

## #5/5 TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS

15-5 (5-2 SEC)

**Head Coach:** Rick Barnes (Lenoir-Rhyne, 1977)  
**Record at Tennessee:** 190-97 (.662) / ninth season  
**Career Record:** 794-411 (.659) / 37th season  
**vs. Kentucky:** 11-11 / 10-9 with Tennessee

VS

## #10/8 KENTUCKY WILDCATS

15-5 (5-3 SEC)

**Head Coach:** John Calipari (Clarion [Pa.], 1982)  
**Record at Kentucky:** 402-118 (.773) / 15th season  
**Career Record:** 805-256 (.759) / 32nd season  
**vs. Tennessee:** 21-15 / 18-12 with Kentucky

GAME 21 | TENNESSEE at KENTUCKY - Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024 | 8:30 p.m. ET | Lexington, Ky. | Rupp Arena (20,500)



### TV | ESPN

Tom Hart, PxP  
 Jimmy Dykes, analyst

### VIDEO STREAM

WatchESPN.com, ESPN App

### BROADCAST INFORMATION

#### RADIO | Vol Network

Bob Kesling, PxP  
 Bert Bertelkamp, analyst  
 Tim Berry, engineer

#### RADIO STREAM

SiriusXM 81, SXM App



### SERIES HISTORY

**ALL-TIME:** 77-160    **HOME:** 52-55    **AWAY:** 19-93    **NEUTRAL:** 6-12    **BARNES ERA:** 10-9  
**STREAK:** Lost 2    **FIRST MEETING:** 20-5 road loss (2/16/1910)    **LAST MEETING:** 66-54 road loss (2/18/23)

### PROJECTED STARTERS (AVERAGES ARE FROM 2023-24)

#	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	PPG	RPG	APG	Other	Career Highs
0	Jonas Aidoo	Jr.	F	6-11	240	Durham, N.C.	11.6	7.4	1.1	1.8 bpg	29p, 15r, 4a, 3s, 5b, 35m 13.7 ppg & 8.4 rpg last seven GP with 19+ pts. in four (only once prior at UT); 15 reb. at Georgia (most by Vol since 1/8/19)
3	Dalton Knecht	5th	G	6-6	213	Thornton, Colo.	20.1	4.6	1.8	40.0 3P% 39p, 13r, 5a, 3s, 3b, 42m	25+ in last six GP; One of four in DI at 20.0ppg in 2022-23, 2023-24; SEC's first with 35+ back-to-back since Shaq (Feb. '91)
5	Zakai Zeigler	Jr.	G	5-9	171	Long Island, N.Y.	9.8	2.4	5.0	1.7 spg 26p, 6r, 11a, 5s, 2b, 40m	Leads SEC in APG; Top-three among active SEC players in career APG (4.16) & SPG (1.79) 2022-23 Second Team All-SEC
25	Santiago Vescovi	5th	G	6-3	196	Montevideo, Uruguay	7.9	3.8	2.8	81.1 FT% 23p, 11r, 8a, 5s, 2b, 42m	SEC's active leader in 3PM (311; T-8th all-time) and steals (195); Most starts in UT history (130); 2x First Team All-SEC
30	Josiah-Jordan James	5th	G	6-7	220	Charleston, S.C.	8.4	6.7	2.2	1.3 spg 23p, 14r, 6a, 5s, 4b, 40m	Top-six among active SEC players in REB, STL.; Led UT in RPG in 2020-21, 2021-22; One of two Vols to log 1100p/600r/250a

### THE MATCHUP

- Prior to going 0-2 last year, Tennessee was 10-7 versus Kentucky in **Rick Barnes'** first seven seasons, notching at least one win each year and two apiece in 2021-22, 2018-19 and 2017-18.
- UT's 10 wins over Kentucky since 2015-16 are four more than any other team (Auburn and Kansas with six). It is 9-5 against ranked Wildcat teams; Kansas (five) has the second-most such victories.
- The Volunteers are 6-1 against top-10 Kentucky teams under Barnes. They are also 6-2 with both teams in the AP top 25 and 3-1 with each in the AP top 10.
- In the 22 seasons before Barnes' arrival (1993-2015), UT went 9-35 against the Wildcats, including 7-28 when they were ranked and 2-21 when they were in the top 10.
- After finishing 22-12 (12-6) and reaching the NCAA Tournament, Round of 32, Kentucky was picked fourth in the SEC preseason poll.
- Fifth-year guard **Antonio Reeves**, one of three SEC players on the Wooden Award Midseason Late Season Top 20 Watch List, paces the Wildcats with 19.5 ppg.

### NEWS & NOTES

- **John Calipari** (805) and **Rick Barnes** (794) are the two active winningest DI head coaches. They join Kansas' **Bill Self** (789) as the only active coaches in the top 20 all-time list, which is on Page 19.
- Barnes (27) and Calipari (20) rank first and fifth, respectively, among active DI coaches in NCAA Tournament berths and together own 47. The other 12 current SEC head coaches combine for 53.
- Barnes and Calipari have met 23 times, with Barnes going 12-11. He is 10-9 in the regular season.
- UT is 7-3 in its last 10 games versus top-10 foes, with **Zakai Zeigler** averaging 13.1 ppg in the wins and 8.7 ppg in the losses.
- The Vols are 6-5 in AP top-10 matchups under **Rick Barnes**.
- In the last three contests, **Santiago Vescovi** is averaging 10.7 ppg and shooting 37.5% on threes. In the prior three games, he totaled 10 points and shot 22.2% from deep.
- **Dalton Knecht** is averaging 33.7 ppg in three outings with **Jimmy Dykes** as the TV analyst, including posting the top two scoring tallies of his career (39 and 37).

### DOMINANT DK

- **Dalton Knecht**, the SEC scoring leader (20.1), has 191 points in the last six games. The only other Power Six players to do that in the last decade are **Markus Howard** (2019-20 & 2018-19) and **Trae Young** (2017-18).
- Knecht is averaging 17.1 points per half over the last 11 frames, with 188 total in that span. He had 11-plus in 10 of the 11, including 16-plus in eight and 20-plus in four.
- In five road games at UT, Knecht is averaging 31.4 ppg while shooting 61.5 percent overall and 47.2 percent from deep. He scored 24-plus all five times, becoming the third Power Six player in the last 14 seasons (2010-24) with five straight 24-point road outings, joining **Myles Powell** (2019-20) and **Buddy Hield** (2015-16).
- Knecht is the first Vol ever with 30-plus four times in five games and the first SEC player to do so since **Devan Downey** (2009-10).
- The only other Power Six players in the last decade with 67 made field goals in a six-game stretch are NPOYs **Luka Garza** (2020-21) and **Zion Williamson** (2018-19).

## 2023-24 SCHEDULE

RECORD	15-5
SEC	5-2
NON-CONFERENCE	10-3
HOME	10-1
AWAY	3-2
NEUTRAL	2-2

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME/SCORE (TV)
029	[9/10] at #4/4 Michigan State	W, 89-88 (BTN)
031	[9/10] Lenoir-Rhyne	W, 90-48 (SECN+)

N6	[9/10] Tennessee Tech	W, 80-42 (SECN+)
N10	[9/10] at RV/RV Wisconsin	W, 80-70 (Peacock)
N14	[7/8] Wofford	W, 82-61 (SECN+)
N20	[7/8] vs. Syracuse*	W, 73-56 (ESPN2)
N21	[7/8] vs. #2/2 Purdue*	L, 71-67 (ESPN)
N22	[7/8] vs. #1/1 Kansas*	L, 69-60 (ESPN)
N29	[10/11] at #17/16 North Carolina+	L, 100-92 (ESPN)

D5	[17/13] George Mason	W, 87-66 (SECN+)
D9	[17/13] #20/18 Illinois	W, 86-79 (CBS)
D12	[12/10] Georgia Southern	W, 74-56 (SECN)
D16	[12/10] vs. NC State%	W, 79-70 (ESPN2)
D21	[8/7] Tarleton State	W, 65-46 (SECN+)

J2	[5/5] Norfolk State	W, 87-50 (SECN)
J6	[5/5] #22/19 Ole Miss*	W, 90-64 (SECN)
J10	[5/5] at Mississippi State*	L, 77-72 (SECN)
J13	[5/5] at Georgia*	W, 85-79 (ESPN2)
J16	[6/7] --/RV Florida*	W, 85-66 (ESPN2)
J20	[6/7] RV/RV Alabama*	W, 91-71 (ESPN2)
J27	[5/5] at Vanderbilt*	W, 75-62 (SECN)
J30	[5/5] RV/RV South Carolina*	L, 63-59 (SECN)

F3	[5/5] at #10/8 Kentucky*	8:30 p.m. (ESPN)
F7	LSU*	7 p.m. (SECN)
F10	at Texas A&M*	8 p.m. (ESPN)
F14	at Arkansas*	9 p.m. (ESPN2)
F17	Vanderbilt*	6 p.m. (SECN)
F20	at Missouri*	7 p.m. (SECN)
F24	Texas A&M*	8 p.m. (ESPN)
F28	Auburn*	7 p.m. (ESPN2)

M2	at Alabama*	8 p.m. (ESPN)
M6	at South Carolina*	7 p.m. (ESPN2)
M9	Kentucky*	4 p.m. (CBS)

**Bold** - home game (Food City Center; Knoxville, Tenn.)  
*Italics* - exhibition game  
 \* - SEC game  
 ^ - Allstate Maui Invitational (Honolulu, Hawaii)  
 + - ACC/SEC Challenge (Chapel Hill, N.C.)  
 % - Hall of Fame Series (San Antonio, Texas)  
 [XX/XX] - Tennessee ranking  
*All times Eastern and subject to change*

*If you are viewing these game notes on a wifi-enabled device, click on any final score above to view the recap, highlights, pressers and more from that contest.*

## WINNING WAYS

Since the start of 2017-18, Tennessee paces all SEC programs in postseason wins (15), while placing a close second in both total victories (159) and winning percentage (.719). In that span, the Vols have captured two SEC titles, winning the regular season in 2018 and the tournament in 2022. *More can be found on Page 3.*

## QUICK FACTS

### THE BASICS

**Location:** Knoxville, Tenn.  
**Founded:** 1794  
**Conference:** Southeastern  
**Enrollment:** 36,304  
**Colors:** Orange & White  
**Nickname:** Volunteers  
**Mascot:** Smokey  
**Band:** Pride of the Southland  
**University President:** Randy Boyd  
**Knoxville Chancellor:** Dr. Donde Plowman  
**Faculty Athletics Rep:** Dr. Matt Harris  
**Director of Athletics:** Dr. Danny White  
**Athletic Department Phone:** 865-974-1220  
**Ticket Office Phone:** 1-800-332-VOLS (8657)

### COURT FACTS

#### FOOD CITY CENTER

**Normal Capacity:** 21,678  
**Record in Arena:** 449-141 (.761), 37th season  
**Record on Current Floor:** 10-1 (.909), first season  
**Largest Crowd:** 25,610 vs. Kentucky (1/21/89)  
**Largest Crowd at Current Capacity:** 22,326 vs. Gonzaga (1/7/09)

## MEDIA INFORMATION

### CREDENTIALS

Outlets interested in obtaining credentials to cover Tennessee basketball home games must apply for credentials via Sports Systems:

[www.sportssystem.com/clients/seccredentials/](http://www.sportssystem.com/clients/seccredentials/)

Applications for single-game credentials should be submitted at least five days in advance of the game(s) one plans to cover.

### COVERING PRACTICE

Only select Tennessee basketball practices are open to the media. Contact Associate AD Alex Schwartz (alexschwartz@tennessee.edu) for dates and times. See Page 291 of the UT Record Book for specific coverage guidelines.

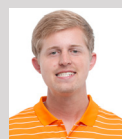
### WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCES

Rick Barnes and select Tennessee players are typically available for interviews twice weekly during the season (in addition to postgame availabilities). For a particular week's schedule, please email Alex Schwartz (alexschwartz@tennessee.edu).

## STRATEGIC COMMS. STAFF



**ALEX SCHWARTZ**  
 Associate AD of Strategic Comms.  
 C: 609-802-3674  
 O: 865-974-7501  
 E: [alexschwartz@tennessee.edu](mailto:alexschwartz@tennessee.edu)  
 X/Twitter: [@AlexJSchwartz](https://twitter.com/AlexJSchwartz)



**PRESTON JONES**  
 Strategic Comms. Graduate Assistant  
 C: 865-919-3300  
 O: 865-919-3300  
 E: [pjones54@vols.utk.edu](mailto:pjones54@vols.utk.edu)  
 X/Twitter: [@Preston\\_Jones13](https://twitter.com/Preston_Jones13)



## TENNESSEE ROSTER (NUMERICAL/ALPHABETICAL)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown / Previous School
0	Jonas Aidoo	F	6-11	240	Jr.	Durham, N.C. / Liberty Heights Athletic Institute
1	Freddie Dilione V	G	6-5	195	R-Fr.	Fayetteville, N.C. / Word of God Christian Academy
2	Jordan Gainey	G	6-3	186	Jr.	Tucson, Ariz. / USC Upstate / South Kent School (Conn.)
3	Dalton Knecht	G	6-6	213	5th	Thornton, Colo. / Northern Colorado / Northeastern J.C. / Prairie View
5	Zakai Zeigler	G	5-9	171	Jr.	Long Island, N.Y. / Our Saviour Lutheran School
11	Tobe Awaka	F	6-8	250	So.	Hyde Park, N.Y. / Cardinal Hayes
12	Cade Phillips	F	6-9	212	Fr.	Jacksonville, Ala. / Link Academy (Mo.)
13	J.P. Estrella	F	6-11	241	Fr.	Scarborough, Maine / Brewster Academy (N.H.)
15	Jahmai Mashack	G	6-4	201	Jr.	Fontana, Calif. / Etiwanda
23	Grant Hurst	G	6-2	200	R-So.	Cleveland, Tenn. / UT Martin / Cleveland
25	Santiago Vescovi	G	6-3	196	5th	Montevideo, Uruguay / NBA Global Academy (Australia)
30	Josiah-Jordan James	G	6-7	220	5th	Charleston, S.C. / Porter-Gaud School
35	Colin Coyne	F	6-9	238	Sr.	Fredericksburg, Va. / Mary Washington / Stafford
43	Cameron Carr	G	6-5	175	Fr.	Eden Prairie, Minn. / Link Academy (Mo.)
44	D.J. Jefferson	G	6-5	209	R-Fr.	Richardson, Texas / Minnesota Prep Academy (Minn.)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown / Previous School
0	Jonas Aidoo	F	6-11	240	Jr.	Durham, N.C. / Liberty Heights Athletic Institute
11	Tobe Awaka	F	6-8	250	So.	Hyde Park, N.Y. / Cardinal Hayes
43	Cameron Carr	G	6-5	175	Fr.	Eden Prairie, Minn. / Link Academy (Mo.)
35	Colin Coyne	F	6-9	238	Sr.	Fredericksburg, Va. / Mary Washington / Stafford
1	Freddie Dilione V	G	6-5	195	R-Fr.	Fayetteville, N.C. / Word of God Christian Academy
13	J.P. Estrella	F	6-11	241	Fr.	Scarborough, Maine / Brewster Academy (N.H.)
2	Jordan Gainey	G	6-3	186	Jr.	Tucson, Ariz. / USC Upstate / South Kent School (Conn.)
23	Grant Hurst	G	6-2	200	R-So.	Cleveland, Tenn. / UT Martin / Cleveland
30	Josiah-Jordan James	G	6-6	220	5th	Charleston, S.C. / Porter-Gaud School
44	D.J. Jefferson	G	6-5	209	R-Fr.	Richardson, Texas / Minnesota Prep Academy (Minn.)
3	Dalton Knecht	G	6-7	213	5th	Thornton, Colo. / Northern Colorado / Northeastern J.C. / Prairie View
15	Jahmai Mashack	G	6-4	201	Jr.	Fontana, Calif. / Etiwanda
12	Cade Phillips	F	6-9	212	Fr.	Jacksonville, Ala. / Link Academy (Mo.)
25	Santiago Vescovi	G	6-3	196	5th	Montevideo, Uruguay / NBA Global Academy (Australia)
5	Zakai Zeigler	G	5-9	171	Jr.	Long Island, N.Y. / Our Saviour Lutheran School

**Head Coach:** Rick Barnes

*Overall Record:* 794-411 (37th season)

*Record at Tennessee:* 190-97 (91-59 SEC) (ninth season)

**Associate Head Coach:** Justin Gainey (third season, second as AHC)

**Assistant Coach:** Rod Clark (third season)

**Assistant Coach:** Gregg Polinsky (third season, second as AC)

**Director of Sports Performance:** Garrett Medenwald (ninth season)

**Director of Basketball Ops.:** Mary-Carter Eggert (ninth season)

**Athletic Trainer:** Chad Newman (28th season)

**Director of Player Development:** Bryan Lentz (sixth season)

**Director of Video and Analytics:** Luke Schapker (sixth season)

**Director of Recruiting:** Lucas Campbell (fourth season)

**Graduate Assistant:** Riley Collins (second season)

**Graduate Assistant:** David Kasangany (first season)

### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Jonas Aidoo:	AY-Doo
Tobe Awaka:	Toe-BAY Uh-WAH-Kuh
Freddie Dilione V:	Dill-Ee-ON
J.P. Estrella:	Uh-STRELL-UH
Dalton Knecht:	Kuh-NEKT ( <i>like connect</i> )
Jahmai Mashack:	Juh-MY MAY-Shack
Santiago Vescovi:	Sahn-Tee-AH-Go VESS-Co-Vee
Zakai Zeigler:	Zuh-KY ZEE-Glur
Garrett Medenwald:	MAY-Dihn-Wald
David Kasangany:	Kuh-SUNG-Guh-Nye

### SOCIAL



BY THE NUMBERS

**794** With **794** victories, **Rick Barnes** ranks second, behind only **John Calipari**, among active DI head coaches. *The list is on Page 17.*

**51** UT has appeared in 65 of the last 68 AP Top 25 Polls, including each of the past **51**, the third-longest streak in the nation.

**5** Tennessee, Arizona, Kansas and Purdue are the only schools to earn an AP top-five (**5**) ranking each of the last three seasons.

**4** The Volunteers are one of just 15 DI teams with at least four (**4**) 1,000-point scorers. *The list is on Page 5.*

**THE PRESEASON PICK**

- Tennessee placed first in the SEC preseason poll, as voted on by a select panel of both SEC and national media members.
- This was the fifth time the Volunteers have been picked to win the league since polling began in 1989-90, with each nod coming since the turn of the century in advance of the 2000-01 season. UT's five first-place selections during that time are more than the combined total of every other school in the league except for Kentucky, as Florida (twice) and Alabama (once) are the only schools that have taken the pole position besides the Vols and Wildcats.
- The Volunteers have been picked first in two of the last four seasons, as their prior such recognitions came in 2020-21, 2008-09, 2007-08 and 2000-01.
- The complete SEC preseason poll can be found below:
 

1. Tennessee	8. Florida
2. Texas A&M	9. Missouri
3. Arkansas	10. Ole Miss
4. Kentucky	11. Vanderbilt
5. Alabama	12. Georgia
6. Auburn	13. LSU
7. Mississippi State	14. South Carolina
- Tennessee has home-and-home matchups with the teams picked second (Texas A&M), fourth (Kentucky) and fifth (Alabama), while going on the road to play the school voted third (Arkansas).

**POSITIONAL PROWESS**

- Three Volunteers were tabbed to Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame "Starting Five" Preseason Watch Lists. **Zakai Zeigler** was one of 20 players on the Bob Cousy Point Guard of the Year Preseason Watch List. **Santiago Vescovi** was among the 20 named to the Jerry West Shooting Guard of the Year Preseason Watch List. **Dalton Knecht** was one of the 20 picks for the Julius Erving Small Forward of the Year Watch List.
- During the final week of January, Zeigler and Knecht were both selected to the Midseason Top 10 Watch Lists for their respective positions.

