5.4 rebounding margin and a 1.4 assist to turnover ratio.

Sophomore guard Damion King (Winchester, Ky./George Rogers Clark) was named to the All-PAC first team. He leads the team in scoring with 14.3 points per game and had a team-best 129 assists. King is shooting 48.7 percent (144-of-290) from the field, including 46.4 percent (38-of-80) from behind the three-point arc. He has pulled down 5.3 rebounds per game, while also blocking two shots and recording 33 steals.

Junior forward/center Simon Clifford (Louisville, Ky./DuPont Manual) was named second team All-PAC. He was second on the team in scoring with 13.3 points per game as he has shot 58.2 percent (146-of-251) from the field. Clifford has pulled down 3.4 rebounds per game, while blocking two shots and dishing out 16 assists.

Callahan Sets Single-Season Three Point Record

May 23, 2017

(CRESTVIEW HILLS, Ky.) – Thomas More College rising junior Ryne Callahan (Morehead, Ky./Rowan County) set the single-season three-point records at the College.

Callahan made a school record 77 three-point field goals, while attempting a school record 186 three-point field goal attempts. He broke the previous marks of 61 and 156, which were set by Dustin Mulberry during the 2000-2001 season.

Callahan currently ranks third in school history in career three-pointers with 130 and ninth in attempted three-pointers with 298.

The Saints finished the 2016-2017 season at 22-7 and won their second-ever Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC) Championship Tournament, while advancing to their second NCAA Division III Championship Tournament.



PAC STANDINGS

(END OF 2016-17 SEASON)

	PAC W-L	Overall W-L
Thomas More	15-3	22-7
Saint Vincent	15-3	21-7
Thiel	11-7	16-9
Westminster	11-7	17-12
Bethany	9-9	17-13
Grove City	8-10	12-14
Geneva	7-11	10-16
Chatham	6-12	10-16
Waynesburg	4-14	6-19
Washington&Jeff.	4-14	4-21



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THOMAS MORE GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS (AS OF OCT. 20, 2017)

ALL GAMES (2016-17 SEASON)