**SEC PRESEASON MEDIA PLAUDITS**

- Santiago Vescovi** earned Preseason First Team All-SEC status, while **Zakai Zeigler** collected Preseason Second Team All-SEC recognition from the media. Both earned the same designation before (and after) the 2022-23 campaign.
- Tennessee was one of four schools with multiple Preseason All-SEC distinctions, joining Alabama, Arkansas and Kentucky.
- Vescovi is the fifth multiple-time Preseason First Team All-SEC designee in program history—polling began in 1989-90—alongside **Allan Houston** (thrice), **Tony Harris** (thrice), **Chris Lofton** and **Tyler Smith**.
- Zeigler is the eighth Volunteer to pick up multiple Preseason All-SEC honors, a list that also features **Jerome Maymon** and **Jarnell Stokes**.
- The complete Preseason All-SEC teams, as selected by the media, can be found below:
 

**FIRST TEAM:** Grant Nelson (AL), Trevon Brazile (AR), Johni Broome (AU), Justin Edwards (UK), Tolu Smith III (MS), **Santiago Vescovi (UT)**, Wade Taylor IV (A&M; SEC Preseason POY)

**SECOND TEAM:** Mark Sears (AL), Davonte Davis (AR), Riley Kugel (UF), Antonio Reeves (UK), **Zakai Zeigler (UT)**

**SEC PRESEASON COACHES' PLAUDITS**

- Santiago Vescovi** and **Zakai Zeigler** were both Preseason First Team All-SEC picks by the league's head coaches, the lone such teammate duo in the conference. **Josiah-Jordan James** collected Preseason Second Team All-SEC plaudits, making Tennessee the lone school with three honorees.
- The complete Preseason All-SEC teams, as selected by the coaches, can be found below:
 

**FIRST TEAM:** Trevon Brazile (AR), Johni Broome (AU), Riley Kugel (UF), Antonio Reeves (UK), Tolu Smith III (MS), **Santiago Vescovi (UT)**, **Zakai Zeigler (UT)**, Wade Taylor IV (A&M)

**SECOND TEAM:** Grant Nelson (AL), Mark Sears (AL), Davonte Davis (AR), Justin Edwards (UK), Matthew Murrell (OM), **Josiah-Jordan James (UT)**, Tyrece Radford (A&M), Tyrin Lawrence (VU)

**TOP-10 TEAM**

- Tennessee entered 2023-24 as a near-unanimous preseason top-10 team. A list of the Volunteers' preseason top-10 positions is below ("C" indicates computer poll and "H" indicates human poll):
 

2. EvanMiy.com	C	8. KenPom.com	C
3. Haslametrics.com	C	8. ESPN.com	H
4. SI.com	H	9. AP Poll	H
5. BartTorvik.com	C	9. The Almanac	H
5. The Athletic	H	10. Coaches Poll	H
6. Blue Ribbon Yearbook	H		
- UT, as noted above, began the season at No. 9 in the Associated Press Poll and No. 10 in the USA TODAY Sports Coaches Poll. This is the fifth time in program history it was in the top 10 of both major preseason polls, joining 2018-19 (No. 6/6), 2007-08 (No. 7/7), 2000-01 (No. 9/8) and 1998-99 (No. 9/9).
- The Volunteers were in the AP preseason top 10 for the seventh time, as they also earned the distinction in 2009-10 (No. 10) and 1975-76 (No. 9), the latter of which was before the formation of the Coaches Poll.
- This was the fourth straight year Tennessee started in the AP top 20, setting a program record. It was also the fifth year in a row the Vols were in the Coaches Poll top 25 to open the season, matching the best mark in UT history (2006-07 to 2010-11).

**NATIONALLY KNOWN**

- On 1/10/24, **Dalton Knecht** was named to both the Lute Olson Award Midseason and Wooden Award Midseason Top 25 Watch Lists. On 1/24/24, he was voted a The Athletic Second Team All-American. On 1/31/24, he was picked for the Wooden Award Late Season Top 20 Watch List.
- Knecht won USBWA National Player of the Week back-to-back on 1/16/24 and 1/23/24. He was also the Naismith National Player of the Week and AP National Player of the Week on 1/22/24.
- Santiago Vescovi** claimed Blue Ribbon Preseason Fourth Team All-America honors. He also, for the second straight year, made both the Naismith Trophy Preseason Watch List and the Wooden Award Preseason Top 50 Watch List.

**TOP-10 (AND TOP-FIVE) TAKEDOWNS**

- Tennessee is 7-3 in its last 10 games against AP top-10 opponents. The lone setbacks during that stretch were 12/17/22 at No. 9 Arizona, 11/21/23 versus No. 2 Purdue (Honolulu) and 11/22/23 against No. 1 Kansas (Honolulu), all by single digits. The Vols are also 5-2 in their last seven contests versus AP top-five foes.

**ROSTER BREAKDOWN**

- The Volunteers' 2023-24 roster features 15 players (13 on scholarship) from 12 states, plus Uruguay.
- UT has two players each from New York and North Carolina, plus one each from Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Maine, Minnesota, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.
- Tennessee has three fifth-year players, one senior, four juniors, three sophomores, two redshirt freshmen and three true freshmen.
- Nine UT players stand 6-5 or shorter, while seven Volunteers are 6-6 or taller.

**FIVE IN A ROW**

- Tennessee has played in every NCAA Tournament since 2018. Those five consecutive berths tie for the second-longest streak in program history. The Vols appeared in six straight NCAA Tournaments from 2006-11 and made five trips in a row from 1979-83.
- The Volunteers' current streak includes a pair of Sweet Sixteen appearances (2018 and 2023).
- UT has earned a top-five seed in each of its last five NCAA Tournament trips: No. 3 in 2018, No. 2 in 2019, No. 5 in 2021, No. 3 in 2022 and No. 4 in 2023.

**WINNING WAYS**

- Over the last seven seasons, dating back to the start of the 2017-18 campaign, Tennessee paces all SEC teams in postseason wins (15), while placing a close second in both total victories (159) and winning percentage (.719). In that span, the Vols have claimed a pair of SEC titles, winning the regular season in 2018 and the tournament in 2022.
- In that same seven-year stretch, the Vols are one of only three SEC schools with an overall winning percentage over .700, alongside Auburn (.724) and Kentucky (.702). No other SEC team is at even .650.
- In SEC play over the same seven-year period, Tennessee (.77-37; .675) is second in the league in both victories and winning percentage, trailing just Kentucky (.79-36; .687). Only Auburn (.74-42; .638) and Alabama (.71-44; .621) also have 70-plus wins.
- Over the last three seasons only (2021-24), UT owns a 67-24 (.736) overall record. That is good for the most victories and the best winning percentage of any SEC team in that span.

**RACKING UP RANKED VICTORIES**

- Over the past four seasons (2020-24), Tennessee leads all SEC teams in AP top-25 wins with 17, good for co-seventh nationally. It is also tied with Arkansas for first among SEC schools in AP top-10 victories with seven, placing co-seventh nationally. UT's five AP top-five wins in that span pace the SEC and are tied for the most of any team in America.
- The seven AP top-10 triumphs during that time are: #1 Alabama (2/15/23), #3 Kansas (11/25/22), #3 Auburn (2/26/22), #4 Kentucky (2/15/22), #5 Kentucky (3/12/22), #6 Arizona (12/22/21) and #10 Texas (1/28/23).
- Over the last four seasons (2020-24), Tennessee has played a league-high 31 games against AP Top 25 opponents, going 17-14 (.548). The Vols are the only SEC team, regardless of number of games, with a winning record against ranked foes during that span, while Alabama is second at 14-16 (.467).
- Tennessee (31), Alabama (30), Arkansas (30) and Missouri (26) are the only SEC teams to play over 25 ranked foes since the start of the 2020-21 campaign.

TOPPLING THE TEAM AT THE TOP

- With its 68-59 home victory over top-ranked Alabama last season (2/15/23), Tennessee became one of only 17 DI programs with at least six wins over AP No. 1 teams.
- **Rick Barnes** has led UT to two of those victories, as the program won each of its first two matchups with the AP No. 1 team during his tenure. The Volunteers, now 2-1 in such contests in his tenure, previously defeated Gonzaga, 76-73, on 12/9/18 in the Jerry Colangelo Classic in Phoenix.

BEATING THE BEST

- Under **Rick Barnes'** tutelage, Tennessee has defeated many of the most successful programs in college basketball history. The list includes 36 total victories over 12 (of only a possible 37) different NCAA champions: Arizona, Arkansas (6x), Cincinnati, Duke, Florida (9x), Kansas (2x), Kentucky (10x), Louisville, Maryland, North Carolina, NC State (2x) and Wisconsin.
- The Volunteers also own additional non-conference victories during Barnes' tenure over schools such as Colorado, Georgia Tech, Gonzaga, Illinois, Iowa, Memphis, Purdue, Wake Forest, Washington, West Virginia and VCU.
- In his 37 years as a head coach, Barnes owns 176 total wins over 28 (of the 37) programs with a national title. Of the other nine, six he has never faced.

POLL PRESENCE

- Tennessee has played 187 games as a ranked team in the AP Poll under **Rick Barnes**, posting a stellar 139-48 (.743) record. Over 65.0 percent of the Volunteers' games since Barnes arrived in 2015-16 have come with the team ranked in the AP Poll.
- Furthermore, UT owns a 118-43 (.733) record while ranked in the AP top 20 during Barnes' tenure, an 87-30 (.744) mark while in the top 15, a 67-21 (.761) ledger while in the top 10, a 29-9 (.763) tally while in the top five, a 17-2 (.895) record while in the top three and a 7-1 (.875) mark while at No. 1.
- The Vols are 23-20 (.535) in top-25 matchups under Barnes, including 17-13 (.567) with both teams in the top 20, 9-7 (.562) with both in the top 15 and 6-5 (.545) with both in the top 10.

TOP-TIER TRIUMPHS

- Tennessee is 18-20 (.474) against top-15 teams during Rick Barnes' tenure, including 12-12 (.500) versus top-10 foes, 9-7 (.562) against top-five opponents and 4-4 (.500) versus top-three teams.
- The Volunteers are particularly dominant at home against elite competition under Barnes, posting a 10-4 (.714) record at Food City Center when facing top-15 teams, including a 7-2 (.778) mark with six straight wins against top-10 foes. In addition, the program is a perfect 5-0 versus top-five teams in Knoxville, Tenn., with Barnes at the helm.
- A full list of Tennessee's top-five victories under Barnes, at all locations, can be found below:

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 24, 2017	#4 Kentucky	Knoxville	W, 82-80
Dec. 9, 2018	#1 Gonzaga	Phoenix	W, 76-73
March 2, 2019	#4 Kentucky	Knoxville	W, 71-52
March 16, 2019	#4 Kentucky	Nashville	W, 82-78
Feb. 15, 2022	#4 Kentucky	Knoxville	W, 76-63
Feb. 26, 2022	#3 Auburn	Knoxville	W, 67-62
March 12, 2022	#5 Kentucky	Tampa	W, 69-62
Nov. 25, 2022	#3 Kansas	Bahamas	W, 64-50
Feb. 15, 2023	#1 Alabama	Knoxville	W, 68-59

- Tennessee also has two exhibition wins over top-five foes. Prior to the 2022-23 season, it defeated #2 Gonzaga, 99-80, on 10/28/22 in the Legends of Basketball Classic in Frisco, Texas. In advance of this season, it knocked off #4 Michigan State, 89-88, on 10/29/23 in East Lansing, Mich.

VOLS AD WHITE HAS HOOPS DNA

- Tennessee Vice Chancellor/Director of Athletics **Dr. Danny White** played college basketball at both Towson (1998-2000) and Notre Dame (2000-02). The Fighting Irish reached the second round of the NCAA Tournament both of his years there.
- Danny's father, **Kevin White**, was a legendary athletic director, leading six departments, including five at the DI level and three in a Power Five conference, over a 38-year career. Duke won two national titles in men's basketball (2010, 2015) during his 13-year tenure there, which ended with his retirement in 2021. Notre Dame also won a title in women's basketball (2001) during his first season there, which was Danny's first year as a student at the school.
- Danny's younger brother, **Brian White**, is the athletic director at Florida Atlantic. In his fifth year there, 2022-23, the Owls reached the Final Four in men's basketball for the first time and defeated Tennessee, 62-55, in the Sweet 16.
- Danny's older brother, **Mike White**, was a four-year starter at Ole Miss from 1995-99 began a college coaching career one year after graduating. White is now in his 12th year as a DI head coach, including his ninth in the SEC and second at Georgia. He served as the head coach at Florida from 2015-22 and made four NCAA Tournament trips, including reaching the 2017 Elite. White was also the head coach at Louisiana Tech from 2011-15, posting a 101-40 record.

LEGENDARY LEADERS

- **Rick Barnes** is one of six active UT head coaches who have guided their program to a No. 1 national ranking.
- Five of those coaches, including Barnes, led their team to a No. 1 ranking within the last six years.

COACH	POLL   YEARS
Rick Barnes, Men's Basketball	AP Coaches   2019
Josh Heupel, Football	CFP   2022
Tony Vitello, Baseball	six polls   2022
Brennan Webb, Men's Golf	Golfweek   2018
Karen Weekly, Softball	NFCA   2014, 2007
Chris Woodruff, Men's Tennis	ITA   2022

"EVERYTHING SCHOOL"

- During the 2022-23 academic year, the Tennessee athletics department won its second straight SEC All-Sports Trophy. The Volunteers claimed both the men's and women's titles, becoming just the second team in the conference ever to do so.
- UT earned the trophy in both of **Danny White's** full years as the AD after never previously winning it.
- The Vols finished an all-time best sixth nationally in the 2022-23 LEARFIELD Directors' Cup. It then posted its best fall ever in 2023-24, placing fifth.
- In 2023-24, 12 UT teams either finished their season in their sport's national top 25 polls or are currently in the top 25. All but one are/were in the top 20, with four in the top 10. The full list is below:
  - ★ Men's Basketball | No. 5/5
  - ★ Women's Cross Country | No. 6 (final)
  - ★ Men's Tennis | No. 6
  - ★ Men's Golf | No. 6/7
  - ★ Women's Volleyball | No. 9 (final)
  - ★ Baseball | No. 9 (DIB)
  - ★ Men's Swimming & Diving | No. 14
  - ★ Football | No. 17/17 (final)
  - ★ Women's Indoor Track & Field | No. 17
  - ★ Women's Swimming & Diving | No. 18
  - ★ Women's Tennis | No. 19
  - ★ Men's Indoor Track & Field | No. 23

VOLS, LADY VOLS IN 1K CLUB

- Tennessee is one of only 10 DI schools with 1,000 wins in both men's and women's basketball. It joins Baylor, Connecticut, Georgia, Maryland, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Stanford, Texas and Western Kentucky.
- Tennessee and Georgia are the only two SEC schools with quadruple-digit victories in both sports.

TEAM STAT RANKINGS (THROUGH 1/31/24)

Category   Stat	SEC	NCAA	SEC*
Scoring Offense   78.4	5	74	79.57   5
Scoring Defense   65.9	3	44	68.86   3
Scoring Margin   12.6	3	29	10.71   2
FG Pct.   44.6	9	187	46.6   3
<b>FG Pct. Defense   37.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	38.1   2
Effective FG Pct.   51.5	7	156	-   -
3P Pct.   33.7	8	186	33.3   8
3P Pct. Defense   30.1	3	34	32.1   6
3PM Per Game   8.4	4	89	8.29   5
3PA Per Game   25.1	3	57	-   -
Free Throw Pct.   75.1	4	48	70.7   11
FTM Per Game   15.4	8	86	-   -
FTA Per Game   20.5	9	127	-   -
Rebounds Per Game   39.45	3	42	39.86   3
Rebound Margin   4.9	5	56	5.29   3
Off. Rebs Per Game   11.80	4	93	12.29   4
Def. Rebs Per Game   27.65	3	49	27.57   3
<b>Assists Per Game   16.8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>24</b>	16.71   1
<b>Assist/Turnover Ratio   1.58</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>	1.60   1
TOs Per Game   10.6	6	60	-   -
TOs Forced Per Game   13.20	5	97	-   -
Turnover Margin   2.6	4	52	2.14   3
Blocks Per Game   4.8	7	39	4.43   5
Steals Per Game   8.0	5	67	8.57   1
Fouls Per Game   17.0	7	189	-   -
Bench PPG   20.15	11	181	-   -
Fast-Break PPG   10.80	9	141	-   -
Winning Pct.   .750	4	42	.714   4

**Bold indicates top-25 national ranking** \* SEC games only

UT ON SEC LEADERBOARDS (THROUGH 2/1/24)

- PPG: 1. Dalton Knecht (20.10)
- RPG: 7. Jonas Aidoo (7.35), 12. Josiah-Jordan James (6.65)
- ORPG: 6. Jonas Aidoo (2.65), 9. Tobe Awaka (2.42)
- DRPG: 4. Josiah-Jordan James (5.15), 9. Jonas Aidoo (4.70)
- FG% (min. 5 FGM/gm): 7. Dalton Knecht (48.8)
- 3PM/gm: 11. Dalton Knecht (2.10)
- APG: 1. Zakai Zeigler (5.00)
- A/T Ratio: 9. Zakai Zeigler (2.22)
- SPG: 9. Zakai Zeigler (1.65)
- BPG: 3. Jonas Aidoo (1.80)

SEC SINGLE-GAME LEADERS (THROUGH 2/1/24)

- POINTS**
1. Wade Taylor IV: 41 at Arkansas on 1/16/24 (13-32 FGs)
  2. Dalton Knecht: 39 vs. Florida, 1/16/24 (13-23 FGs)
  3. Dalton Knecht: 37 at North Carolina, 11/29/23 (13-17 FGs)
- T-4. Tamar Bates: 36 vs. Florida, 1/20/24 (13-21 FGs)  
T-4. Dalton Knecht: 36 at Georgia, 1/13/24 (12-20 FGs)
- MADE FIELD GOALS**
- T-1. Tamar Bates: 13 vs. Florida, 1/20/24 (21 FGAs)  
T-1. Dalton Knecht: 13 at Vanderbilt, 1/27/24 (21 FGAs)  
T-1. Dalton Knecht: 13 vs. Florida, 1/16/24 (23 FGAs)  
T-1. Dalton Knecht: 13 at North Carolina, 11/29/23 (17 FGAs)  
T-1. R.J. Melendez: 13 at Florida (OT), 1/27/24 (19 FGAs)  
T-1. Tramon Mark: 13 vs. North Carolina (N), 11/24/23 (17 FGAs)  
T-1. Mark Sears: 13 vs. Purdue (N), 12/9/23 (25 FGAs)  
T-1. Wade Taylor IV: 13 at Arkansas, 1/16/24 (32 FGAs)

- ASSISTS**
- T-1. Jaylen Murray: 11 vs. Mississippi State, 1/30/24  
T-1. Reed Sheppard: 11 at Louisville, 12/21/23  
T-2. D.J. Wagner: 10 vs. Georgia, 1/20/24  
T-2. Zakai Zeigler: 10 vs. Ole Miss, 1/16/24  
5. six-way tie with 9 each

- BLOCKS**
1. Jamarion Sharp: 9 vs. Florida, 1/10/24
  2. Ugonna Nyenoso: 8 vs. Florida, 1/31/24
  - T-3. Chandler Lawson: 6 vs. Duke, 11/29/23
  - T-3. Jamarion Sharp: 6 vs. Troy, 12/19/23
  - T-5. Jonas Aidoo: 5 at Georgia, 1/13/24
  - T-5. Tobe Awaka: 5 vs. Tarleton State, 12/21/23
  - T-4. nine others tied with 5 each

### 321 WEEKS IN THE TOP 25

- In 37 years as a head coach, **Rick Barnes** has guided his teams to a total of 321 weeks in the AP Top 25 Poll, including 147 in the top 10.

SCHOOL	TOP 25	TOP 10	TOP 5	TOP 2	HIGH
George Mason	0	0	0	0	NR
Providence	2	0	0	0	20
Clemson	34	14	6	1	2
Texas	180	84	40	14	1
Tennessee	105	49	22	5	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>20</b>	

### SCHOOL-BY-SCHOOL SUCCESS

- Providence, in a 23-season stretch from 1978-2001, earned a spot in the AP rankings just six times, a third of which came during Barnes' six-year stint.
- Clemson has earned a single-digit ranking in the AP Poll 11 times, all in Barnes' tenure. The Tigers did so nine times in 1996-97 (top-five four times, high of second) and twice in 1997-98 (both fifth).
- Texas had just one AP top-five ranking ever (1/25/82) prior to the hiring of Barnes, who guided it to 40 such marks in six different years. The Longhorns had 25 top-10 marks, all in 1978-79 and 1981-82, before Barnes led them to 84 over 10 campaigns.
- Tennessee earned 74 AP top-25 rankings and 28 AP top-10 nods in the 14 seasons before the arrival of Barnes, who has posted 105 and 49, respectively, at UT. The Vols' 22 top-five rankings under Barnes eclipse their full total (17) prior to his tenure.

### POLL VOLTS

- Tennessee has appeared in every AP Poll since the 2021-22 preseason rankings, a total of 51 releases in a row, surpassing the prior program record of 37 from March 1999 to Feb. 2001. The Volunteers have been in the top 10 in 24 of those 50 releases, including the top five on seven occasions.
- UT's 51-week streak is the third longest in the country, behind only Houston (77) and Kansas (56). The only other team at even 35-plus is Arizona (49).
- Dating back to the 2020-21 preseason poll, UT has made 65 of 68 releases (not the final three of 2020-21), with 29 top-10 spots and seven in the top five.
- UT has peaked at fifth this year, ascended to second nationally last season, ended 2021-22 at a season-best fifth and placed as high as sixth in 2020-21.
- The Vols, who reached No. 1 in 2018-19, have been in the AP top six in five of the past six years, including each of the last four, after hitting that mark six times in program history before **Rick Barnes'** tenure.
- UT has been in the AP top five in four of the last six seasons, including each of the past three. It achieved that feat five times before Barnes' arrival (2007-08, 2000-01, 1999-2000, 1967-68 and 1958-59).
- The Vols earned three straight AP top-five rankings in Jan. 2024, the third streak of three-plus weeks in program history (11 in 2018-19, six in 2007-08).

### QUALITY COMPANY

- Tennessee, Arizona, Kansas and Purdue are the only four teams to earn an AP top-five ranking in each of the past three seasons (2021-24).
- In addition, Tennessee, Baylor, Houston and Kansas are the only four schools ranked in the AP top six each of the past four years (2020-24).
- UT is one of only six teams to reach the AP top six in four of the last six seasons (2018-24), joining Baylor, Duke, Gonzaga, Kansas (all six) and Kentucky. Those are six of the only 10 schools in the AP top five in at least four of the past six years, alongside Michigan, Michigan State, North Carolina and Virginia.
- The Vols are one of only 12 teams to earn an AP top-two ranking in at least two of the past six seasons. The others are Arizona, Baylor (three), Connecticut, Duke (four), Gonzaga (five), Kansas (four), Kentucky, Michigan, Purdue, UCLA and Virginia.

### HALL CALL

- Rick Barnes** was announced Dec. 21, 2023, as a first-time nominee for the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. He was among 17 first-time picks on the 2024 North American ballot, alongside names such as **Vince Carter**, **Mike Gminski**, **Bill Laimbeer** and the 2008 U.S. Olympic Reedem Team.
- Nominees from other groups included individuals such as **Seimone Augustus** (women's player), **Mike Fratello** (contributor), **Andrei Kirilenko** (international player) and **Jerry West** (contributor).
- Barnes is one of three active college coaches currently on the ballot. The other two are Memphis' **Penny Hardaway** (nominated as a player) and Miami's **Jim Larrañaga** (first nominated last year).

### NUMBER 200

- With recent home wins over Norfolk State (1/2/24), Tarleton State (12/21/23), Georgia Southern (12/12/23), George Mason (12/5/23), #10 Texas (1/28/23), **Rick Barnes** has now beat 200 current DI schools as a head coach. He served as the head coach at two of the five most recent additions.

### HAPPY AT HOME

- Over the last four seasons, since 2020-21, the Volunteers are 53-6 (.898) on their home court.
- In nine seasons under head coach **Rick Barnes**, the Vols are 118-23 (.837) at Food City Center. Twice during the Barnes era, UT has gone undefeated at home: 18-0 in 2018-19 and 16-0 in 2021-22.
- Fifth-year guard **Josiah-Jordan James** owns a 64-12 (.842) mark at Food City Center during his career. Half of those home setbacks (six) came during his freshman year in 2019-20.
- Fellow fifth-year guard **Santiago Vescovi** is 58-10 (.853) at home since his first appearance on 1/4/20, following his midyear enrollment. Four of his 10 losses came during his freshman season in 2019-20.

### 4x1,000

- Tennessee, Arkansas, Auburn, Creighton, Gonzaga, James Madison (five), Memphis, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, St. Bonaventure, St. John's (six), Texas, TCU (five) and Villanova (five) are the only 15 DI schools with four-plus 1,000-point scorers. Only four teams joined that list before the Volunteers.
- Santiago Vescovi** (1,475), the lone Volunteer to enter 2023-24 in quadruple figures and one of 23 1,400-point scorers in UT history, hit that figure on 12/17/22 at Arizona in his 90th contest.
- Dalton Knecht** (1,361) reached the 1K mark on 11/10/23 at Wisconsin in his 69th career outing and his second as a Volunteer. He scored 959 points in 67 games over two seasons at North Colorado.
- Josiah-Jordan James** (1,136) reached the milestone on 11/14/23 versus Wofford in his 111th appearance and is now one of 48 Vols with 1,100-plus points.
- Jordan Gainey** (1,075) entered quadruple digits on 11/29/23 at North Carolina in his 71st collegiate outing and his seventh at Tennessee. He scored 929 points across 64 games in two years at USC Upstate.
- That group owns a combined 5,047 Division I points.

### SHARPSHOOTERS

- Four players on Tennessee's roster made at least 50 3-pointers in 2022-23. **Santiago Vescovi** and **Zakai Zeigler** made 91 and 51 as Volunteers, respectively, while **Dalton Knecht** hit 77 at Northern Colorado and **Jordan Gainey** hit 70 at USC Upstate.
- In addition, **Josiah-Jordan James** hit 56 3-pointers in 2021-22, but injuries limited him to just 24 games last year and he made 40 long-range shots.
- That quintet of guards now has a combined career 3-point mark of 36.0 percent (951-of-2,639).
- Gainey, Knecht and Vescovi all own 165-plus made 3-pointers on over 37.5 percent shooting as collegians. Their combined career 3-point clip is 38.0 percent (648-of-1,707).

### DOMINANT "D" A UT TRADEMARK

- The Volunteers, through 1/31/24, rank second in the country in KenPom adjusted defensive efficiency with a 90.8 ledger, trailing only Houston (84.5).
- Last year, Tennessee led the nation in that category with an 87.5 mark. It placed first for 15 total weeks.
- Four times in the last six seasons, the Vols have finished top-10 in that statistic: first in 2022-23, third in 2021-22, fourth in 2020-21 and sixth in 2017-18.
- In 2022-23, UT finished first in KenPom adjusted defensive efficiency (87.5), 3-point defense (26.5), third in scoring defense (57.9 ppg) and third in field-goal percentage defense (37.3).
- Tennessee, as of 2/1/24, has won 30 games in a row when holding its opponent under 60 points. The Volunteers went 22-0 in such contests last season.
- Twelve times during the 2022-23 season, Tennessee's foe failed to score greater than 50 points, matching Houston for the most such instances of any team in the country. The Volunteers, as of 2/1/24, have won 45 games in a row when conceding 50 or fewer points, dating back to 12/29/12.
- Associate head coach **Justin Gainey** is in his second season as UT's defensive coordinator in 2023-24.

### RARE AIR

- Santiago Vescovi**, in his 127th appearance, became just the fourth SEC player in the last 20 seasons to tally at least 1,400 points, 500 rebounds and 400 assists. The others are Georgia's **Sundiata Gaines** (2004-08), Mississippi State's **Jamont Gordon** (2005-08) and Georgia's **Charles Mann** (2012-16).
- The only other Volunteer ever to hit each of those thresholds is **Allan Houston** (1989-93).

### WEEKLY WINNER

- Dalton Knecht** won three SEC Player of the Week honors this season (11/13, 1/16 and 1/23) before anyone else even claimed two. He became the first three-time honoree in a season since Auburn's **Walker Kessler** in 2021-22. **Grant Williams** (2018-19), **Chris Lofton** (2006-07 & 2005-06) and **Dyron Nix** (1988-89) are the other Vols with three in a season.
- Knecht became the first back-to-back winner since Kentucky's **Immanuel Quickley** on 2/24/20 and 3/2/20. The other Vols to win back-to-back are **Admiral Schofield** (2018-19), **Ron Slay** (2002-03) and **Dyron Nix** (1988-89).

### TRACKING TENNESSEE

	AP	Coaches	NET	KPom
Pre	9	10	n/a	8
11/13	7	8	n/a	6
11/20	7	8	n/a	9
11/27	10	11	n/a	9
12/4	17	13	17	11
12/11	12	10	10	9
12/18	8	7	8	7
12/25	6	7 (12/26)	7	6
1/1	5	5 (1/2)	7	7
1/8	5	5	5	4
1/15	6	7	6	8
1/22	5	5	4	4
1/29	5	5	3	4
2/5	-	-	-	-
2/12	-	-	-	-
2/19	-	-	-	-
2/26	-	-	-	-
3/5	-	-	-	-
3/12	-	-	-	-

**Ratings Tracker** (as of Feb. 1, 2024)  
 BartTorvik.com: 7      EvanMiya.com: 4  
 ESPN.com BPI: 5      Haslametrics.com: 7

Tennessee's Quad 1 Record: 3-4  
 Quad 1 Wins: #7 Alabama, at #11 Wisconsin, #14 Illinois

Tennessee's Quad 2 Record: 5-1  
 Tennessee's Quad 3 Record: 2-0  
 Tennessee's Quad 4 Record: 5-0

**IN-STATE SUCCESS**

- Tennessee has won 13 of its last 14 games against in-state opponents and is 30-6 (.833) overall against fellow Volunteer State foes under **Rick Barnes**.
- Those 30 wins have come against Vanderbilt (14x), Tennessee Tech (6x), ETSU (3x), Lipscomb (2x), Austin Peay, Chattanooga, Memphis, Tennessee State and UT Martin.

**BEATING THE BLUEGRASS BLUE BLOOD**

- From 1993-2015—a 22-season stretch that spanned the tenures of seven UT head coaches—the Vols had a 9-35 (.205) record against Kentucky, including a 7-28 (.200) mark versus ranked Wildcat squads and 2-21 (.087) with Kentucky in the top 10.
- Since **Rick Barnes** arrived in advance of the 2015-16 campaign, the Tennessee is 10-9 (.526) against Kentucky. No other team has even seven-plus wins over Kentucky in that time, while just Auburn (six) and Kansas (six) have even five-plus. In that time, the Vols own a 9-5 (.643) ledger against ranked Wildcat teams. Only Kansas (five) has over four wins against ranked Kentucky squads since 2015-16.
- The Vols are 6-1 against Kentucky teams ranked in the top six, including a perfect 6-0 in non-road games, under Barnes. That ledger includes a 5-1 record versus top-five Wildcat squads.
- UT topped Kentucky at least once each season from 2015-16 through 2021-22, including going 2-1 in 2021-22, 2018-19 and 2017-18. The Vols beat the Wildcats in Knoxville, Tenn., four years in a row, from 2015-16 through 2018-19, and then again in 2021-22.
- Under Barnes, UT is 5-3 at home against Kentucky, 3-5 on the road and 2-1 in the SEC Tournament.

**INAM: "IT'S NOT ABOUT ME"**

- The Volunteers have posted 20-plus assists seven times this season, including in six of the past 12 contests. They have 25-plus twice this season, with a high of 27 against George Mason (12/5/23).
- Tennessee has a 61.0 percent assist rate that ranks No. 17 nationally, per KenPom, through 1/31/24.
- Last season, Tennessee placed second nationally, per KenPom, with a 66.2 percent assist rate. It also logged a 64.9 percent mark in SEC play.

**SHOOTING TO SUCCEED**

- Over the last three seasons (2021-24), Tennessee is 28-4 (.875) when hitting double-digit 3-pointers in a game, including 20-1 (.952) at home.
- During **Rick Barnes'** first six seasons on Rocky Top, 2015-16 to 2020-21, Tennessee was a strong 20-12 (.625) in such games, including 12-3 (.800) at home, but the last three years have been even better.

**OVER 96 PERCENT**

- Tennessee owns an 85-3 (.966) record under **Rick Barnes** when leading by double digits at halftime.

**SECOND TIME'S A CHARM**

- Over the last five years (2018-23), **Rick Barnes** guided Tennessee to a 20-7 (.741) record in regular season rematch games (SEC Tournament not included).

**DOMINANT DECISIONS**

- Since the start of last season, Tennessee has 18 wins by 20-plus points. Twelve of them, a single-season program record, came in 2022-23.
- Seven of UT's 13 SEC wins over the last two years been by at least 20, including five of 11 in 2022-23.
- Last season, the Volunteers won nine games by 30-plus, six by at least 35 and four by at least 40.

**MASTERFUL MONTH**

- Tennessee went 5-0 in December. It marked the third undefeated December showing for the Vols in the last 16 seasons (2008-present), alongside 2018 and 2020, both of which were also under **Rick Barnes**.

**HOLDING SERVE**

- Tennessee went undefeated on its home court in non-conference play (7-0) for the fourth consecutive season. It has won 28 such games in a row, dating back to the 2020-21 season opener (12/8/20).
- During that streak, UT owns wins over programs such as Arizona, Cincinnati, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas and Texas.

**SECOND STRAIGHT SUPERB START**

- Tennessee opened 5-1 in SEC play, its second year in a row reaching that mark. Per Elias Sports Bureau, it marked the sixth time the Volunteers ever achieved that feat, including the first since 1975-76 (10-1) and 1976-77 (10-0). The other instances were 1966-68, 1947-49, 1944-46 and 1941-43.

**"SACK" COMPARISON**

- Tennessee has posted 122 sacks—a defensive stop on three straight possessions—this year. Conversely, it has only been sacked 74 times. UT is averaging 6.1 sacks for and just 3.7 sacks allowed (+2.4).
- The Vols' high mark for sacks in a game is 11 against Tennessee Tech (11/6/23), while their low is two at North Carolina (11/29/23).
- The top sack total UT has allowed is seven against Syracuse (11/20/23 in Honolulu), while the fewest it has conceded is zero versus Florida (1/16/24) and at Vanderbilt (1/27/24).

**ONLY A DOZEN**

- Tennessee conceded just 12 first-half points against Tennessee Tech in the season opener on 11/6/23, the fewest it has allowed in any frame to a DI opponent this century (since the 2000-01 season).

**TENACIOUS VS. THE TEXANS**

- In the final game of 2023, Tennessee held Tarleton State (11/21/23) to 30.0 percent field-goal shooting (18-of-60) and 9.1 percent (2-of-22) from deep. It marked the third time in the last 14 seasons the Volunteers limited a foe to 30 or below overall and 10 percent or less on 3-pointers.

**MASSIVE MARGIN**

- Tennessee posted 23 assists and conceded just one in the victory over Norfolk State (1/2/24). It became the first team to hold a DI opponent without multiple assists and record a margin of at least plus-20 since Gonzaga did so on 2/9/19 against Saint Mary's.

**RAN PAST THE REBELS**

- Tennessee opened SEC play with a 90-64 victory over #22/19 Ole Miss (1/6/24) to give the the Rebels, previously 13-0 and one of two remaining undefeated DI teams, their first loss of the season.
- The 26-point win was the Volunteers' largest over a ranked foe since topping #25/RV Kentucky by 30, 85-58, on 2/16/13. It was also, at that point, the second-largest win by any team over a ranked opponent in 2023-24.

**SERIOUS SCORING STREAK**

- With an 85-79 victory at Georgia (1/13/24), a 85-66 win over Florida (1/16/24) and a 91-71 triumph over Alabama (1/20/24), Tennessee reached 85 points in three straight games, all in SEC play, for the first time in nearly 46 years, since Feb. 4/6/11, 1978.
- The stretch gave UT 85-plus points five times in a six-game span for the first time over 17 years, as it last happened from Dec. 16, 2006-Jan. 7, 2007.
- The Volunteers have recorded a pair of three-game 85-point scoring streaks this season. They have only done that twice, in 2007-08 and 1990-91, over the last 47 seasons (1977-2024).

**GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS**

OPP.	LINEUP (PG-SG-SF-PF-C)
Tenn. Tech	Mashack-Vescovi-Knecht-James-Aidoo
at Wisconsin	Mashack-Vescovi-Knecht-James-Aidoo
Wofford	Mashack-Vescovi-Knecht-James-Aidoo
vs. Syracuse	Mashack-Vescovi-Knecht-James-Aidoo
vs. Purdue	Mashack-Vescovi-Knecht-James-Aidoo
vs. Kansas	Mashack-Vescovi-Knecht-James-Aidoo
at N. Carolina	Zeigler-Vescovi-Knecht-James-Aidoo
George Mason	Zeigler-Vescovi-Knecht-James-Aidoo
Illinois	Zeigler-Vescovi-Knecht-James-Aidoo
Ga. Southern	Zeigler-Vescovi-Knecht-James-Aidoo
vs. NC State	Zeigler-Vescovi-Knecht-James-Aidoo
Tarleton State	Zeigler-Vescovi-Knecht-James-Aidoo
Norfolk State	Zeigler-Vescovi-Knecht-James-Aidoo
Ole Miss	Zeigler-Vescovi-Knecht-James-Aidoo
at Miss. State	Zeigler-Vescovi-Knecht-James-Aidoo
at Georgia	Zeigler-Vescovi-Knecht-James-Aidoo
Florida	Zeigler-Vescovi-Knecht-James-Aidoo
Alabama	Zeigler-Vescovi-Knecht-James-Aidoo
at Vanderbilt	Zeigler-Vescovi-Knecht-James-Aidoo
S. Carolina	Zeigler-Vescovi-Knecht-James-Aidoo
at Kentucky	
LSU	
at Texas A&M	
at Arkansas	
Vanderbilt	
at Missouri	
Texas A&M	
Auburn	
at Alabama	
at S. Carolina	
Kentucky	
vs. TBD	

**RECORD BY LINEUP**

REC.	LAST	(PG-SG-SF-PF-C)
4-2	11/22/23	Mashack-Vescovi-Knecht-James-Aidoo
11-3	1/30/24	Zeigler-Vescovi-Knecht-James-Aidoo

**GAMES STARTED**

	Streak	23-24	Career	SEC
Jonas Aidoo	20	20	29	14
Tobe Awaka	-	-	-	-
Cameron Carr	-	-	-	-
Freddie Dilione V	-	-	-	-
J.P. Estrella	-	-	-	-
Jordan Gainey	-	-	58	-
Josiah-Jordan James	26	20	107	55
D.J. Jefferson	-	-	-	-
Dalton Knecht	52	20	63	7
Jahmai Mashack	-	6	19	6
Cade Phillips	-	-	-	-
Santiago Vescovi	38	20	130	73
Zakai Zeigler	14	14	30	20

**PLUS/MINUS TRACKER**

	GP	Season	High
James	20	+216	+31 vs. TN Tech (11/6)
Vescovi	20	+209	+28 vs. TN Tech (11/6)
Zeigler	20	+173	+24 vs. Tarleton St.(12/21)
Knecht	20	+171	+27 vs. Norfolk St. (1/2)
Aidoo	20	+146	+22x, last vs. Florida (1/16)
Awaka	19	+90	+21 vs. Norfolk St. (1/2)
Mashack	20	+81	+27 vs. Ole Miss (1/6)
Gainey	20	+76	+20 vs. TN Tech (11/6)
Estrella	15	+38	+20 vs. Norfolk St. (1/2)
Dilione V	11	+22	+12 vs. TN Tech (11/6)
Phillips	10	+21	+9 vs. TN Tech (11/6)
Carr	7	+10	+8 vs. TN Tech (11/6)
Jefferson	1	+1	+1 vs. TN Tech (11/6)

## ROCKY TOP 2023-24 HONORS WATCH

### Josiah-Jordan James

- Preseason Second Team All-SEC (Coaches)

### Dalton Knecht

- The Athletic Midseason Second Team All-American
- Wooden Award Late Season Top 20 Watch List & Midseason Top 25 Watch List
- Lute Olson Award Midseason Watch List
- BHOJ Julius Erving SF of the Year Midseason Top 10 List & Preseason Watch List
- 3x SEC Player of the Week (11/13/23, 1/15/24 & 1/22/24)
- 2x USBWA Oscar Robertson National Player of the Week (1/16/24 & 1/23/24)
- Associated Press National Player of the Week (1/22/24)
- Naismith Trophy National Player of the Week (1/22/24)
- FOX Sports Guard of the Week (1/16/24)
- Allstate Maui Invitational All-Tournament Team

### Santiago Vescovi

- Blue Ribbon Yearbook Preseason Fourth Team All-American
- Preseason First Team All-SEC (Coaches, Media)
- Jersey Mike's Naismith Trophy Preseason Watch List
- Wooden Award Preseason Top 50 Watch List
- BHOJ Jerry West SG of the Year Preseason Watch List

### Zakai Zeigler

- Preseason First Team All-SEC (Coaches)
- Preseason Second Team All-SEC (Media)
- BHOJ Bob Cousy PG of the Year Midseason Top 10 Watch List & Preseason Watch List

## DK'S DOUBLE-DIGIT HALVES

Dalton Knecht has scored 10-plus points in a half 21 times in 20 outings, doing so twice in a game six times. He has notched 15-plus in 11 halves, including 20-plus in five.

Pts.	Half	Opponent	Date
14	1H	Tennessee Tech	Nov. 6, 2023
14	1H	at Wisconsin	Nov. 10, 2023
10	2H	at Wisconsin	Nov. 10, 2023
14	2H	Wofford	Nov. 14, 2023
15	1H	vs. Syracuse	Nov. 20, 2023
13	1H	vs. #2 Purdue	Nov. 21, 2023
10	1H	vs. #1 Kansas	Nov. 22, 2023
15	1H	at #17/16 North Carolina	Nov. 29, 2023
22	2H	at #17/16 North Carolina	Nov. 29, 2023
13	2H	#20/18 Illinois	Dec. 9, 2023
13	1H	Norfolk State	Jan. 2, 2024
26 <sup>^</sup>	2H	at Mississippi State	Jan. 10, 2024
16 <sup>*</sup>	1H	at Georgia	Jan. 13, 2024
20 <sup>*</sup>	2H	at Georgia	Jan. 13, 2024
22 <sup>**</sup>	1H	Florida	Jan. 16, 2024
17 <sup>*</sup>	2H	Florida	Jan. 16, 2024
17 <sup>^</sup>	1H	Alabama	Jan. 20, 2024
11	1H	at Vanderbilt	Jan. 27, 2024
21	2H	at Vanderbilt	Jan. 27, 2024
13	1H	South Carolina	Jan. 30, 2024
18 <sup>+</sup>	2H	South Carolina	Jan. 30, 2024

<sup>^</sup> = six-half stretch (120 minutes) during which he scored 118 points

<sup>\*</sup> = scored 20 points on 9-of-9 shooting in a sub-seven-minute span

<sup>+</sup> = scored 13 points on 5-of-5 shooting in a sub-three-minute span

## TOP 20-GAME POINT TOTALS SINCE 07-08

Below is a list of the most points by a Vol through the his 20 games of a season in the last 17 years (2007-24).