TEAM STATISTICS

Opponent	Date	Score		Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
				fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg							
at Transylvania	11/16/16	82-85	L	26-64	.406	8-26	.308	22-26	.846	18	22	40	40.0	32	16	15	0	1	82	82.0
MIDWAY	11/18/16	88-70	W	36-65	.554	10-22	.455	6-10	.600	9	37	46	43.0	18	27	13	4	2	88	85.0
BEREA	11/19/16	84-60	W	34-72	.472	3-19	.158	13-14	.929	18	34	52	46.0	17	26	14	0	4	84	84.7
CENTRE	11/26/16	73-82	L	28-62	.452	4-16	.250	13-17	.765	9	23	32	42.5	13	13	6	0	3	73	81.8
GROVE CITY	11/30/16	77-62	W	28-58	.483	9-20	.450	12-15	.800	10	26	36	41.2	12	21	18	0	5	77	80.8
at Thiel	12/3/16	79-77	Wot	33-66	.500	6-12	.500	7-10	.700	14	27	41	41.2	23	19	23	1	4	79	80.5
BETHANY	12/10/16	76-72	W	29-55	.527	6-15	.400	12-17	.706	7	18	25	38.9	17	18	15	0	5	76	79.9
MOUNT ST. JOSEPH	12/14/16	65-62	W	28-51	.549	3-7	.429	6-11	.545	3	27	30	37.8	16	13	10	0	6	65	78.0
at Wilmington	12/19/16	65-69	L	25-63	.397	4-18	.222	11-12	.917	12	32	44	38.4	12	15	11	1	3	65	76.6
at Franklin	12/31/16	97-93	W	34-66	.515	8-19	.421	21-30	.700	11	20	31	37.7	24	15	9	0	6	97	78.6
at Chatham	01/03/17	83-72	W	31-57	.544	7-17	.412	14-19	.737	8	33	41	38.0	10	21	12	0	2	83	79.0
at Westminster	01/05/17	72-74	L	24-57	.421	4-19	.211	20-25	.800	13	26	39	38.1	24	16	14	0	5	72	78.4
GENEVA	01/07/17	98-90	W	29-56	.518	9-18	.500	31-33	.939	10	30	40	38.2	14	16	12	0	2	98	79.9
WAYNESBURG	01/11/17	69-68	W	23-52	.442	3-12	.250	20-27	.741	8	25	33	37.9	11	13	8	2	3	69	79.1
WASH. & JEFF.	01/14/17	82-72	W	29-57	.509	6-18	.333	18-20	.900	8	30	38	37.9	13	17	8	1	7	82	79.3
at Saint Vincent	01/18/17	58-64	L	20-50	.400	3-17	.176	15-19	.789	9	20	29	37.3	20	10	15	1	4	58	78.0
at Grove City	01/21/17	61-63	L	20-55	.364	9-20	.450	12-15	.800	12	24	36	37.2	19	15	15	1	6	61	77.0
THIEL	01/25/17	65-47	W	21-58	.362	9-24	.375	14-19	.737	12	28	40	37.4	17	15	10	1	5	65	76.3
CHATHAM	01/28/17	95-69	W	28-50	.560	10-18	.556	29-32	.906	8	35	43	37.7	17	17	17	1	6	95	77.3
at Bethany	2/1/17	69-53	W	24-58	.414	9-27	.333	12-20	.600	9	31	40	37.8	11	14	10	0	8	69	76.9
at Geneva	2/4/17	76-59	W	31-65	.477	8-19	.421	6-10	.600	7	33	40	37.9	17	9	6	0	5	76	76.9
WESTMINSTER	02/08/17	98-83	W	33-69	.478	10-20	.500	22-30	.733	16	31	47	38.3	15	16	10	0	5	98	77.8
at Waynesburg	02/11/17	95-56	W	31-59	.525	15-33	.455	18-24	.750	11	29	40	38.4	18	17	12	0	10	95	78.6
SAINT VINCENT	02/15/17	87-78	W	31-61	.508	8-17	.471	17-20	.850	15	20	35	38.2	20	21	11	0	7	87	78.9
at Wash. & Jeff.	02/18/17	65-60	W	26-63	.413	8-21	.381	5-9	.556	18	27	45	38.5	12	10	14	2	3	65	78.4
GENEVA	02/21/17	96-74	W	40-63	.635	7-14	.500	9-10	.900	4	20	24	38.0	10	18	6	3	12	96	79.0
THIEL	02/23/17	73-53	W	26-64	.406	8-25	.320	13-17	.765	10	29	39	38.0	20	15	9	1	10	73	78.8
at Saint Vincent	02/25/17	79-68	W	29-56	.518	12-21	.571	9-14	.643	6	24	30	37.7	18	18	5	1	4	79	78.8
vs Guilford	03/03/17	54-74	L	20-52	.385	10-27	.370	4-5	.800	7	19	26	37.3	14	13	13	1	2	54	78.0
Thomas More		2261		817-1724	.474	216-561	.385	411-530	.775	302	780	1082	37.3	484	474	341	21	145	2261	78.0
Opponents		2009		732-1748	.419	230-693	.332	315-456	.691	280	665	945	32.6	508	399	335	87	154	2009	69.3

Games played: 29
Points/game: 78.0
FG Pct: 47.4
3FG Pct: 38.5
FT Pct: 77.5

Rebounds/game: 37.3
Assists/game: 16.3
Turnovers/game: 11.8
Assist/turnover ratio: 1.4
Steals/game: 5.0
Blocks/game: 0.7

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THOMAS MORE COMBINED STATISTICS (AS OF OCT. 20, 2017)

ALL GAMES (2016-17 SEASON)