Rk.	Points	Name	Season
1	458	Kevin Punter Jr.	2015-16
2	407	Grant Williams	2018-19
3	402	Dalton Knecht	2023-24
4	377	Jordan McRae	2013-14
5	343	Tyler Smith	2008-09



TENNESSEE  
35+ PT GAMES

TENNESSEE  
30+ PT GAMES

### 3+ IN CAREER

- Dale Ellis (3)
- Ernie Grunfeld (8)
- Allan Houston (6)
- Bernard King (11)
- Dalton Knecht (5)**
- Tony White (4)

### BACK-TO-BACK

- Ernie Grunfeld
- Allan Houston (2x)
- Bernard King (2x)
- Dalton Knecht**
- Ron Widby

### 3+ IN SEASON

- Ernie Grunfeld (1975-76)
- Bernard King (3x)
- Dalton Knecht (2023-24)**
- Tony White (1986-87)

### 2+ ON THE ROAD

- Ernie Grunfeld
- Allan Houston
- Bernard King (4)
- Dalton Knecht**
- Grant Williams

### CAREER LEADERBOARD

- Bernard King (26 in 76 GP)
- Allan Houston (23 in 128 GP)
- Tony White (16 in 127 GP)
- Ernie Grunfeld (12 in 101 GP)
- T-5. Dale Ellis (9 in 118 GP)
- T-5. Chris Lofton (9 in 128 GP)
- Dyron Nix (8 in 113 GP)
- Reggie Johnson (6 in 115 GP)
- T-9. Dalton Knecht (5 in 20 GP)
- T-9. Ed Weiner (5 in 73 GP)
- T-9. Carl Widseth (5 in 88 GP)
- T-9. Grant Williams (5 in 104 GP)
- T-13. Jordan McRae (4 in 114 GP)
- T-13. Ron Widby (4 in 79 GP)

### SINGLE-SEASON LEADERBOARD

- Bernard King (10 in 1974-75)
- T-2. Bernard King (9 in 1976-77)
- T-2. Tony White (9 in 1989-91)
- Allan Houston (8 in 1986-87)
- T-5. Dale Ellis (7 in 1982-83)
- T-5. Ernie Grunfeld (7 in 1975-76)
- T-5. Bernard King (7 in 1975-76)
- T-8. Allan Houston (6 in 1990-91)
- T-8. Chris Lofton (6 in 2006-07)
- T-10. Dalton Knecht (5 in 2023-24)
- T-10. Allan Houston (5 in 1991-92)
- T-10. Tony White (5 in 1985-86)
- T-13. Allan Houston (4 in 1992-93)
- T-13. Dyron Nix (4 in 1988-89)
- T-13. Dyron Nix (4 in 1987-88)
- T-13. Ron Widby (4 in 1966-67)

Dalton Knecht is **THE FIRST VOLUNTEER EVER** to score 30-plus four times in a five-game span.



Dalton Knecht is the first Rick Barnes-coached player with 35 points thrice in a season since Kevin Durant. Knecht's 103 points from Jan. 10-16 outings match the highest mark of Durant's college career.



Dalton Knecht is the first SEC player with back-to-back 35-point games since LSU's Shaquille O'Neal on Feb. 17/20, 1991.

PER JARED BERSON

Dalton Knecht (191) became the eighth Power Six player, including the first in the SEC, over the last 20 seasons (2004-24) to record 190 points in six-game span, joining...

- **Markus Howard**  
Marquette (2019-20 & 2018-19)
- **Trae Young**  
Oklahoma (2017-18)
- **T.J. Warren**  
NC State (2013-14)
- **Marshon Brooks**  
Providence (2010-11)
- **Michael Beasley**  
Kansas State (2007-08)
- **J.J. Redick**  
Duke (2005-06)



Dalton Knecht made 67 field goals. The only other Power Six players to make that many in a six-game stretch in the last decade (2014-24) were both consensus national player of the year honorees.

- **Luka Garza**  
Iowa (Nov. 27-Dec. 19, 2020)
- **Zion Williamson**  
Duke (March 14-29, 2019)

Dalton Knecht scored 25-plus points in six straight games. The last to do so...

in Division I: Antoine Davis, Detroit Mercy (9x from Feb. 2-28, 2023)

in a Power Six league: Markus Howard, Marquette (7x from Jan. 4-24, 2020)

in the SEC: Devan Downey, South Carolina (8x from Jan. 9-Feb. 6, 2010)

DK DOMINANT AT THE DEAN DOME...

- **Dalton Knecht** posted one of the finest outings in Tennessee basketball history on 11/29/23 on the road at #17/16 North Carolina, finishing with 37 points, six rebounds, three assists, two blocks and one steal. He shot 13-of-17 from the field, 4-of-8 beyond the arc and 7-of-8 from the stripe.
- Knecht exited the game with 1:39 left after injuring his left ankle on a drive to the rim and was thus unable to attempt the two free throws he earned.
- Despite his early departure, Knecht tied La Salle's **Lionel Simmons** (1/9/88) for the most points ever by a visitor at the Dean E. Smith Center. Their shared 37-point mark trails only Kent State's **Doug Grayson** (41 on 12/6/67 at Carmichael Arena) on the all-time visitor scoring list versus the Tar Heels at any venue.
- The only other visitors ever to score 35-plus points versus North Carolina at the Dean E. Smith Center are Syracuse's **Cole Swider** (2/28/22), Florida State's **Xavier Rathan-Mayes** (1/24/15), Duke's **J.J. Redick** (2/7/06) and Maryland's **Len Bias** (2/20/86), all of whom did so in ACC play.
- The 37 points are the second-most against North Carolina, regardless of location, in the last 15 seasons (2009-24), behind just the 47 by Kentucky's **Malik Monk** (12/17/16 in Las Vegas), with only six others even reaching 35 during that 15-year span.
- Knecht is one of just 21 players ever to score 37-plus points against the Tar Heels, including one of only 10 to do so away from home.
- Knecht's 37 points are the co-second-most by a Volunteer in the last 21 seasons, trailing only the **Grant Williams** (43 on 1/23/19 at Vanderbilt) and matching another total by Williams (37 on 1/9/18 at Vanderbilt). **Kevin Punter Jr.** (36 on 1/23/16 versus South Carolina), is the only other Vol with a 35-point game in **Rick Barnes'** tenure. Knecht's is the only one in a non-conference game (first at UT in 21 seasons).
- Only 12 prior Vols—30 occurrences—have posted at least 37 points in a game: **Dale Ellis** (two), **Ernie Grunfeld** (four), **Allan Houston** (three), **Reggie Johnson**, **Bernard King** (nine), **Dyron Nix** (two), **Lum Reeder**, **Ron Slay**, **Tony White** (three), **Ron Widby**, **Carl Widseth** and **Grant Williams** (two). Only seven prior Vols—12 occurrences—hit that mark in a true road game and just eight prior Vols—12 occurrences—did so in a non-conference contest.
- Knecht joined **Grant Williams** (two aforementioned games at Vanderbilt) and **Ron Slay** (1/4/03 at New Mexico) as the only Tennessee players with at least 37 points in a contest in the last 33 seasons.
- Knecht tied for the second-most points in a non-conference true road game in program history, matching the marks set by **Allan Houston** (12/22/90 at Oregon State) and **Bernard King** (12/29/75 at Tulane), while trailing only **Tony White** (49 on 12/30/86 at Florida State).
- Prior to Knecht, the last Vol to make 13 field goals on fewer than 20 shots was **Jordan McRae** (13-of-18 on 2/19/13 at LSU). The only other Vol with 13 makes, regardless of attempts, in Barnes' tenure is **Kennedy Chandler** (13-of-20 on 12/4/21 at Colorado).
- Knecht became the first DI player this season to score 37 points against a Power Six team and the third to do so in a regulation game versus any foe.
- The last SEC player with 37-plus points in a non-conference outing was Vanderbilt's **Scotty Pippen Jr.** (38 on 3/4/21 at Cincinnati).
- Knecht's 37 points tied Kentucky's **Antonio Reeves** (3/4/23 at Arkansas) and Kentucky's **Oscar Tshiebo** (1/17/23 versus Georgia) for the most by an SEC player in a regulation game over the last three seasons (2021-24), while only Alabama's **Brandon Miller** (41 on 2/22/23 at South Carolina) had more in an overtime affair during that span.
- Knecht became the second DI player in the last 14 seasons with 37 points on 17 or fewer shots, six rebounds, three assists, two blocks and one steal, joining Eastern Kentucky's **Jarelle Reischel** (11/22/15 versus Longwood).

...SPECTACULAR AT STEGEMAN...

- Under seven weeks after his showing at North Carolina, **Dalton Knecht** dropped 36 points in the win at Georgia on 1/13/24. He scored 20 in the second half, including 10 in the final 5:39 to help the Volunteers rally from an 11-point deficit with under 6:15 left. Knecht shot 12-of-20 from the floor, 5-of-8 from deep and 7-of-9 at the line, while adding four rebounds, three assists, one steal and one block.
- For Knecht, the 20-point second half was his third time in 2023-24 hitting that mark after the intermission. He previously had 22 after the break at #17/16 North Carolina (11/29/23) and 26 in the second session at Mississippi State (1/10/14). The games against Mississippi State (28 total) and Georgia were back-to-back in a four-day span.
- Knecht's performance was the 43rd time a Vol had at least three-dozen points in a game, including the 13th on the road and the 10th in an SEC road game.
- Knecht's outing was just the sixth time in the last 33 seasons (1991-2024) a Volunteer reached 36 points in contest, including the second time he did so, with the other instances belonging to **Kevin Punter Jr.**, **Ron Slay** and **Grant Williams** (two).
- Despite playing only four road games at Tennessee, Knecht became the fifth player in program history with multiple 35-point performances on the road, joining UT legends **Ernie Grunfeld**, **Allan Houston**, **Bernard King** (four) and **Grant Williams**.
- Per Jared Berson, Knecht became the first Volunteer with multiple 35-point games in a single season since **Allan Houston** in 1990-91.
- Through his first four road games at Tennessee—not including his 28-point showing in the exhibition win at Michigan State (10/29/23)—Knecht averaged 31.3 ppg on 61.4 percent (43-of-70) shooting, including a 48.3 percent (14-of-29) mark from deep. He scored 24-plus points in all four outings, while no other Power Six player had even three road outings with 24 points at that point.
- Prior to Knecht, the last Volunteer with 25-plus points in back-to-back games was **Admiral Schofield**, who did so over five years ago, notching 30 against top-ranked Gonzaga in Phoenix on Dec. 9, 2018, and then 29 at Memphis on Dec. 15, 2018.
- The last Tennessee player with 25-plus points in consecutive games that were both on the road against DI foes was **Chris Lofton** nearly 18 years ago when he had 31 on Feb. 7, 2006, at Kentucky and then 33 on Feb. 11, 2006, at Georgia.
- Before Knecht, the last time a Volunteer had 25-plus points in back-to-back conference games, regardless of location, was when **Kevin Punter Jr.**, did so nearly eight years ago, logging 26 on Jan. 20, 2016, against Vanderbilt and then 36 on Jan. 23, 2016, versus South Carolina.
- Knecht became the first SEC player in the last 14 seasons (2011-24) to post 24-plus points in four straight road games in a single season, as the only one to do so at that time—Auburn's **Chris Denson**—did it over the course of two years, from March 2013 through January 2014. Additionally, the only other SEC player in the last 19 seasons (2005-24) to tally 28-plus points in three consecutive road games is LSU **Antonio Blakeney**, who did so in February 2017.
- Knecht became the first SEC player with two straight 28-point games since LSU's **K.J. Williams** had 35 against Vanderbilt on Feb. 22, 2023, and then 29 on Feb. 25, 2023, at Ole Miss. Williams is the only other SEC player in the last four seasons (2021-24) to do that and average at least 32.0 ppg in the stretch.
- The 64 points Knecht tallied at Mississippi State and Georgia tied for the fourth-most in a two-game span by any SEC player in the last seven years (2017-24).
- Knecht, at the time, became one of just four DI players with multiple 36-point outings in 2023-24, joining Purdue's **Zach Edey**, New Orleans' **Jordan Johnson** and McNeese State's **Shahada Wells**.
- Knecht also notched the first two outings of an SEC player producing 36-plus points in 2023-24.

...FANTASTIC AGAINST FLORIDA...

- Three days after putting up 36 points at Georgia, **Dalton Knecht** produced a career-high 39 points and season-best eight rebounds in a victory over Florida on 1/16/24. He shot 13-of-23 from the floor, 4-of-6 beyond the arc and a perfect 9-of-9 at the stripe.
- In the first half alone, Knecht amassed 22 points on 9-of-9 shooting. He scored 20 points in the final 7:03 of the half, hitting all nine of his field-goal attempts in that stretch. He scored 14 straight UT points, tied for the fifth-longest stretch in program history. Knecht added 17 points after the break to give him five straight halves 16-plus points, including three with at least 20, and a total of 101 points in those 100 minutes.
- According to Jared Berson, Knecht became the first SEC player with back-to-back 35-point showings in nearly 33 years, with LSU's **Shaquille O'Neal** the last to do so on Feb. 17/20, 1991,
- Knecht became **Rick Barnes'** first player with 35-plus points thrice in a season since **Kevin Durant** had four such outings in 2006-07 at Texas. Knecht's 103 points in a three-game stretch also matched the top total by Durant in his college career.
- Knecht became the fourth DI player—fifth occurrence—in the last three seasons (2021-24) with back-to-back 35-point games. He also became the first Power Six player to do so since Iowa's **Luka Garza** on Nov. 27/Dec. 3, 2020, as well as the first Power Six player to do so in league play since Marquette's **Markus Howard** on Jan. 15/18, 2020.
- Tennessee has a total of seven 35-point outings by four different players in the last 17 seasons (2007-24), with Knecht owning three of them, including half of the six in regulation.
- Knecht is now one of six players in UT history with at least three 35-point games, joining **Bernard King** (11), **Ernie Grunfeld** (eight), **Allan Houston** (six), **Tony White** (four) and **Dale Ellis** (three).
- Knecht is the fourth Tennessee player with 35-plus points at least thrice in a season, joining Grunfeld (five times in 1975-76), King (all three of his seasons) and White (four times in 1986-87).
- Only four other Tennessee players—six instances—have scored 35-plus points in back-to-back games: Houston in Dec. 1990 and Feb. 1990, King in Feb./March 1977, Grunfeld in March 1976 and Dec. 1975, and **Ron Widby** in March 1967.
- Knecht, Houston (Feb. 1990), King and Widby are the only four Volunteers with back-to-back 35-point showings in SEC play, with the first three the lone trio to log 36-plus in both.
- The lone Vols to log 35-plus points multiple times in SEC play in the same season are Knecht, Houston (1989-90), **Tony White** (1986-87), King (thrice in 1976-77), Grunfeld (1975-76) and Widby (1966-67).
- Knecht became the first Vol with two straight games of 30-plus since **Chris Lofton** on Dec. 6/16, 2006.
- Per Elias Sports Bureau, Knecht became the first SEC player with three straight 28-point outings since LSU's **Cameron Thomas** from Dec. 26, 2020, to Jan. 2, 2021. Over the last seven years (2017-24), the Knecht and Arkansas' **Mason Jones** (Jan. 29-Feb. 4, 2020) are the only SEC player with 28-plus in three straight conference affairs.
- Over the last 15 seasons (2009-24), Knecht is one of three SEC players to reach 100 points in a three-game span, joining Ole Miss' **Breoin Tyree** (101 from Feb. 5-11, 2020) and Arkansas' **Mason Jones** (104 from Jan. 29-Feb. 4, 2020).
- The last SEC player with 75-plus points in a two-game stretch was Kentucky's **Jodie Meeks** nearly 15 years ago when he had 76 on Jan. 13/18, 2009.
- Knecht became the ninth DI player—12th occurrence—in the last four seasons (2020-24) to log 75-plus in a two-game span.
- Knecht recorded each of the first three performances of at least three-dozen points by an SEC player in 2023-24, each on 23 or fewer shots.



...VIRTUOSO AT VANDERBILT...

- Following a 25-point performance against Alabama (1/20/24), **Dalton Knecht** turned in yet another 30-point performance, this time totaling 32 in a win at Vanderbilt on 1/27/24. He shot 13-of-21 from the field to tie his season high in makes and went 3-of-7 from long range. Knecht added six rebounds, three assists and a career-high three blocked shots.
- Knecht scored 21 points after halftime, including a personal 7-0 run in 76 seconds, to help the Volunteers turn a five-point deficit at the intermission into a 13-point triumph. It marked the fifth time this season, including the fourth in five games, he turned in a 20-point half.
- Knecht increased his road scoring average as a Volunteer to 31.4 ppg, posting 24-plus points in each of his five outings while shooting 56-of-91 (61.5 percent) from the field and 17-of-36 (47.2 percent) beyond the arc.
- The only other SEC player in the last 19 seasons (2005-24) with 24-plus points in five consecutive road games was South Carolina's **Devan Downey** from Dec. 30, 2009-Feb. 6, 2010. Since then, only two other Power Six players have achieved the feat in a single season: Seton Hall's **Myles Powell** from Dec. 30, 2019-Feb. 5, 2020, and Oklahoma's **Buddy Hield** from Nov. 17, 2015-Jan. 18, 2016.
- The only other DI player to record five straight 24-point performances on the road this season is Stetson's **Jalen Blackmon**, who did so from Dec. 5, 2023-Jan. 10, 2024.
- Knecht became the second SEC player in the last 19 seasons (2005-24) with five straight 25-point games, joining the aforementioned **Devan Downey**, who had seven in a row from Jan. 9-Feb. 6, 2010. In addition, only three other DI players had previously hit the mark this season: Monmouth's **Xander Rice** (Jan. 8-20, 2024), Denver's **Tommy Bruner** (Dec. 29, 2023-Jan. 13, 2024) and North Carolina's **R.J. Davis** (Nov. 24-Dec 16, 2023).
- Knecht became the ninth SEC player in the last 14 seasons (2010-24) with at least four 30-point games in a single campaign, joining Texas A&M's **Wade Taylor IV** (five in 2023-24), Alabama's **Brandon Miller** (2022-23), Vanderbilt's **Scotty Pippen Jr.** (five in 2021-22), Arkansas' **Mason Jones** (nine in 2019-20), Vanderbilt's **Saben Lee** (2019-20), Ole Miss' **Breein Tyree** (2019-20), Kentucky's **Malik Monk** (2016-17) and Ole Miss' **Stefan Moody** (five in 2015-16). Only five of those individuals (Knecht, Pippen, Jones, Tyree and Monk) hit 32 four times.
- Knecht is the only SEC player in the last 19 seasons (2005-24) to score 160 points in a five-game stretch and the first DI player do so this season. The only individuals to do so in the prior three years (2020-23) are Detroit Mercy's **Antoine Davis**, Liberty's **Darius McGhee**, Bryant's **Peter Kiss**, Missouri State's **Isiah Mosley** and Oral Roberts' **Max Abmas**.
- The last Power Six player to record 160 points in a five-game stretch was Marquette's **Markus Howard** in Jan. 2020, with that the lone other occurrence in the last five seasons (2019-24).
- Per Elias Sports Bureau, Knecht became the first DI player to log 32-plus points thrice in a four-game stretch since **Erik Reynolds II** of St. Joseph's from Feb. 26-March 8, 2023. The last Power Six player to do so was Iowa's **Luka Garza** from Nov. 27-Dec. 11, 2020. Additionally, the last occurrence in the SEC was over 17 years ago when Tennessee's own **Chris Lofton** did it from Dec. 6-23, 2006.

20+ PPG BACK TO BACK (THROUGH 1/31/24)

Below is a list of all DI players averaging 20.0 points per game this season who also did so last year.

Name	Current School	2023-24	2022-23
Zach Edey	Purdue	23.4	22.3
<b>Dalton Knecht</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>20.2</b>
Drew Pember	UNC Asheville	20.3	21.0
Elijah Pepper	UC Davis	21.1	22.5

...SUPERB VERSUS SOUTH CAROLINA

- In his next outing, just three days later, **Dalton Knecht** registered 31 points against South Carolina on 1/30/24. He shot 11-of-24 from the floor and grabbed seven rebounds.
- Knecht scored 13 points in the first half and 18 in the second, giving him 11-plus in 10 of the last 11 frames. It marked the sixth time this season he logged double-digit points in both halves, including the fourth time in five games.
- Knecht became the first DI player this season with a six-game 25-point scoring streak as the last individual to do so was the second-leading scorer in DI history, Detroit Mercy's **Antoine Davis**, who had a nine-game stretch from Feb. 2-28, 2023. The last Power Six player with a six-game single-season streak of 25-plus points was Marquette's **Markus Howard**, who amassed a seven-game mark from Jan. 4-24, 2020. The only other SEC player to achieve the feat in at least the last 19 seasons (2004-24) is South Carolina's **Devan Downey**, who compiled eight in a row from Jan. 9-Feb. 6, 2010.
- The only two other Power Six players in the last decade (2014-24) to make at least 67 field goals in a single-season six-game stretch both were both consensus national player of the year honorees: Iowa's **Luka Garza** (Nov. 27-Dec. 19, 2020) and Duke's **Zion Williamson** (March 14-29, 2019).
- The last Power Six player to log 30-plus points four times in a five-game span was the aforementioned **Markus Howard**, who tallied five such outings in a row from Feb. 22-March 7, 2020. The aforementioned **Devan Downey** was the last SEC player to do it, as he hit those marks from Jan. 16-30, 2010.
- Over the last 14 seasons (2010-24), only four other SEC players have registered 30-plus points at least five times in a season: Texas A&M's **Wade Taylor IV** (2023-24), Vanderbilt's **Scotty Pippen Jr.** (2021-22), Arkansas' **Mason Jones** (nine times in 2019-20) and Ole Miss' **Stefan Moody** (2015-16).
- Knecht, with 191, is the second DI player in the last two seasons (2022-24) with 190 points in a six-game span, joining Detroit Mercy's **Antoine Davis**, who had seven instances in 2022-23. Knecht is the only SEC player to do that in at least the last 20 seasons (2004-24).
- In addition, over those same 20 years, only six other Power Six players have recorded a six-game span with at least 190 points: Marquette's **Markus Howard** (three concurrent stretches in an eight-game span from Jan. 1-24, 2020, as well as from Dec. 1-28, 2018), Oklahoma's **Trae Young** (six concurrent stretches in an 11-game span from Nov. 23, 2017-Jan. 30, 2018), NC State's **T.J. Warren** (three concurrent stretches in an eight-game span from Feb. 18-March 14, 2014), Providence's **Marshon Brooks** (two concurrent stretches in a seven-game span from Feb. 2-27, 2011), Kansas State's **Michael Beasley** (two concurrent stretches in a seven-game span from Feb. 13-March 4, 2008) and Duke's **J.J. Redick** (eight concurrent stretches in a 13-game span from Jan. 11-Feb. 22, 2006).
- Knecht became the third Vol in the last 17 seasons (2007-24) with at least seven 25-point performances in a single campaign, joining **Kevin Punter Jr.** (eight in 2015-16) and **Jordan McRae** (seven in 2013-14).
- In just 20 appearances in a Tennessee uniform, Knecht became only the 12th player in program history with at least five 30-point games.
- Knecht is the seventh Volunteer to amass at least five 30-point games in a single season, joining **Allan Houston** (thrice), **Bernard King** (thrice), **Tony White** (twice), **Dale Ellis**, **Ernie Grunfeld** and **Chris Lofton**.
- Knecht became the first Tennessee player ever to score 30-plus four times in five games. The prior record was a six-game mark held by **Chris Lofton** (Nov. 27-Dec. 23, 2006), **Allan Houston** (Jan. 27-Feb. 14, 1990), **Tony White** (Dec. 27, 1986-Jan. 10, 1987) and **Bernard King** (Nov. 30-Dec. 21, 1974).

30-POINT GAMES LEADERS (THROUGH 1/31/24)

Below is a list of DI players with the most 30-point games in 2023-24.

Rk.	Num.	Name	School
1	7	Tommy Bruner	Denver
2	6	Zach Edey	Purdue
T-3	5	Xavier Johnson	So. Illinois
<b>T-3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Dalton Knecht</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>
T-3	5	Noah Reynolds	Green Bay
T-3	5	Wade Taylor IV	Texas A&M
T-7	4	Tyson Acuff	E. Michigan
T-7	4	Jayden Epps	Georgetown
T-7	4	Landon Glasper	N. Carolina A&T
T-7	4	Jordan Johnson	New Orleans

25-POINT GAMES LEADERS (THROUGH 1/31/24)

Below is a list of DI players with the most 25-point games in 2023-24.

Rk.	Num.	Name	School
1	13	Tommy Bruner	Denver
2	11	Zach Edey	Purdue
T-3	9	Marcus Hill	Bowling Green
T-3	9	Xavier Johnson	So. Illinois
T-3	9	Xander Rice	Monmouth
6	8	Jalen Blackmon	Stetson
T-7	7	Wesley Cardet	Chicago State
T-7	7	R.J. Davis	North Carolina
T-7	7	Tucker DeVries	Drake
T-7	7	Jordan Johnson	New Orleans
T-7	7	David Jones	Memphis
<b>T-7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Dalton Knecht</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>
T-7	7	Drew Pember	UNC Asheville

DI 2022-24 SCORING LIST (THROUGH 1/31/24)

Below is a list of the top point totals by DI players over the last two seasons (2022-24), through 1/31/24.

Rk.	Points	Name	GP	Current School
1	1271	Zach Edey	56	Purdue
2	1202	Drew Pember	58	UNC Asheville
3	1118	Elijah Pepper	51	UC Davis
4	1115	Max Abmas	55	Texas
5	1082	Tommy Bruner	54	Denver
6	1077	Marques Warrick	57	Nor. Kentucky
7	1070	Trey Calvin	53	Wright State
8	1058	James Bishop IV	53	G. Washington
9	1057	Tucker DeVries	55	Drake
<b>10</b>	<b>1048</b>	<b>Dalton Knecht</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>
11	1043	Demarcus Sharp	56	Austin Peay
12	1032	Quincy Olivari	56	Xavier
13	1027	Tyler Thomas	56	Hofstra
14	1022	Hunter Dickinson	55	Kansas
15	1020	Erik Reynolds II	54	St. Joseph's



**(TOP) TWO IN A ROW**

- In its final two games of the Allstate Maui Invitational, Tennessee played #2 Purdue (11/21/23) and #1 Kansas (11/22/23) in Honolulu.
- According to **Will Warren**, Tennessee became the third team in the last 50 years to play the top two teams in the AP Poll in back-to-back regular season non-conference games. The Volunteers joined Bellarmine in 2021-22 (92-50 loss at #1 Gonzaga on 11/19/21 and 75-62 loss versus #2 UCLA in Las Vegas on 11/22/21) and Kansas in 1989-90 (89-83 win at #2 LSU on 11/17/89 and 91-77 win versus #1 UNLV in New York on 11/22/89).
- This was the first time UT ever played back-to-back games against AP top-three teams. It twice previously played consecutive games versus AP top-five foes: 1/18/06 at #4 Memphis (88-79 loss) and 1/21/06 versus #2 Florida (80-76 win), plus 12/1/65 at #2 Michigan (71-63 loss) and 12/7/65 versus #4 Vanderbilt (53-50 loss).
- Per FOX Sports Research, the Vols became the first team since Jan. 1972 to play the AP's top two teams on back-to-back days, as Loyola Chicago last did so on 1/28/72 versus #1 UCLA (92-64 loss) and 1/29/72 against #2 Marquette (69-67), both at home.

**THREE TOUGH TESTS**

- After playing Purdue and Kansas, Tennessee next went to #17/16 North Carolina (11/29/23) for an ACC/SEC Challenge matchup in Chapel Hill, N.C.
- It marked the first time in program history UT played three consecutive non-conference games in a single season against AP top-25 foes and their first time doing so in any games since Jan. 2012. They also did so Jan. 2004 (four in a row) and Feb. 2001. Each of those stretches included just one game away from home, while this one was exclusively so.
- Purdue (**Zach Edey**), Kansas (**Hunter Dickinson**) and North Carolina (**Armando Bacot**) all feature AP Preseason First Team All-American big men.
- During that stretch, Purdue (48-30), Kansas (22-8) and North Carolina (38-16) all took at least 14 more free throws than the Vols, who were minus-54 in attempts across the three outings.

**TRAVEL TIME**

- Tennessee played four consecutive non-home games from 11/20/23 to 11/29/23, marking its first time doing so since the 2011-22 season when had four straight from 11/21/11 to 11/28/11.
- Of the Volunteers' seven contests in November, only two came on their home court. The only other Power Six teams that did not play at home at least thrice in November were Oregon and Texas A&M.

**FOUR OF FIVE**

- Following its four straight road games, including the three against top-20 foes, Tennessee returned home to play George Mason (12/5/23). It next faced #20/18 Illinois (12/9/23) at Food City Center, making it four top-20 foes in a five-game span.
- This was the fourth time in program history the Vols faced four AP-ranked teams in a five-game span. Most recently, in Jan. 2012, it faced #13 Florida (home win), #20 Mississippi State (road loss), #2 Kentucky (home loss) and #13 Connecticut (home win) in a five-game stretch. In Jan./Feb. 2004, the Vols had seven such foes in a nine-game span and went 2-5 in those outings. The other occasion was Feb./March 2002 to close the regular season and UT went 1-3 in those affairs
- This stretch in 2023 marked the first time Tennessee has played such a stretch exclusively in non-conference play, as well as its first time doing so while ranked.
- Additionally, this was the third time UT played four top-20 teams in a five-game span (2012 and 2002).

**STRENUOUS START**

- As of 12/11/23, through its first nine games of the season, Tennessee ranked fifth in the nation in KenPom strength of schedule rankings and was the only Power Six team in the top seven of the list

**STAT SHEET-STUFFING STRETCH**

- Facing top-ranked Kansas (11/22/23) in Honolulu, **Jonas Aidoo** amassed eight points, 11 rebounds, three blocks and three steals. He became the first Vol in **Rick Barnes'** tenure to compile that stat line, as well as the first DI player to do so against a Power Six foe since DePaul's **Nick Ongenda** on 2/25/23 versus Georgetown.
- In the ensuing outing, Aidoo recorded 13 points on 5-of-7 shooting at #17/16 North Carolina (11/29/23).
- Then, against George Mason (12/5/23), Aidoo had a career-high 17 points, eight rebounds, a co-career-best four assists and one block, becoming the first Vol with those numbers since **Josiah-Jordan James** on 3/1/22 at Georgia.
- Aidoo then posted 14 points and seven rebounds in the victory over No. 20/18 Illinois (12/9/23).
- Next, Aidoo scored a career-high 29 points on 10-of-16 shooting, also setting career bests in makes and attempts. He added 11 rebounds to notch his third-career double-double, as well as two blocks and two steals. Prior to Aidoo, the last four Power Six players with at least 29p/11r/2b/2s in a game were consensus National Player of the Year **Oscar Tshiebwe** of Kentucky (3/17/22), eventual top-25 pick **Kris Murray** of Iowa (1/13/22), consensus First Team All-American and eventual top-10 pick **Johnny Davis** of Wisconsin (1/3/22) and consensus First Team All-American and eventual No. 1 overall pick **Cade Cunningham** of Oklahoma State (2/27/21).
- During the four-game stretch from 11/29 (North Carolina) through 12/12 (Georgia Southern), Aidoo averaged 18.3 ppg and 7.5 rpg on 60.9 percent (28-of-46) shooting. He posted 13-plus points in all four contests after only hitting that mark twice in the first 59 games of his career.

**SENSATIONAL SHOOTING**

- In the victory over NC State (12/16/23) in San Antonio, Texas, **Josiah-Jordan James** (5-of-7) and **Zakai Zeigler** (4-of-8) became the first UT duo to each log four-plus made 3-pointers in a contest in over seven years. The last pair to do so was **Lamonté Turner** (7-of-11) and **Jordan Bowden** (5-of-10) on 12/6/16 in a 90-50 home win against Presbyterian.
- The five made 3-pointers set a career high for James and matched a then-career best for Zeigler.
- Additionally, that contest started a four-game stretch during which Zeigler went 14-of-33 (42.4 percent) from 3-point range after opening the season 9-of-37 (24.3 percent) in the first 10 contests. Zeigler made four-plus 3-pointers in three of those five games, including a career-best five against Norfolk State (1/2/24), after hitting that many just twice in his first 75 collegiate outings.

**DOUBLE TROUBLE**

- **Jonas Aidoo** (24 points, 10 rebounds) and **Zakai Zeigler** (17 points, 10 assists) both registered double-doubles in the SEC-opening victory over #22/19 Ole Miss (1/6/24). The last time Tennessee had both a points/rebounds and a points/assists double-double in the same game was 2/2/19, when **Jordan Bone** (18 points, 10 assists) and **Grant Williams** (22 points, 10 rebounds) achieved the feat.
- For Zeigler, the points/assists double-double was the sixth of his career, moving him past Rodney Woods (1972-75) for sole possession of the program's all-time record.

**ROUND NUMBERS**

- Multiple Volunteers hit significant milestones in the team's first game of 2024, an 87-50 victory over Norfolk State (1/2/24).
- **Josiah-Jordan James** became the 15th Volunteer to start **100** games. In addition, **Santiago Vescovi** became the fourth to open 123 contests.
- **Rick Barnes** logged his **200th** win over a current DI program during his 37-year head coaching career.
- Vescovi became the 10th player in SEC history, including the third Volunteer, to make **300** career 3-pointers. Of the nine players above him, seven had more appearances at that time.
- Vescovi also became the eighth Tennessee player to notch **400** career assists.
- James eclipsed **700** career rebounds, becoming the 18th player in program history to hit that figure.

**DYNAMIC DUO**

- At Mississippi State (1/10/24), **Dalton Knecht** (28) and **Zakai Zeigler** (26) became the first Vol duo with 25-plus points in a game since 11/24/15, when **Armani Moore** (29) and **Kevin Punter Jr.** (26) did so against Army West Point. That is the only other occurrence at UT in the last 19 seasons (2005-24).
- Knecht and Zeigler also became the first teammates to score 25-plus in an SEC road game since 2/6/21 when Ole Miss' **Romello White** (30) and **Devontae Shuler** (26) did so at Auburn.

**IT'S BEEN A WHILE**

- **Jonas Aidoo** amassed 10 points, a career-best 15 rebounds and a co-career-high five blocks in the win at Georgia (1/13/24). He became the first UT player with 15-plus rebounds since **Kyle Alexander** (17) on 1/8/19 at Missouri and the first with seven-plus offensive boards since **Yves Pons** (eight) on 2/4/20 at Alabama. Aidoo became the only Vol in the last 15 seasons with a 10p/15r/5b game and the first SEC player to achieve that line since Auburn's **Walker Kessler** in an overtime affair on 2/8/22 at Arkansas.

**SNATCHING STEALS**

- **Zakai Zeigler** compiled 25 steals in a nine-game stretch from 12/12/23 to 1/20/24, making him the second Tennessee player to hit that mark in **Rick Barnes'** tenure. The other was **Kennedy Chandler**, who had 26 from 11/26/21 to 1/8/22. In addition, Zeigler needed just 83 appearances to reach 150 total steals as a Volunteer, hitting that mark 1/20/24 against Alabama in the last of that nine-game span.



### ZEIGLER ATTACKED REHABILITATION

- **Zakai Zeigler** suffered a season-ending left ACL tear three minutes into Tennessee's 2022-23 home finale against Arkansas (2/28/23).
- Zeigler underwent surgery on 3/13/23 and spent the entire offseason rehabbing under the collaborative direction of athletic trainer **Chad Newman**, director of sports performance **Garrett Medenwald** and director of rehabilitation **John Dean**.
- After missing the final six-plus games of 2022-23, all three of UT's contests during its foreign tour to Italy and both 2023-24 exhibition outings, Zeigler returned for the season opener, notching five assists in 12 minutes versus Tennessee Tech (11/6/23).
- Zeigler, who led the SEC in assists last year (5.4 apg), earned SEC All-Defensive Team honors in each of his first two seasons at UT. In 2022-23, he was a Second Team All-SEC pick and one of 10 semifinalists for Naismith Defensive Player of the Year.

### Z IS KEY

- In **Zakai Zeigler's** three seasons, Tennessee is 7-4 against AP top-10 teams. He is averaging 13.1 ppg in the seven victories and 8.3 ppg in the four defeats.

DATE	OPPONENT	POINTS	RESULT
Nov. 20, 2021	#5 Villanova (N)	7 points	L, 71-53
Dec. 12, 2021	#6 Arizona (H)	3 points	W, 77-73
Feb. 15, 2022	#4 Kentucky (H)	14 points	W, 76-63
Feb. 26, 2022	#3 Auburn (H)	13 points	W, 67-62
March 12, 2022	#5 Kentucky (N)	11 points	W, 69-62
Nov. 25, 2022	#3 Kansas (N)	14 points	W, 64-50
Dec. 17, 2022	#9 Arizona (A)	21 points	L, 75-70
Jan. 28, 2023	#10 Texas (H)	22 points	W, 82-71
Feb. 15, 2023	#1 Alabama (H)	15 points	W, 68-59
Nov. 21, 2023	#2 Purdue (N)	5 points	L, 71-67
Nov. 22, 2023	#1 Kansas (N)	0 points	L, 69-60

### ZEIGLER FAMILY RELOCATED TO ROCKY TOP FOLLOWING TRAGEDY

- On 2/26/22, **Zakai Zeigler's** mother's apartment complex in Queens, N.Y., was destroyed by a fire. His mother, **Charmane Zeigler**, and Zakai's special-needs nephew, Nori, whom Charmane is raising, lost everything.
- On 3/2/22, aided by Tennessee Athletics' compliance office and administration, Zeigler launched a [GoFundMe](#) fundraiser. UT fans collectively donated over \$363,000 in under 24 hours.
- That summer, thanks to Vol fans' generosity of Volunteer fans, Charmane and Nori permanently relocated to Knoxville, Tenn.

### RECAPPING THE VOLS' TRIP TO ITALY

- Tennessee went a perfect 3-0 during a three-game exhibition tour of Italy that saw the team visit Milan, Como, Florence and Rome from July 31 - Aug. 9.
- The Volunteers posted back-to-back victories over the Lithuanian U21 National Team in Florence. They claimed the first game by 40 points, 97-57, and the second by 26 points, 116-90.
- Tennessee ended the trip with a 46-point win, 97-51, over Rome-based professional club A.S. Stella Azzurra in its home gym.
- **Dalton Knecht** was the team's top scorer in Italy, averaging 16.3 ppg. He shot 52.9 percent from the field and 48.0 percent from beyond the arc.
- **Tobe Awaka** averaged a double-double through the three games, putting up 13.7 ppg and 10.3 rpg.
- **Jordan Gainey** averaged 12.7 ppg on 39.1 percent 3-point shooting, while **Santiago Vescovi** logged 12.0 ppg and 5.0 apg on 56.6 long-range shooting.
- **Freddie Dilione V**, in his first action as a Volunteer, averaged 11.0 ppg and a team-high 5.3 apg.
- **Rick Barnes** had associate head coach **Justin Gainey** to serve as Tennessee's acting head coach in all three games.

### BIG SHOWING ON A BIG STAGE

- **Tobe Awaka** was a top contributor and rebounding juggernaut for Team USA during its fourth-place showing at the 2023 FIBA Men's U19 World Cup in Debrecen, Hungary, in late June and early July.
- Awaka started six of seven games for Team USA and was the squad's second-leading scorer, averaging 11.6 ppg on 60 percent shooting. His 10.6 rpg led Team USA and were the second-most among all players in the tournament. Awaka's 20.4 rebounds per 40 minutes far and away led all players who logged significant minutes during the event.
- Awaka, despite averaging just 20.7 mpg, was the only player in the tournament to record four double-doubles and was also one of only three individuals to average a double-double.
- With a 18.1 FIBA efficiency rating for the tournament, Awaka paced Team USA and finished fifth among all players at the elite global event.

### FIVE FANTASTIC FRESHMEN

- UT has a quintet of freshmen on its roster, including three first-year players and two redshirt freshmen.
- **Cameron Carr**, who stands 6'5 and hails from Eden Prairie, Minn., is a consensus four-star, top-65 recruit who joins the Vols from Link Academy (Mo.). His father, Chris, played in the NBA for six years and his older sister, Christianna, played Power Five basketball at three schools.
- **Freddie Dilione V** is a 6'5 guard from Fayetteville, N.C., who joined the Vols as an early enrollee in January 2023 before redshirting the remainder of the season. Prior to reclassifying up, the Word of God Christian Academy product was a top-25 recruit according to 247Sports.
- **J.P. Estrella** stands 6'11 and the forward from Scarborough, Mass., is the co-tallest player on UT's roster. A unanimous four-star, top-80 recruit, he is the son of a former Boston College women's basketball player, Allie (Booth) Estrella, and a graduate of powerhouse Brewster Academy (N.H.).
- **D.J. Jefferson** is a 6'5 guard who graduated from Minnesota Prep Academy (Minn.) and is a native of Richardson, Texas, becoming UT's first player ever from the Dallas area. A four-star recruit who placed No. 51 in On3's rankings, Jefferson spent the entire 2022-23 campaign with the Vols and redshirted.
- **Cade Phillips**, a 6'9 forward, is graduate of Link Academy (Mo.), where he teamed with Carr to lead the team to a 27-1 record. An ESPN four-star recruit from Jacksonville, Ala., his dad (John David), uncle and grandfather all played football at Alabama, while his mother (Reagan) played basketball there.

### ACADEMIC ACCOLADES

- In each of the last two years, Tennessee has earned the NABC's Team Academic Excellence Award for posting a team GPA of 3.0 or better. The 2022-23 squad owned a 3.33 GPA.
- Both those years, the Volunteers were one of only three SEC teams to earn the award. In addition, **Santiago Vescovi** was named to the NABC Honors Court each year, as his personal GPA exceeded 3.2.
- Basketball student-athletes are at their busiest during the spring semester, but the Vols have still managed to improve their team GPA each of the last two springs, going from a 3.08 in spring 2021 to a 3.26 in spring 2022 to a 3.29 in spring 2023.
- Most recently, UT posted a 3.39 GPA in the 2023 fall semester, its best mark in any semester ever.

### BACK TO BACK

- In 2022-23, for the second straight season, **Santiago Vescovi** led the SEC in 3-point percentage during league games (38.7) last year. He also placed second in 3-point makes per game (2.71) during SEC play.
- As a sophomore in 2021-22, Vescovi shot a league-best 44.5 percent from deep during SEC play while making an SEC-leading 3.17 3-pointers per game.



**Santiago Vescovi** is first all-time at UT in starts (130), second in minutes (4,081), third made 3-pointers (311) and steals (195) and No. 19 in scoring (1,475). Career leaderboards can be found on Page 17.

### FAST FACTS

**Rick Barnes** is No. 15 all-time among DI head coaches (min. 10 years at the DI level) with 794 victories, a figure that puts him second among active coaches.

Barnes is top-eight among active DI head coaches in victories (second with 794), 20-win seasons (co-fifth with 23), 25-win seasons (seventh with 11) and 30-win seasons (co-eighth with three). He is also third in both seasons as a head coach (37) and games coached (1,205).

Additionally, Barnes owns the most NCAA Tournament berths (27) of any active DI head coach, ranking fifth all-time. He is also sixth among active coaches in NCAA Tournament games (54) and victories (27).

*More information and rankings can be found on Pages 19-20.*

### NAMES, NUMBERS IN THE RAFTERS

Last season, Tennessee retired the number of Chris Lofton, the SEC's all-time leader in made 3-pointers (431) and the fourth-leading scorer in UT history (2,131). His name is now the seventh (fifth player) in Food City Center's rafters. A full list is below.