Overall record: 22-7 Conf: 15-3 Home: 14-1 Away: 8-5 Neutral: 0-1

#	Player	Total					3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds											
		gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fga	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
05	Damion King	29-29	958	33.0	146-300	.487	39-84	.464	77-96	.802	12	142	154	5.3	44	1	130	55	2	33	408	14.1
32	Simon Clifford	28-28	600	21.4	146-254	.575	1-2	.500	66-83	.795	35	60	95	3.4	48	0	16	42	3	7	359	12.8
10	Ryne Callahan	29-23	683	23.6	111-257	.432	77-186	.414	21-26	.808	5	50	55	1.9	59	0	41	32	0	13	320	11.0
14	Daniel Williams	7-5	155	22.1	19-50	.380	12-36	.333	6-8	.750	4	12	16	2.3	15	1	19	16	2	2	56	8.0
03	Brandon Horne	29-29	749	25.8	68-143	.476	11-24	.458	66-91	.725	42	124	166	5.7	67	1	55	50	7	30	213	7.3
02	Ralph Stone	27-0	502	18.6	60-142	.423	10-37	.270	64-75	.853	46	105	151	5.6	42	0	49	34	1	17	194	7.2
34	Junior Stockwell	27-1	450	16.7	74-135	.548	0-0	.000	45-62	.726	38	28	66	2.4	53	0	12	32	2	8	193	7.1
25	Austin Young	29-29	459	15.8	79-176	.449	27-80	.338	10-14	.714	21	50	71	2.4	53	1	36	28	4	8	195	6.7
12	Sawyer Pauly	29-0	665	22.9	64-150	.427	19-59	.322	36-46	.783	38	109	147	5.1	57	2	68	32	0	19	183	6.3
04	Michael Griffin	28-1	350	12.5	27-60	.450	16-35	.457	6-11	.545	3	33	36	1.3	17	0	23	5	0	6	76	2.7
33	Gavin Jameson	13-0	68	5.2	13-21	.619	0-0	.000	6-8	.750	13	7	20	1.5	12	0	2	2	0	0	32	2.5
21	Brandon Klefot	9-0	23	2.6	5-9	.556	1-3	.333	3-4	.750	1	3	4	0.4	1	0	1	1	0	0	14	1.6
15	Kedan Davis	2-0	6	3.0	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	1.5
13	Ryan Baker	10-0	53	5.3	3-12	.250	3-9	.333	2-2	1.000	2	5	7	0.7	1	0	9	5	0	1	11	1.1
11	Jacob Hall	20-0	98	4.9	1-11	.091	0-4	.000	2-2	1.000	3	7	10	0.5	14	0	12	3	0	1	4	0.2
20	Kyler Floyd	3-0	6	2.0	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											39	45	84				4					
Total.....		29	5825		817-1724	.474	216-561	.385	411-530	.775	302	780	1082	37.3	484	6	474	341	21	145	2261	78.0
Opponents.....		29	5825		732-1748	.419	230-693	.332	315-456	.691	280	665	945	32.6	508	-	399	335	87	154	2009	69.3

TEAM STATISTICS	TMC	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	2261	2009	11/16/16	at Transylvania	L 82-85	350
Points per game	78.0	69.3	11/18/16	MIDWAY	w 88-70	323
Scoring margin	+8.7	-	11/19/16	BEREA	w 84-60	437
FIELD GOALS-ATT	817-1724	732-1748	11/26/16	CENTRE	L 73-82	326
Field goal pct	.474	.419	* 11/30/16	GROVE CITY	w 77-62	302
3 POINT FG-ATT	216-561	230-693	* 12/3/16	at Thiel	Wot 79-77	400
3-point FG pct	.385	.332	* 12/10/16	BETHANY	w 76-72	326
3-pt FG made per game	7.4	7.9	* 12/14/16	MOUNT ST. JOSEPH	w 65-62	675
FREE THROWS-ATT	411-530	315-456	12/19/16	at Wilmington	L 65-69	175
Free throw pct	.775	.691	12/31/16	at Franklin	w 97-93	175
F-Throws made per game	14.2	10.9	* 01/03/17	at Chatham	w 83-72	100
REBOUNDS	1082	945	* 01/05/17	at Westminster	L 72-74	325
Rebounds per game	37.3	32.6	* 01/07/17	GENEVA	w 98-90	417
Rebounding margin	+4.7	-	* 01/11/17	WAYNESBURG	w 69-68	246
ASSISTS	474	399	* 01/14/17	WASH. & JEFF.	w 82-72	626
Assists per game	16.3	13.8	* 01/18/17	at Saint Vincent	L 58-64	613
TURNOVERS	341	335	* 01/21/17	at Grove City	L 61-63	325
Turnovers per game	11.8	11.6	* 01/25/17	THIEL	w 65-47	423
Turnover margin	-0.2	-	* 01/28/17	CHATHAM	w 95-69	612
Assist/turnover ratio	1.4	1.2	* 2/1/17	at Bethany	w 69-53	258
STEALS	145	154	* 2/4/17	at Geneva	w 76-59	292
Steals per game	5.0	5.3	* 02/08/17	WESTMINSTER	w 98-83	376
BLOCKS	21	87	* 02/11/17	at Waynesburg	w 95-56	254
Blocks per game	0.7	3.0	* 02/15/17	SAINT VINCENT	w 87-78	627
ATTENDANCE	6649	5173	* 02/18/17	at Wash. & Jeff.	w 65-60	285
Home games-Avg/Game	15-443	13-369	02/21/17	GENEVA	w 96-74	501
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	1-371	02/23/17	THIEL	w 73-53	432
Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals		
Thomas More	1089	1160	12	2261		
Opponents	936	1063	10	2009		

* = Conference game