#### RETIRED NUMBERS

NO.	NAME	RETIRED DATE
-	Ray Mears (coach)	March 1, 2006
-	John Ward (broadcaster)	March 1, 2006
53	Bernard King	Feb. 13, 2007
22	Ernie Grunfeld	March 2, 2008
20	Allan Houston	March 6, 2011

#### RETIRED JERSEYS

NO.	NAME	RETIRED DATE
14	Dale Ellis	March 1, 2014
5	Chris Lofton	Jan. 14, 2023

## THOMPSON-BOLING ARENA AT FOOD CITY CENTER



CAPACITY: **21,678** | OVERALL RECORD IN 37 SEASONS AT THOMPSON-BOLING ARENA AT FOOD CITY CENTER: **449-141 (.761)**

### FACILITIES NOTES

#### ELITE ATTENDANCE

- For each of the last four non-COVID-impacted seasons, Tennessee finished in the top five nationally in average home attendance. The Vols drew an average of 18,781 fans to 16 games at Food City Center last season, fifth-most in the country.
- The Vols have ranked top-20 in attendance for 18 consecutive years, including 11 seasons ranked in the top five nationally during that stretch.
- Tennessee's total number of season tickets sold this year (14,500) exceeds last year's average home attendance of all but 11 DI programs. In other words, before selling any single-game tickets, the Vols are likely assured of finishing in the top 15 nationally in average home attendance this year.

#### 2022-23 AVERAGE HOME ATTENDANCE LEADERS

1. North Carolina	19,890	6. Creighton	17,163
2. Kentucky	19,873	7. Kansas	16,300
3. Syracuse	19,102	8. Indiana	16,101
4. Arkansas	19,051	9. Illinois	15,091
5. Tennessee	18,781	10. Wisconsin	15,081

#### TOPPING THE CHART

- The Vols and Lady Vols posted the highest combined attendance of any school in the country in 2022-23. Tennessee's total of 451,142 fans was 7.3 percent more than second place and 15.2 percent more than third place.

#### 2022-23 COMBINED BASKETBALL ATTENDANCE

Rank	School	Total
1	Tennessee	451,142
2	Kentucky	420,533
3	Indiana	391,502
4	Syracuse	386,373
5	Arkansas	383,649

#### HOME HOOPS DURING THE BARNES ERA

- Tennessee is 118-23 (.837) at Food City Center under **Rick Barnes**, including 57-19 (.750) in SEC play.
- Barnes has led the Vols to a 16-6 (.727) home record against AP top-25 foes, including a 13-5 (.722) mark versus top-20 teams, a 10-3 (.769) ledger against the top 15, a 7-1 (.875) tally versus top-10 opponents and a perfect 5-0 record against the top five.
- The Volunteers have won 11 straight home games versus ranked teams, dating back to 1/30/21 against #15/18 Kansas.

#### 20,000 STRONG

- In **Rick Barnes'** nine seasons, UT has played in front of a home crowd of at least 20,000 on 31 occasions.
- Last year, the Volunteers had five sellout crowds, at the time tying a arena single-season record. All 21,678 tickets were sold for matchups with Kentucky (1/14/23), Texas (1/28/23), Auburn (2/4/23), Missouri (2/11/23) and Alabama (2/15/23).
- Tennessee has already eclipsed that mark this season by selling out seven home games, its most ever at Food City Center: Illinois (12/9/23), Ole Miss (1/6/24), Alabama (1/20/23), Vanderbilt (2/17/24), Texas A&M (2/24/23), Auburn (2/28/24) and Kentucky (3/9/23).

#### AVG. HOME ATTENDANCE DURING THE BARNES ERA

Season	Average	NCAA Rank
2015-16	14,233	No. 17
2016-17	13,637	No. 20
2017-18	16,210	No. 8
2018-19	19,034	No. 4
2019-20	18,990	No. 4
2020-21	4,191 (COVID)	N/A
2021-22	18,202	No. 5
2022-23	18,781	No. 5

#### SEASON TICKETS EXCEED 13K AGAIN

- For the seventh consecutive full-capacity season, Tennessee has sold over 13,000 season tickets. This year, the Vols sold out of the full allotment of 14,500.

#### NATION'S MOST PASSIONATE FANS

- Tennessee in 2022-23 was yet again the only school in America to rank in the top 10 in average home attendance for football, men's basketball and women's basketball.
- In football, the Vols ranked fifth with an average home attendance of 100,532 in 2022.
- In hoops, the Vols and Lady Vols finished the season fifth (18,781) and seventh (8,369), in the NCAA, respectively.

#### ONE FLY, WE ALL FLY ... AT 14:00

- Tennessee's newest tradition started in 2018-19, but has become appointment viewing prep game. With approximately 14:00 left on the clock, UT executes its "One Fly, We All Fly" unified slam dunk.
- Each game's "dunker" is determined by feel and the Vol who is feeling especially bouncy that day is identified. His teammates then circle the paint before the dunker explodes toward the rim. When the dunker takes flight, so do his teammates. As the ball is slammed and the Vols land in unison, UT fans in attendance let out a roar. The Vols then briefly return to the locker room for final preparations.
- Teams across all levels of basketball across the globe—including multiple NBA teams (even **LeBron James** weighed in on Instagram)—have replicated "OFWAF" which is believed to have been named by VFL **Admiral Schofield**, now on the Orlando Magic.
- The number of times each Volunteer has been the designated dunker in 2023-24 can be found at the bottom of Page 9.

### LARGEST COLLEGE ARENAS

Rank	Arena	School	Capacity	Location	League	On/Off
1	JMA Wireless Dome	Syracuse	35,446	Syracuse, N.Y.	ACC	On
2	Greensboro Coliseum	UNC Greensboro*	23,000	Greensboro, N.C.	SoCon	Off
3	KFC Yum! Center	Louisville	22,090	Louisville, Ky.	ACC	Off
4	Dean E. Smith Center	North Carolina	21,750	Chapel Hill, N.C.	ACC	On
5	Food City Center	Tennessee	21,678	Knoxville, Tenn.	SEC	On
6	Capital One Arena	Georgetown	20,600	Washington, D.C.	BIG EAST	Off
7	Rupp Arena	Kentucky	20,500	Lexington, Ky.	SEC	Off
8	Madison Square Garden	St. John's*	19,812	New York, N.Y.	BIG EAST	Off
9	PNC Arena	NC State	19,700	Raleigh, N.C.	ACC	Off
10	Bud Walton Arena	Arkansas	19,368	Fayetteville, Ark.	SEC	On
11	Marriott Center	BYU	18,987	Provo, Utah	Big 12	On
12	Value City Arena	Ohio State	18,809	Columbus, Ohio	Big Ten	On

Food City Center is the fifth-largest venue in the country, including third-largest among on-campus arenas. It is also the second-largest non-ACC facility in America, including the largest among the other Power Five conferences. It is one of just seven venues with over 20,000 seats.

One of the two schools with a larger arena, UNC Greensboro, only uses it part of the time, as it also has an on-campus facility. The same applies to St. John's, which ranks eighth with its off-campus venue.



**SUPERLATIVES**

**TENNESSEE'S RECORD WHEN...**

Facing AP top-10 opponents.....0-2  
 Facing AP top-25 opponents.....2-3  
 Facing AP RV opponents.....2-1  
 Facing teams over .500 on gameday.....12-5  
 Facing teams under .500 on gameday.....2-0  
 Facing teams at .500 on gameday (includes 0-0).....1-0  
 Ranked in AP top 10.....11-5  
 Ranked in AP top 25.....15-5  
 Receiving AP votes.....0-0  
 Both teams are in AP top 10.....0-2  
 Both teams are in AP top 25.....2-3

Going to overtime.....0-0

Leading at halftime.....13-1  
 Trailing at halftime.....2-3  
 Tied at halftime.....0-1  
 Leading by double digits at halftime.....7-0  
 Trailing by double digits at halftime.....0-2

Leading with 10:00 left in regulation.....14-0  
 Trailing with 10:00 in regulation.....1-5  
 Tied with 10:00 in regulation.....0-0  
 Leading with 5:00 in regulation.....14-0  
 Trailing with 5:00 in regulation.....1-4  
 Tied with 5:00 in regulation.....0-1  
 Leading with 2:00 in regulation.....14-0  
 Trailing with 2:00 in regulation.....1-5  
 Tied with 2:00 in regulation.....0-0

Recording more rebounds.....14-0  
 Opponent records more rebounds.....1-4  
 Rebound total is the same.....0-1  
 Recording 35 or more rebounds.....14-2  
 Recording fewer than 35 rebounds.....1-3  
 Recording more offensive rebounds.....8-2  
 Opponent records more offensive rebounds.....6-2  
 Offensive rebound total is the same.....1-1  
 Recording 10 or more offensive rebounds.....13-2  
 Recording fewer than 10 offensive rebounds.....2-3

Recording more assists.....14-1  
 Opponent records more assists.....0-3  
 Assist total is the same.....1-1  
 Recording 15 or more assists.....11-0  
 Recording fewer than 15 assists.....4-5

Committing fewer turnovers.....7-4  
 Opponent commits fewer turnovers.....5-1  
 Turnover total is the same.....3-0  
 Committing fewer than 12 turnovers.....9-3  
 Committing 12 or more turnovers.....6-2

Recording a better assist/turnover ratio.....13-4  
 Opponent records a better assist/turnover ratio.....2-1  
 Assist/turnover ratio is the same.....0-0  
 Recording assist/turnover ratio of 1.5 or better.....10-2  
 Recording assist/turnover ratio below 1.5.....5-3

Recording more steals.....8-2  
 Opponent records more steals.....5-1  
 Steal total is the same.....2-2  
 Recording 10 or more steals.....4-2  
 Recording fewer than 10 steals.....11-3

Shooting better than opponent from the field.....15-2  
 Opponent shoots better from the field.....0-3  
 Shooting percentage from the field is the same.....0-0  
 Shooting 50 percent or better from the field.....3-1  
 Shooting 40-49.9 percent from the field.....11-1  
 Shooting 30-39.9 percent from the field.....1-2  
 Shooting under 30 percent from the field.....0-0  
 Opponent shoots 50 percent or better from the field.....0-2  
 Opponent shoots 40-49.9 percent from the field.....5-1  
 Opponent shoots 30-39.9 percent from the field.....7-2  
 Opponent shoots under 30 percent from the field.....3-0

Making more 3-pointers.....9-3  
 Opponent makes more 3-pointers.....6-2  
 Made 3-pointer total is the same.....0-0  
 Shooting 35 percent or better on 3-pointers.....8-0  
 Shooting under 35 percent on 3-pointers.....7-5

**MARGIN OF VICTORY/DEFEAT**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Wins	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
Losses	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	1
	<b>10</b>	<b>11-15</b>	<b>16-19</b>	<b>20-24</b>	<b>25-29</b>	<b>30+</b>			
Wins	1	1	4	3	1	2			
Losses	-	-	-	-	-	-			

**TENNESSEE'S RECORD WHEN...**

Making more free throws.....8-0  
 Opponent makes more free throws.....6-5  
 Made free-throw total is the same.....1-0  
 Recording more free-throw attempts.....8-1  
 Opponent has more free-throw attempts.....5-4  
 Attempted free-throw total is the same.....2-0  
 Shooting 70 percent or better at the line.....12-3  
 Shooting under 70 percent at the line.....3-2

Scoring more points off turnovers.....11-3  
 Opponent scores more points off turnovers.....2-2  
 Points off turnovers total is the same.....2-0  
 Scoring more paint points.....12-2  
 Opponent scores more paint points.....3-3  
 Paint point total is the same.....0-0  
 Scoring more second-chance points.....11-1  
 Opponent scores more second-chance points.....4-3  
 Second-chance point total is the same.....0-1  
 Scoring more fast-break points.....9-4  
 Opponent scores more fast-break points.....6-1  
 Fast-break point total is the same.....0-0  
 Scoring more bench points.....10-1  
 Opponent scores more bench points.....5-4  
 Bench point total is the same.....0-0

Five players score in double figures.....1-0  
 Four players score in double figures.....5-1  
 Three players score in double figures.....7-1  
 Two players score in double figures.....1-3  
 One or zero players score in double figures.....1-0

Scoring under 50 points.....0-0  
 Scoring between 50-59 points.....0-1  
 Scoring between 60-69 points.....1-2  
 Scoring between 70-79 points.....4-1  
 Scoring between 80-89 points.....8-0  
 Scoring between 90-99 points.....2-1  
 Scoring 100 or more points.....0-0

Opponent scores under 50 points.....2-0  
 Opponent scores between 50-59 points.....3-0  
 Opponent scores between 60-69 points.....5-2  
 Opponent scores between 70-79 points.....5-2  
 Opponent scores between 80-89 points.....0-0  
 Opponent scores between 90-99 points.....0-0  
 Opponent scores 100 or more points.....0-1

Being the first team to score 10 points.....13-2  
 Being the first team to score 20 points.....14-2  
 Being the first team to score 30 points.....14-0  
 Being the first team to score 40 points.....13-1  
 Being the first team to score 50 points.....14-0  
 Being the first team to score 60 points.....14-0  
 Being the first team to score 70 points.....13-0  
 Being the first team to score 80 points.....10-0  
 Being the first team to score 90 points.....2-0

Tipping off in morning (before noon local time).....1-1  
 Tipping off in afternoon (12-4:59 p.m. local time).....2-1  
 Tipping off in evening (5 p.m. or later local time).....12-3

In November.....4-3  
 In December.....5-0  
 In January.....6-2  
 In February.....0-0  
 In March.....0-0

On Weekdays.....9-5  
 On Weekends.....6-0  
 On Monday.....2-0  
 On Tuesday.....5-2  
 On Wednesday.....0-3  
 On Thursday.....1-0  
 On Friday.....1-0  
 On Saturday.....6-0  
 On Sunday.....0-0

In white uniforms.....10-0  
 In cream uniforms.....1-1  
 In orange uniforms.....4-4

**ATTENDANCE SUMMARY**

	GP	TOT	AVG	HI	LOW
Home	11	204,186	18,562	21,932	16,013
Away	5	70,578	14,116	20,756	8,160
Neutral	4	17,740	5,086	5,257	2,481
Total	20	292,504	14,625	21,932	2,481

**LARGEST/SMALLEST POINT TOTALS**

**Most First-Half Points**  
 Tennessee: 49, vs. Georgia Southern, 12/12/23  
 Opponent: 61, at North Carolina, 11/29/23  
 UT Player: Dalton Knecht, 22, vs. Florida, 1/16/24  
 Opp. Player: Foster Loyer, 17, vs. Purdue in Honolulu, 11/21/23

**Fewest First-Half Points**  
 Tennessee: 22, at Mississippi State, 1/10/24  
 Opponent: 12, vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23

**Most Second-Half Points**  
 Tennessee: 53, at North Carolina, 11/29/23  
 Opponent: 42, at Mississippi State, 1/10/24  
 UT Player: Dalton Knecht, 26, at Mississippi State, 1/10/24  
 Opp. Player: R.J. Davis, 17, at North Carolina, 11/29/23

**Fewest Second-Half Points**  
 Tennessee: 25, vs. Kansas in Honolulu, 11/22/23  
 Opponent: 25, vs. Georgia Southern, 12/12/23  
 Opponent: 21, vs. Tarleton State, 12/21/23

**Largest Halftime Lead**  
 Tennessee: 29 (41-12), vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23  
 Opponent: 22 (61-39), at North Carolina, 11/29/23

**Largest Halftime Deficit Overcome in a Victory**  
 Tennessee: 5 (35-30), at Vanderbilt, 1/27/24  
 Opponent: 1 (31-30), vs. Purdue in Honolulu, 11/21/23

**Largest Comeback in a Victory**  
 Tennessee: 11 (75-64 in 2H), at Georgia, 1/13/24  
 Opponent: 9 (20-11 in 1H), vs. Purdue in Honolulu, 11/21/23

**Largest Margin of Victory**  
 Tennessee: 38 (80-42), vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23  
 Opponent: 9 (69-60), vs. Kansas in Honolulu, 11/22/23

**TEAM STREAKS**

Overall: Lost 1  
 Home: Lost 1  
 Away: Won 2  
 Neutral: Won 1

SEC: Lost 1  
 SEC Home: Lost 1  
 SEC Away: Won 2

Non-Con: Won 6  
 Non-Con Home: Won 28  
 Non-Con Away: Lost 1  
 Non-Con Neutral: Won 1

vs. AP Top Five: Lost 2  
 vs. AP Top 10: Lost 3  
 vs. AP Top 25: Won 2  
 vs. Unranked: Lost 1

Overtime: Won 2

Up at Half: Won 9  
 Down at Half: Lost 1  
 Tied at Half: Lost 2  
 Up w/10m in Reg: Won 14  
 Down w/10m in Reg: Lost 1  
 Up w/5m in Reg: Won 17  
 Down w/5m in Reg: Lost 1  
 Up w/2m in Reg: Won 20  
 Down w/2m in Reg: Lost 1

More Rebounds: Won 16  
 Fewer Rebounds: Lost 1  
 More Off. Rebs.: Won 2  
 Fewer Off. Rebs.: Won 4

More Assists: Won 11  
 Fewer Assists: Lost 8

Fewer TOs: Lost 1  
 More TOs: Won 3

Better A/T Ratio: Lost 1  
 Worse A/T Ratio: Won 1

More Steals: Won 2  
 Fewer Steals: Won 5

**TEAM STREAKS**

Better FG%: Lost 1  
 Worse FG%: Lost 4

More 3PM: Won 7  
 Fewer 3Ps: Lost 1  
 Better 3P%: Won 12  
 Worse 3P%: Lost 1

More FTM: Won 10  
 Fewer FTM: Lost 1  
 More FTA: Lost 1  
 Fewer FTA: Won 1  
 Better FT%: Won 4  
 Worse FT%: Lost 1

4+ Score 10+: Won 5  
 3 Score 10+: Won 4  
 2 Score 10+: Lost 1  
 0-1 Score 10+: Won 1

Scoring <50: Won 1  
 Scoring 50+: Lost 1  
 Scoring <60: Lost 2  
 Scoring 60+: Won 4  
 Scoring <70: Lost 1  
 Scoring 70+: Won 4  
 Scoring <80: Lost 1  
 Scoring 80+: Won 8  
 Scoring <90: Lost 1  
 Scoring 90+: Won 2

Allowing <50: Won 37  
 Allowing 50+: Lost 1  
 Allowing <60: Won 30  
 Allowing 60+: Lost 1  
 Allowing <70: Lost 1  
 Allowing 70+: Won 2  
 Allowing <80: Lost 1  
 Allowing 80+: Lost 2  
 Allowing <90: Lost 1  
 Allowing 90+: Lost 3

Morning Tip-off: Lost 1  
 Afternoon Tip-off: Won 2  
 Evening Tip-off: Lost 1

Weekdays: Lost 1  
 Weekends: Won 7











# RICK BARNES

Head Coach | Ninth Season at Tennessee | 37th Overall

## CAREER RECORDS

Overall Record: 794-411  
 Conference Games: 361-248  
 Non-Conference Games (reg. season): 364-103  
 Conference Tournament: 42-33  
 NCAA Tournament: 27-27  
 Overtime Games: 34-40  
 One-Point Games: 19-27  
 v. AP Top 25: 125-196 (48-91 v. T10 & 26-48 v. T5)

## TENNESSEE RECORDS

Overall Record: 190-97  
 SEC Games: 91-59  
 Non-Conference Games (reg. season): 82-27  
 Conference Tournament: 11-6  
 NCAA Tournament: 6-5  
 Overtime Games: 5-6  
 One-Point Games: 2-5  
 v. AP Top 25: 29-35 (12-12 v. T10 & 9-7 vs. T5)

## NATIONAL COACHING HONORS

2024 Naismith Hall of Fame first-time nominee  
 2019 Naismith Coach of the Year Award  
 2019 USBWA Henry Iba Coach of the Year Award  
 2018 Coach Wooden "Keys to Life" Award  
 2018 Naismith Coach of the Year runner-up  
 2011 USBWA Good Guy Award  
 2009 Wooden Legends of Coaching Award

## LEAGUE COACHING HONORS (SIX)

1x SEC Coach of the Year (2018)  
 4x Big 12 Coach of the Year (2014, 2008, 2003, 1999)  
 1x CAA Co-Coach of the Year (1988)

## DISTRICT COACHING HONORS (12)

2x NABC District 21 Coach of the Year (2019, 2018)  
 2x USBWA District 4 Coach of the Year (2019, 2018)  
 5x NABC District 9 Coach of the Year (2014, 2008, 2003, 2001, 1999)  
 2x USBWA District 7 Coach of the Year (2001, 1999)  
 1x NABC District 1 Coach of the Year (1989)

## TEAM SUCCESS

31 postseason appearances (five at UT)  
 27 NCAA Tournament berths (five at UT)  
 Eight Sweet 16s (two at UT)  
 Three Elite Eights  
 One Final Four  
 23 20-win seasons (four at UT)  
 11 25-win seasons (four at UT)  
 Three 30-win seasons (one at UT)

## CHAMPIONSHIPS

1994 BIG EAST Tournament  
 1999 Big 12 regular season  
 2003 NCAA Tournament South Regional  
 2006 Big 12 co-regular season  
 2008 Big 12 co-regular season  
 2018 SEC co-regular season  
 2022 SEC Tournament

## ▶ RICK BARNES: CAREER BREAKDOWN

Year	School	Overall	Conference	Finish	Postseason	Rank	RPI/NET	KPom
1987-88	George Mason	20-10 (.667)	9-5 (.643)	T-2nd		-/-	103	n/a
<b>Totals</b>	<b>One Season</b>	<b>20-10 (.667)</b>	<b>9-5 (.643)</b>		<b>0-0</b>		<b>103</b>	
1988-89	Providence	18-11 (.621)	7-9 (.438)	T-6th	NCAA Tourn. First Round	-/-	29	n/a
1989-90	Providence	17-12 (.586)	8-8 (.500)	T-6th	NCAA Tourn. First Round	-/-	36	n/a
1990-91	Providence	19-13 (.594)	7-9 (.438)	T-7th	NIT Quarterfinals	-/-	53	n/a
1991-92	Providence	14-17 (.452)	6-12 (.333)	9th			119	n/a
1992-93	Providence	20-13 (.606)	9-9 (.500)	T-4th	NIT Semifinals	-/-	41	n/a
1993-94	Providence	20-10 (.667)	10-8 (.556)	T-4th	NCAA Tourn. First Round	-/-	23	n/a
<b>Totals</b>	<b>Six Seasons</b>	<b>108-76 (.587)</b>	<b>47-55 (.461)</b>		<b>5-5 (0-3 NCAAT, 5-2 NIT)</b>		<b>50.2</b>	
1994-95	Clemson	15-13 (.536)	5-11 (.313)	T-6th	NIT First Round	-/-	33	n/a
1995-96	Clemson	18-11 (.621)	7-9 (.438)	6th	NCAA Tourn. First Round	-/-	44	n/a
1996-97	Clemson	23-10 (.697)	9-7 (.563)	4th	NCAA Tourn. Sweet 16	14/8	39	11
1997-98	Clemson	18-14 (.563)	7-9 (.438)	T-4th	NCAA Tourn. First Round	-/-	25	13
<b>Totals</b>	<b>Four Seasons</b>	<b>74-48 (.607)</b>	<b>28-36 (.438)</b>		<b>2-4 (2-3 NCAAT, 0-1 NIT)</b>		<b>35.3</b>	
1998-99	Texas	19-13 (.594)	13-3 (.813)	1st	NCAA Tourn. First Round	-/-	45	45
1999-00	Texas	24-9 (.727)	13-3 (.813)	2nd	NCAA Tourn. Second Round	15/21	8	8
2000-01	Texas	25-9 (.735)	12-4 (.750)	T-2nd	NCAA Tourn. First Round	18/-	13	27
2001-02	Texas	22-12 (.647)	10-6 (.625)	T-3rd	NCAA Tourn. Sweet 16	-/T18	15	27
2002-03	Texas	26-7 (.788)	13-3 (.813)	2nd	NCAA Tourn. Final Four	5/3	5	7
2003-04	Texas	25-8 (.758)	12-4 (.750)	T-2nd	NCAA Tourn. Sweet 16	12/10	9	17
2004-05	Texas	20-11 (.645)	9-7 (.563)	T-5th	NCAA Tourn. First Round	-/-	38	28
2005-06	Texas	30-7 (.811)	13-3 (.813)	T-1st	NCAA Tourn. Elite Eight	9/9	10	3
2006-07	Texas	25-10 (.714)	12-4 (.750)	3rd	NCAA Tourn. Second Round	11/16	26	25
2007-08	Texas	31-7 (.816)	13-3 (.813)	T-1st	NCAA Tourn. Elite Eight	7/5	6	9
2008-09	Texas	23-12 (.657)	9-7 (.563)	T-4th	NCAA Tourn. Second Round	-/23	38	22
2009-10	Texas	24-10 (.706)	9-7 (.563)	T-6th	NCAA Tourn. First Round	-/-	35	19
2010-11	Texas	28-8 (.778)	13-3 (.813)	2nd	NCAA Tourn. Second Round	8/16	11	5
2011-12	Texas	20-14 (.588)	9-9 (.500)	6th	NCAA Tourn. First Round	-/-	57	32
2012-13	Texas	16-18 (.471)	7-11 (.389)	7th	CBI First Round	-/-	121	94
2013-14	Texas	24-11 (.686)	11-7 (.611)	T-3rd	NCAA Tourn. Second Round	-/-	41	41
2014-15	Texas	20-14 (.588)	8-10 (.444)	T-6th	NCAA Tourn. First Round	-/-	51	24
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17 Seasons</b>	<b>402-180 (.691)</b>	<b>186-94 (.664)</b>		<b>19-17 (19-16 NCAAT, 0-1 CBI)</b>		<b>31.1</b>	<b>25.5</b>
2015-16	Tennessee	15-19 (.441)	6-12 (.333)	12th		-/-	142	103
2016-17	Tennessee	16-16 (.500)	8-10 (.444)	9th		-/-	80	57
2017-18	Tennessee	26-9 (.743)	13-5 (.722)	T-1st	NCAA Tourn. Second Round	13/16	10	13
2018-19	Tennessee	31-6 (.838)	15-3 (.833)	T-2nd	NCAA Tourn. Sweet 16	6/5	9	10
2019-20	Tennessee	17-14 (.548)	9-9 (.500)	8th	<i>Canceled (COVID-19)</i>	-/-	63	68
2020-21	Tennessee	18-9 (.667)	10-7 (.588)	4th	NCAA Tourn. First Round	-/-	13	28
2021-22	Tennessee	27-8 (.771)	14-4 (.778)	T-2nd	NCAA Tourn. Second Round	5/15	7	9
2022-23	Tennessee	25-11 (.694)	11-7 (.611)	T-4th	NCAA Tourn. Sweet 16	20/16	5	6
2023-24	Tennessee	15-5 (.750)	5-2 (.714)	-	-			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9th Season</b>	<b>190-97 (.662)</b>	<b>91-59 (.607)</b>		<b>6-5 (6-5 NCAAT)</b>		<b>41.1</b>	<b>36.8</b>
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>37th Season</b>	<b>794-411 (.659)</b>	<b>361-248 (.593)</b>		<b>32-31 (27-27 NCAAT, 5-3 NIT, 0-1, CBI)</b>		<b>39.0</b>	







ON THE BENCH



**JUSTIN GAINEY**

**Associate Head Coach • NC State, 2000**

- In his 18th year at the college level, including his 12th as a coach, Gainey is in his third season at Tennessee, including his second as associate head coach.
- Prior to coming to Tennessee in April 2021, Gainey spent the 2020-21 season as the associate head coach at Marquette, where he also worked from 2014-17.
- In between his stints in Milwaukee, Gainey was an assistant coach at Santa Clara in 2017-18 and Arizona from 2018-20.
- The High Point, N.C., native was a standout point guard at NC State from 1996-2000 and went 2-2 in matchups with Rick Barnes-led Clemson.



**ROD CLARK**

**Assistant Coach • Lindsey Wilson (Ky.), 2015**

- A young and energetic rising star in the profession at age 30, Clark in his fifth season as a collegiate assistant in 2022-23 and his third at Tennessee.
- A native of Kansas City, Mo., Clark spent the 2020-21 season as an assistant coach at Austin Peay in nearby Clarksville, Tenn.
- Clark's first stop as a collegiate coach came in 2019-20 at UIC, where he was hired at just 26 years old.
- From 2017-19, Clark served as the top assistant coach at Sunrise Christian Academy, a prep powerhouse in Bel Aire, Kan., while also working with MoKan Elite.



**GREGG POLINSKY**

**Assistant Coach • Northern Arizona, 1981**

- Now in his third year on the Tennessee staff, Polinsky served as a volunteer analyst in 2021-22 and was promoted to assistant coach following the season.
- The St. Louis native was a DI head coach at Georgia Southern (1995-99), as well as an assistant at Texas (1983-86), Alabama (1986-94) and Howard College (1981-83)
- Spent over two decades in NBA scouting and front-office positions with the New Jersey/Brooklyn Nets (1999-2018) and the Detroit Pistons (2018-21).
- Polinsky played at New Mexico for two seasons before transferring to Northern Arizona for the final season of his college career.



**GARRETT MEDENWALD**

**Director of Sports Performance • Wisconsin-Whitewater, 2013**

- In his ninth season at Tennessee, as he joined Rick Barnes from day one, after working for him as a graduate manager (2012-14) and strength intern (2014-15) at Texas.
- The Green Bay, Wis., native was a running back at UW-Whitewater, where he helped lead the Warhawks to back-to-back national championships in 2010 and 2011.
- An elite powerlifter, Medenwald was a national qualifier in Olympic weightlifting and served as a coach and co-founder of the UW-Whitewater Olympic Lifting Club.
- Helped a Volunteer post the best max vertical leap at the 2023 (Julian Phillips), 2022 (Kennedy Chandler) and 2021 (Keon Johnson) NBA Draft Combines.



**MARY-CARTER EGGERT**

**Director of Basketball Operations • Tennessee, 2011**

- A two-time Tennessee graduate, Eggert is in her ninth season working in the lead basketball operations role, dating back to Rick Barnes' first season.
- Believed to be one of 18 females in a DOBO or Chief of Staff role in DI men's basketball, including one of 10 at the Power Five level and one of two in the SEC.
- The Richmond, Va., native spent three years on UT's media relations staff (2012-15), working closely with the Tennessee football program from 2012 to 2014.
- A Tennessee alumna who has worked with UT athletics in some capacity since arriving on campus as a freshman in 2007.



**CHAD NEWMAN**

**Athletic Trainer • Tennessee, 1994**

- Now in his 28th season working with the basketball program at Tennessee, dating back to Sept. 1996 during his final year as a master's student at UT.
- A two-time Tennessee alum, Newman is in his 34th consecutive academic year on the UT campus after first coming to Knoxville, Tenn., as an undergrad in 1990.
- Under Newman's care, the Volunteers have advanced to postseason play 20 times, including 16 NCAA Tournament berths and seven Sweet Sixteen appearances.
- The Chattanooga, Tenn., native was the 2009 Tennessee Athletic Trainer's Society (TATS) Athletic Trainer of the Year.



**BRYAN LENTZ**

**Director of Player Development • Lenoir-Rhyne, 2000**

- The Lumberton, N.C., native is in his sixth season on staff at Tennessee.
- Worked for Rick Barnes for four years at Texas serving as a special assistant/video coordinator from 2010-14.
- Son of John Lentz, who was the head coach for 29 years (432-374) at Lenoir-Rhyne and was also Rick Barnes' roommate in college at the DII school in Hickory, N.C.
- Spent the 2014-18 seasons as an assistant coach at Appalachian State in Boone, N.C., as well as the 2001-10 campaigns at his alma mater, Lenoir-Rhyne.



**LUKE SCHAPKER**

**Director of Video and Analytics • Bowling Green, 2018**

- Now is in his sixth year with the Tennessee basketball program after first joining the program as a graduate manager in 2018.
- Viewed by Rick Barnes as an indispensable member of the Tennessee staff, he is among Barnes' most trusted analytical minds.
- Schapker earned a master's degree in sport management from Tennessee in 2020.
- Worked for four years as a men's basketball student manager, including three years as a head manager, at Bowling Green during his undergraduate tenure.



**LUCAS CAMPBELL**

**Director of Recruiting • Tennessee, 2019**

- Returned to Tennessee in June of 2022 to serve his alma mater in the director of recruiting role, coordinating all aspects of the program's recruiting efforts.
- Spent the 2021-22 season as ETSU's director of basketball operations under then-head coach Desmond Oliver, a former Rick Barnes assistant at Tennessee.
- A four-year letter winner (2015-19) for the Volunteers, Campbell joined the program during Barnes' first year at the helm and appeared in 16 games as a collegian.
- Helped Tennessee to a 57-15 record, an SEC regular season title, two NCAA Tournament bids and a Sweet 16 in his final two years as a player.



**RILEY COLLINS**

**Graduate Assistant • Drew (N.J.), 2018**

- The Lacey, N.J., native is in his second season at Tennessee after joining the program in the summer of 2022.
- Worked as a graduate assistant at Marymount University in Arlington, Va., from 2020-22, as well as owns years of experience in skills development.
- Served as the head coach of the New Jersey Panthers in the Hoop Group Showcase League from 2019-22, guiding the team to the title in 2020.
- Four-time First Team All-Landmark Conference honoree and 2020 Reese's All-American at Drew, setting the school record for points (1,973), assists and made 3-pointers.



**DAVID KASANGANAY**

**Graduate Assistant • East Carolina, 2022**

- A native of Charlotte, Kasanganay (*kuh-SUNG-guh-nye*) is the lone first-year member of the Tennessee basketball staff, joining the team in the summer of 2023.
- Spent three years at East Carolina, where he earned an undergraduate degree and a master's certificate, beginning as a walk-on and eventually earning a scholarship
- Played in 21 games, starting six, in 2022-23 for first-year head coach Michael Schwartz, a former UT assistant under Barnes who led ECU to its best record in 10 years.
- Graduated from Ardrey Kell High School, where he finished third on its all-time scoring list, before spending two years at Navy and playing in 15 games.

# O JONAS AIDOO

JR Forward | 6-11 | 240 | Journalism & Electronic Media  
Durham, N.C. | Liberty Heights Athletic Institute



Last name pronounced: AY-Doo  
Full bio can be found [HERE](#) on [UTsports.com](#)

## SEASON HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	29 // vs. Georgia Southern, 12/12/23
<b>Rebounds:</b>	15 // at Georgia, 1/13/24
<b>Assists:</b>	4 // vs. George Mason, 12/5/23
<b>Steals:</b>	3 // vs. Kansas, 11/22/23
<b>Blocks:</b>	5 // at Georgia, 1/13/24
<b>Field Goals:</b>	10 (2x) // last vs. Ole Miss, 1/6/24
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	2 // vs. George Mason, 12/5/23
<b>Free Throws:</b>	8 // vs. Georgia Southern, 12/12/23
<b>Minutes:</b>	35:04 // at Georgia, 1/13/24

## CAREER HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	29 // vs. Georgia Southern, 12/12/23
<b>Rebounds:</b>	15 // at Georgia, 1/13/24
<b>Assists:</b>	4 (2x) // last vs. George Mason, 12/5/23
<b>Steals:</b>	3 (2x) // last vs. Kansas, 11/22/23
<b>Blocks:</b>	5 (2x) // last at Georgia, 1/13/24
<b>Field Goals:</b>	10 (2x) // last vs. Ole Miss, 1/6/24
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	2 (2x) // last vs. George Mason, 12/5/23
<b>Free Throws:</b>	8 // vs. Georgia Southern, 12/12/23
<b>Minutes:</b>	35:04 // at Georgia, 1/13/24

## SEC HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	24 // vs. Ole Miss, 1/6/24
<b>Rebounds:</b>	15 // at Georgia, 1/13/24
<b>Assists:</b>	4 // vs. Mississippi State, 1/3/23
<b>Steals:</b>	2 // at Vanderbilt, 1/27/24
<b>Blocks:</b>	5 // at Georgia, 1/13/24
<b>Field Goals:</b>	10 // vs. Ole Miss, 1/6/24
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	2 // at South Carolina, 1/7/23
<b>Free Throws:</b>	4 // vs. Ole Miss, 1/6/24
<b>Minutes:</b>	35:04 // at Georgia, 1/13/24

## PRODUCTION TRACKER

	2023-24	Career
Scored 5+ Points	17	38
Scored 10+ Points	10	14
Had 5+ Rebounds	15	36
Had 10+ Rebounds	6	8
Led the Vols in Rebounding	10	19
Had 3+ Offensive Rebounds	8	24
Had a Double-Double	5	6
Had Multiple Blocks	12	27
Led the Vols in Blocks	11	37
Had a Positive Assist/TO Ratio	7	23

## CAREER STATS

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2021-22	19-0	148	7.8	13-40	.325	0-0	.000	14-17	.824	19-23-42	2.2	19-0	3	5	10	4	40	2.1
2022-23	35-9	637	18.2	76-150	.507	5-18	.278	21-28	.750	63-108-171	4.9	69-1	33	28	44	17	178	5.1
2023-24	20-20	479	23.9	98-189	.519	3-15	.200	33-52	.635	53-94-147	7.4	44-3	22	19	36	16	232	11.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74-29</b>	<b>1264</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>187-379</b>	<b>.493</b>	<b>8-33</b>	<b>.242</b>	<b>68-97</b>	<b>.701</b>	<b>135-225-360</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>132-4</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>6.1</b>

### AS A JUNIOR IN 2023-24

- Logged nine points, a game-best 10 rebounds and two blocks in the comeback win at Vanderbilt (1/27/24).
- Finished with 19 points on 9-of-14 shooting in the win over Alabama (1/20/24), marking his first time logging 15-plus points in back-to-back outings, as well as blocked a game-high four shots.
- Recorded 19 points on 9-of-16 shooting, along with a team-high nine rebounds and team-leading two blocks, versus Florida (1/16/24).
- Totaled 10 points, a career-high 15 rebounds and a co-career-best five blocks in a career-leading 35 minutes at Georgia (1/13/24), becoming the first Vol with 15-plus rebounds since 1/8/19, the first Vol with seven-plus offensive rebounds since 2/4/20, the only Vol with a 10p/15r/5b game in the last 15 seasons and the first SEC player with that line since eventual lottery pick Walker Kesser of Auburn on 2/8/22.
- Amassed 24 points, the second-most of his career, and 10 rebounds in the SEC-opening win over No. 22/19 Ole Miss (1/6/24), finishing 10-of-19 from the floor to tie a career high in makes.
- Poured in a career-best 29 points, including 21 in the first 17 minutes, on 10-of-16 shooting—also a career high in made field goals—versus Georgia Southern (12/12/23), adding 11 rebounds, two steals and two blocks to become the first Power Six player with that stat line since Kentucky's Oscar Tshiebwe on 3/17/22 and the first Vol with a 29-point double-double since Admiral Schofield on 12/15/18.
- Notched 14 points, seven rebounds and two blocks in the victory over No. 20/18 Illinois (12/9/23).
- Registered a career-high 17 points against George Mason (12/5/23), shooting 7-of-11 overall and 2-of-2 beyond the arc to set his career best in made field goals and tie his top mark in made 3-pointers, while adding a game-leading eight rebounds and a co-career-best four assists.
- Scored 13 points on 5-of-7 shooting at No. 17/16 North Carolina (11/29/23) in a return to his home state.
- Produced his second-career double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds, his third time reaching double figures in the latter category, in the Maui Invitational opener against Syracuse (11/20/23).
- Amassed eight points, 11 rebounds, three blocks and three steals versus in the Maui Invitational finale against top-ranked Kansas (11/22/23), becoming the first Vol with that line in Rick Barnes' tenure and the player from any school with that line against a Power Six foe since DePaul's Nick Ongenda versus Georgetown (2/25/23).
- Logged 10 points on 5-of-8 shooting and a team-high seven rebounds in the victory at Wisconsin (11/10/23).

### 2023 TRIP TO ITALY

- Averaged 9.3 ppg, 8.7 rpg and a team-best 2.0 bpg during UT's three outings abroad.

### AS A SOPHOMORE IN 2022-23

- Finished the season tied for fourth in the SEC with 1.4 blocks per game during conference play.
- Led UT in offensive rebounding (1.8) and was second in rebounding (4.9) despite being seventh in minutes.
- Shot 58.9 percent from the field over Tennessee's final 13 contests.
- Averaged 8.0 ppg, 5.3 rpg and 2.0 bpg in 21.3 mpg during Tennessee's three NCAA Tournament games.
- Over doubled his playing time average, going from 7.8 mpg as a freshman to 18.2 mpg as a sophomore.
- Logged eight points, five rebounds and three blocked shots in the NCAA Tournament Round of 32 win over No. 12/16 Duke (3/18/23).
- In his second-career start, had a breakout performance during the win over top-ranked Alabama (2/15/23), notching his first double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds, adding three blocks.
- Scored a career-high 15 points on 6-of-9 shooting at South Carolina (1/7/23) on 6-of-9 shooting, including a 2-of-3 clip from deep, marking his first collegiate outing with multiple made 3-pointers.
- Pulled down a career-best 13 rebounds (six offensive) in a then-career-high 29 minutes in the SEC opener at Ole Miss (12/28/22), adding eight points and three blocks.

### AS A FRESHMAN IN 2021-22

- Appeared in 19 games, all off the bench, including each of the final 14 contests of the season.
- Set season highs in minutes (18), points (five), rebounds (seven) and blocks (three) in the win over fourth-ranked Kentucky (2/15/22), with two blocks of Oscar Tshiebwe, the eventual National Player of the Year.

### OTHER NOTABLES

- A formidable rim protector who had a five-inch growth spurt prior to his sophomore year of high school, he boasts UT's longest wingspan (7-5.5) and highest standing reach (9-4).
- The consensus top recruit in North Carolina, he placed No. 40 in both the 247Sports Composite and On3 Consensus rankings, while peaking at No. 25 according to Rivals, which tabbed him a five-star prospect.
- Graduated from Voyager Academy (Durham, N.C.) before taking a prep year at Liberty Heights Athletic Institute (Charlotte, N.C.), where he averaged 15.0 ppg and 11.0 rpg on 68.0 percent shooting.
- Possesses over 415,000 followers and nine million likes on TikTok (@jonasaidoo).

# 11 TOBE AWAKA

**SO** Forward | 6-8 | 250 | Supply Chain Management  
Hyde Park, N.Y. | Cardinal Hayes



## SEASON HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	11 // vs. George Mason, 12/5/23
<b>Rebounds:</b>	12 // vs. NC State, 12/16/23
<b>Assists:</b>	3 (2x) // last vs. NC State, 12/16/23
<b>Steals:</b>	1 (4x) // last vs. Ole Miss, 1/6/24
<b>Blocks:</b>	5 // vs. Tarleton State, 12/21/23
<b>Field Goals:</b>	4 (2x) // last vs. Norfolk State, 1/2/24
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	-- // --
<b>Free Throws:</b>	5 (3x) // last vs. Ole Miss, 1/6/24
<b>Minutes:</b>	23:46 // vs. Tarleton State, 12/21/23

## CAREER HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	11 // vs. George Mason, 12/5/23
<b>Rebounds:</b>	12 // vs. NC State, 12/16/23
<b>Assists:</b>	3 (2x) // last vs. NC State, 12/16/23
<b>Steals:</b>	1 (10x) // last vs. Ole Miss, 1/6/24
<b>Blocks:</b>	5 // vs. Tarleton State, 12/21/23
<b>Field Goals:</b>	4 (4x) // last vs. Norfolk State, 1/2/24
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	-- // --
<b>Free Throws:</b>	5 (3x) // last vs. Ole Miss, 1/6/24
<b>Minutes:</b>	25:54 // at Texas A&M, 2/21/23

## SEC HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	10 (2x) // last at Texas A&M, 2/21/23
<b>Rebounds:</b>	10 // at Auburn, 3/4/23
<b>Assists:</b>	2 // at Auburn, 3/4/23
<b>Steals:</b>	1 (4x) // last vs. Ole Miss, 1/6/24
<b>Blocks:</b>	2 // at Mississippi State, 1/17/23
<b>Field Goals:</b>	4 (2x) // last at Vanderbilt, 2/8/23
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	-- // --
<b>Free Throws:</b>	5 // vs. Ole Miss, 1/6/24
<b>Minutes:</b>	25:54 // at Texas A&M, 2/21/23

## PRODUCTION TRACKER

	2023-24	Career
Scored 5+ Points	11	20
Scored 10+ Points	2	4
Led the Vols in Scoring	--	--
Had 5+ Rebounds	10	23
Had 10+ Rebounds	2	4
Led the Vols in Rebounding	4	9
Had Multiple Steals	--	--
Drew Multiple Charges	--	--
Had a Positive Assist/TO Ratio	4	8

## CAREER STATS

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2022-23	34-0	352	10.4	45-76	.592	0-0	.000	18-39	.462	59-69-128	3.8	47-0	11	13	11	6	108	3.2
2023-24	19-0	242	12.8	32-56	.571	0-0	.000	25-35	.714	46-46-92	4.8	46-2	8	13	15	4	89	4.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53-0</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>77-132</b>	<b>.583</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>43-74</b>	<b>.581</b>	<b>105-115-220</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>93-2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>3.7</b>



Name pronounced: Toe-BAY Uh-WAH-Kuh  
Full bio can be found [HERE](#) on [UTsports.com](#)

### AS A SOPHOMORE IN 2023-24

- Scored nine points and went a perfect 5-of-5 from the line, tying a career best in makes, in the victory over No. 22/19 Ole Miss (1/6/24) in the SEC opener.
- Compiled his first collegiate double-double with a 10-point, 11-rebound performance against Norfolk State (1/2/24), finishing 4-of-6 from the floor to tie a career high in makes.
- Blocked five shots, over doubling his career high, against Tarleton State (12/21/23) and went 5-of-6 from the free-throw line to tie a career best in makes.
- Pulled down a career-best 12 rebounds, tied for the most by a Vol on the season, in the win over NC State (12/16/23) in San Antonio, Texas, adding five points and a co-career-high three assists.
- Totaled seven points on 3-of-4 shooting, six rebounds and a career-high three assists against Georgia Southern (12/12/23).
- Returned to action against George Mason (12/5/23) and finished with a career-best 11 points on 4-of-6 shooting, tying his top mark in makes, to go along with a season-high seven rebounds.
- Left the game versus Syracuse (11/20/23) after 73 seconds with a right ankle injury, played in the final two contests at the Maui Invitational and then missed the game at No. 17/16 North Carolina (11/29/23).
- Put up nine points and six rebounds versus Wofford (11/14/23), setting career highs in free throws both made (five) and attempted (seven).
- Posted six points on 3-of-4 shooting and six rebounds in just 12 minutes in the win at Wisconsin (11/10/23).

### 2023 TRIP TO ITALY

- Lone Vol to average a double-double, posting 13.7 ppg and a team-high 10.3 rpg across the three outings.
- Finished as UT's second-leading scorer during the trip while shooting 80.0 percent (16-of-20) from the field.

### 2023 FIBA U19 WORLD CUP

- Finished as the second-leading scorer (11.6 ppg) and top rebounder (10.6 rpg) for Team USA, the latter mark second-best in the whole tournament, while shooting 60.0 percent from the field.
- Started six of seven games for Team USA, which went 5-2 and finished fourth, in Debrecen, Hungary.
- Among four players in the tournament with four double-doubles and one of three to average a double-double.

### AS A FRESHMAN IN 2022-23

- Finished seventh among all DI players (min. 150 minutes) in offensive rebounding percentage (19.1) and top-15 in total rebounding percentage (20.9).
- Played in all 34 contests, including averaging 7.6 rpg in the 10 games he played at least 15 minutes.
- Finished second among UT rotation players in field-goal percentage (59.2).
- Led the team in offensive rebounding (1.8 orpg) in SEC play despite ranking ninth with just 12.8 mpg.
- Totaled a co-season-high 10 points and seven boards in a season-best 26 minutes at Texas A&M (2/21/23).
- Logged eight points and nine rebounds (three offensive) in 22 minutes at Vanderbilt (2/8/23).
- Scored a season-best 10 points in the win over Georgia (1/25/23), going 3-of-3 from the floor and 4-of-4 at the line.
- Playing in his home state of New York, put up seven points and eight boards in a neutral-site win over No. 13 Maryland (12/11/22) at the Barclays Center, finishing a team-best +17 in the victory.

### OTHER NOTABLES

- Named the 2022 New York Gatorade Player of the Year, an award VFL and current Philadelphia 76ers forward Tobias Harris won in 2010, after averaging 19.2 ppg and 13.9 rpg.
- Teammate for one summer of current Tennessee guard Zakai Zeigler with the New York Lightning AAU program in the EYBL.
- Other notable alums of Cardinal Hayes in the Bronx include filmmaker Martin Scorsese, TV host Regis Philbin, NBA player Jamal Mashburn Sr., rapper Jim Jones and comedian George Carlin.



# 43 CAMERON CARR

FR Guard | 6-5 | 175 | Communication Studies  
Eden Prairie, Minn. | Link Academy (Mo.)



@WHOIS.CAMCARR

Full bio can be found [HERE](#) on UTsports.com

### AS A FRESHMAN IN 2023-24

- Set new highs in rebounds (three), blocks (two) and minutes (10) in the win over Georgia Southern (12/12/23), adding two points.
- Notched three points and three assists versus Tennessee Tech (11/6/23) in his collegiate debut.

### 2023 TRIP TO ITALY

- Inactive during UT's exhibition tour in August due to a shoulder strain.
- Enrolled just weeks before the trip, as he was the final Vol newcomer to join the team.

### OTHER NOTABLES

- Owns an impressive 7-1 wingspan (plus-8 inches) and increased his standing vertical jump by 3.43 inches between his July arrival on campus and the start of the 2023-24 season.
- Consensus top-65 recruit ranked as high as No. 46 by Rivals and No. 54 by 247Sports.
- Helped lead Link Academy in Missouri to a 27-1 record, the GEICO Nationals championship and an ESPN final No. 1 ranking as a senior in 2022-23.
- Prep teammate of fellow Tennessee freshman Cade Phillips as a senior at the same school former UT forward Julian Phillips (2022-23) attended.
- Attended Manhattan High School in Manhattan, Kan., before transferring to Link Academy for his senior year.
- Helped lead MoKan Elite to the 2022 Nike Peach Jam title, notching a 5.7 assist/turnover ratio.
- Father, Chris Carr, played six seasons in the NBA (1995-03) after starring collegiately at Southern Illinois (1992-95), finished as the runner-up to Kobe Bryant in the 1997 NBA Slam Dunk Contest and is now a DII assistant coach at Drury University in Springfield, Mo.
- Mother, Tanya, was a member of the Minnesota Timberwolves' dance team.
- Sister, Christianna Carr, played college basketball at Kansas State (2018-21), Syracuse (2021-22) and Arkansas (2022-23).

### SEASON HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	3 (2x) // last vs. Wofford, 11/14/23
<b>Rebounds:</b>	3 // vs. Georgia Southern, 12/12/23
<b>Assists:</b>	3 // vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23
<b>Steals:</b>	-- // --
<b>Blocks:</b>	2 // vs. Georgia Southern, 12/12/23
<b>Field Goals:</b>	1 (3x) // last vs. Georgia Southern, 12/12/23
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	1 (2x) // last vs. Wofford, 11/14/23
<b>Free Throws:</b>	-- // --
<b>Minutes:</b>	9:59 // vs. Georgia Southern, 12/12/23

### CAREER HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	3 (2x) // last vs. Wofford, 11/14/23
<b>Rebounds:</b>	3 // vs. Georgia Southern, 12/12/23
<b>Assists:</b>	3 // vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23
<b>Steals:</b>	-- // --
<b>Blocks:</b>	2 // vs. Georgia Southern, 12/12/23
<b>Field Goals:</b>	1 (3x) // last vs. Georgia Southern, 12/12/23
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	1 (2x) // last vs. Wofford, 11/14/23
<b>Free Throws:</b>	-- // --
<b>Minutes:</b>	9:59 // vs. Georgia Southern, 12/12/23

### SEC HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	-- // --
<b>Rebounds:</b>	-- // --
<b>Assists:</b>	-- // --
<b>Steals:</b>	-- // --
<b>Blocks:</b>	-- // --
<b>Field Goals:</b>	-- // --
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	-- // --
<b>Free Throws:</b>	-- // --
<b>Minutes:</b>	0:38 // vs. Florida, 1/16/24

### PRODUCTION TRACKER

#### 2023-24

Scored 5+ Points	--
Scored 10+ Points	--
Led the Vols in Scoring	--
Made Multiple 3-Pointers	--
Had 5+ Rebounds	--
Had 5+ Assists	--
Led the Vols in Assists	--
Had Multiple Steals	--
Led the Vols in Steals	--
Had a Positive Assist/TO Ratio	2

### 2023-24 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

OPPONENT	DATE	St	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	
Tenn. Tech	11/6/23	9	1-3	.333	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	3	
at Wisconsin	11/10/23																		
Wofford	11/14/23	5	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	
vs. Syracuse	11/20/23																		
vs. Purdue	11/21/23																		
vs. Kansas	11/22/23																		
at N. Carolina	11/29/23	0+	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
George Mason	12/5/23	2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illinois	12/9/23																		
Ga. Southern	12/12/23	10	1-4	.250	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	0	3	3	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	2
vs. NC State	12/16/23																		
Tarleton State	12/21/23																		
Norfolk State	1/2/24	4	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ole Miss	1/6/24																		
at Miss. State	1/10/24																		
at Georgia	1/13/24																		
Florida	1/16/24	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alabama	1/20/24																		
at Vanderbilt	1/27/24																		
S. Carolina	1/30/24																		
at Kentucky	2/3/24																		
LSU	2/7/24																		
at Texas A&M	2/10/24																		
at Arkansas	2/14/24																		
Vanderbilt	2/17/24																		
at Missouri	2/20/24																		
Texas A&M	2/24/24																		
Auburn	2/28/24																		
at Alabama	3/2/24																		
at S. Carolina	3/6/24																		
Kentucky	3/9/24																		
vs. TBD	TBD																		

### CAREER STATS

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2023-24	7-0	31	4.4	3-12	.250	2-8	.250	0-1	.000	0-6-6	0.9	2-0	5	2	2	0	8	1.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7-0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>3-12</b>	<b>.250</b>	<b>2-8</b>	<b>.250</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>0-6-6</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1.1</b>



SEASON HIGHS

Points:	2 // vs. Norfolk State, 1/2/24
Rebounds:	-- // --
Assists:	-- // --
Steals:	1 // vs. Norfolk State, 1/2/24
Blocks:	-- // --
Field Goals:	1 // vs. Norfolk State, 1/2/24
3-Pointers:	-- // --
Free Throws:	-- // --
Minutes:	1:37 // vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23

DI CAREER HIGHS

Points:	2 (2x) // last vs. vs. Norfolk State, 1/2/24
Rebounds:	1 // vs. Mississippi State, 1/3/23
Assists:	-- // --
Steals:	1 // vs. Norfolk State, 1/2/24
Blocks:	2 // vs. Mississippi State, 1/3/23
Field Goals:	1 (2x) // last vs. vs. Norfolk State, 1/2/24
3-Pointers:	-- // --
Free Throws:	-- // --
Minutes:	1:49 // vs. Mississippi State, 1/3/23

SEC HIGHS

Points:	2 // vs. Mississippi State, 1/3/23
Rebounds:	1 // vs. Mississippi State, 1/3/23
Assists:	-- // --
Steals:	-- // --
Blocks:	2 // vs. Mississippi State, 1/3/23
Field Goals:	1 // vs. Mississippi State, 1/3/23
3-Pointers:	-- // --
Free Throws:	-- // --
Minutes:	1:49 // vs. Mississippi State, 1/3/23



Full bio can be found [HERE](#) on UTsports.com

AS A SENIOR IN 2023-24

- Logged a steal and a dunk in the non-conference finale against Norfolk State (1/2/24).
- Earned two minutes of playing time against Tennessee Tech (11/6/23) in the season opener.

AS A JUNIOR IN 2022-23

- Appeared in four contests, including three in SEC play, during his first season at UT.
- Scored his first points as a Volunteer in the closing minutes of the home win over Mississippi State (1/3/23), adding a rebound and two blocks.

AT MARY WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

- Wore No. 50 while playing two seasons at the DIII school in his hometown of Fredericksburg, Va.
- Appeared in 52 games, making 23 starts, while averaging 3.0 ppg and 2.6 rpg on 53.4 percent shooting.
- Helped the Eagles to a 16-9 record and an appearance in the C2C Conference title game in 2021-22, putting up 5.1 ppg and 3.8 rpg on a 58.4 percent field-goal clip.
- Scored in double figures three times during his final year, logging a season-best 12 points in a win over Marymount (Va.) (12/4/21).
- Inactive during the 2020-21 season after playing in all 27 contests during the 2019-20 campaign.

OTHER NOTABLES

- Earned an undergraduate degree in business analytics from Tennessee in December 2023.
- Did three reps at 425lbs. on a reverse band back squat during the 2023 offseason.
- Named an all-district honoree at Stafford as a senior in 2018-19, also serving as a team captain.
- Father, Kevin, played basketball from 1983-85 at the United States Naval Academy, where he was a teammate of future No. 1 overall NBA Draft pick, 10-time NBA All-Star and two-time NBA champion David Robinson, the 1995 NBA MVP.
- Brother, Matthew, played collegiate tennis at Randolph-Macon College, a DIII institution in Ashland, Va.

2023-24 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

OPPONENT	DATE	St	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
Tenn. Tech	11/6/23		2	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	11/10/23				DNP													
Wofford	11/14/23				DNP													
vs. Syracuse	11/20/23				DNP													
vs. Purdue	11/21/23				DNP													
vs. Kansas	11/22/23				DNP													
at N. Carolina	11/29/23				DNP													
George Mason	12/5/23				DNP													
Illinois	12/9/23				DNP													
Ga. Southern	12/12/23				DNP													
vs. NC State	12/16/23				DNP													
Tarleton State	12/21/23				DNP													
Norfolk State	1/2/24	0+		1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Ole Miss	1/6/24				DNP													
at Miss. State	1/10/24				DNP													
at Georgia	1/13/24				DNP													
Florida	1/16/24				DNP													
Alabama	1/20/24				DNP													
at Vanderbilt	1/27/24				DNP													
South Carolina	1/30/24				DNP													
at Kentucky	2/3/24																	
LSU	2/7/24																	
at Texas A&M	2/10/24																	
at Arkansas	2/14/24																	
Vanderbilt	2/17/24																	
at Missouri	2/20/24																	
Texas A&M	2/24/24																	
Auburn	2/28/24																	
at Alabama	3/2/24																	
at S. Carolina	3/6/24																	
Kentucky	3/9/24																	
vs. TBD	TBD																	

DI CAREER STATS

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2022-23	4-0	6	1.5	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	0.3	0-0	0	0	2	0	2	0.5
2023-24	2-0	2	1.1	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	1	2	1.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>.667</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>0-1-1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.7</b>

# 1 FREDDIE DILIONE V

**R-FR** Guard | 6-5 | 195 | Business Management  
Fayetteville, N.C. | Word of God Christian Academy



Last name pronounced: Dill-Ee-ON  
Full bio can be found [HERE](#) on [UTsports.com](#)

## SEASON HIGHS

**Points:** 7 // vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23  
**Rebounds:** 3 // vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23  
**Assists:** 3 // vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23  
**Steals:** 1 (4x) // last vs. Alabama, 1/20/24  
**Blocks:** -- // --  
**Field Goals:** 3 // vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23  
**3-Pointers:** 1 (2x) // last vs. Alabama, 1/20/24  
**Free Throws:** 2 // at Georgia, 1/13/24  
**Minutes:** 16:24 // vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23

## CAREER HIGHS

**Points:** 7 // vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23  
**Rebounds:** 3 // vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23  
**Assists:** 3 // vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23  
**Steals:** 1 (4x) // last vs. Alabama, 1/20/24  
**Blocks:** -- // --  
**Field Goals:** 3 // vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23  
**3-Pointers:** 1 (2x) // last vs. Alabama, 1/20/24  
**Free Throws:** 2 // at Georgia, 1/13/24  
**Minutes:** 16:24 // vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23

## SEC HIGHS

**Points:** 5 // vs. Alabama, 1/20/24  
**Rebounds:** 1 // at Georgia, 1/13/24  
**Assists:** 2 // vs. Florida, 1/16/24  
**Steals:** 1 (3x) // last vs. Alabama, 1/20/24  
**Blocks:** -- // --  
**Field Goals:** 2 // vs. Alabama, 1/20/24  
**3-Pointers:** 1 // vs. Alabama, 1/20/24  
**Free Throws:** 2 // at Georgia, 1/13/24  
**Minutes:** 4:36 // vs. Alabama, 1/20/24

## PRODUCTION TRACKER

### 2023-24

Scored 5+ Points 3  
 Scored 10+ Points --  
 Led the Vols in Scoring --  
 Made Multiple 3-Pointers --  
 Had 5+ Rebounds --  
 Had 5+ Assists --  
 Led the Vols in Assists --  
 Had Multiple Steals --  
 Led the Vols in Steals --  
 Had a Positive Assist/TO Ratio 1

### AS A FRESHMAN IN 2023-24

- Scored five points versus Alabama (1/20/24) and made both his field-goal attempts.
- Made both of his shot attempts, including notching his first made 3-pointer as a collegian, against Georgia Southern (12/12/23) and finished with five points.
- Exited the game against Wofford (11/14/23) due to injury and, on 11/20/23, ruled out for the Maui Invitational with a partially torn left plantar fascia that also kept him out at No. 17/16 North Carolina (11/29/23).
- Made his collegiate debut with seven points, three boards and three assists versus Tennessee Tech (11/6/23).

### 2023 TRIP TO ITALY

- Averaged 11.0 ppg, a team-high 5.3 apg and 2.3 spg, while posting a 2.67 assist/turnover ratio.
- Scored in double figures in every outing, including a 10-point, 10-assist double-double in the second game against the Lithuanian U21 National Team.

### 2023 USA BASKETBALL

- In mid-June, he was among 35 athletes—along with UT teammate Tobe Awaka—selected for the 2023 USA Basketball FIBA U19 World Cup Team training camp and advanced through multiple rounds of cuts before being one of the last two players trimmed from the final 12-man roster.

### AS A FRESHMAN IN 2022-23

- Early enrollee joined the Volunteers in January 2023, practicing and traveling with the team during the second half of the season while redshirting.

### OTHER NOTABLES

- Prior to graduating early in December of 2022, was rated as high as No. 24 overall in the Class of 2023 by 247Sports and also was the top-rated prospect in the state of North Carolina per the 247Sports Composite.
- In the 10 months between his arrival at UT and the start of the 2023-24 season, put on 17lbs. and added 3.94 inches to his standing vertical jump.
- Broke the Overtime Elite league single-game scoring record with 36 points versus the OSL Falcons (11/8/22).
- One of 50 players on the 2022-23 USA TODAY Boys Basketball Player of the Year watch list and a member of the 2023 Jersey Mike's Naismith Player of the Year watch list.
- Averaged 25.4 ppg, 7.2 rpg and 6.9 apg as a junior in 2021-22 at Word of God Christian Academy, the alma mater of five-time NBA All-Star and 2010 No. 1 overall NBA Draft pick John Wall.
- Previously attended Trinity Christian, where he also played one season of baseball as a pitcher and outfielder.
- Fourth of six siblings and younger brother of John White, who played linebacker at DII UNC Pembroke.
- Third Volunteer from Fayetteville, N.C., joining John Fields (2010-11) and Kwe Parker (2016-17).

## 2023-24 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

OPPONENT	DATE	St	MIN	FG-FGA PCT	3FG-FGA PCT	FT-FTA PCT	OFF DEF TOT	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
Tenn. Tech	11/6/23	16	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	0	3	3	0	3
at Wisconsin	11/10/23	3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
Wofford	11/14/23	3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1	0
vs. Syracuse	11/20/23												
vs. Purdue	11/21/23												
vs. Kansas	11/22/23												
at N. Carolina	11/29/23												
George Mason	12/5/23	9	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0	2	2	1	1
Illinois	12/9/23												3
Ga. Southern	12/12/23	8	2-2	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	3	4
vs. NC State	12/16/23												5
Tarleton State	12/21/23												
Norfolk State	1/2/24	9	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1	2
Ole Miss	1/6/24												4
at Miss. State	1/10/24	3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	1/13/24	4	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	1	0
Florida	1/16/24	6	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2	1
Alabama	1/20/24	5	2-2	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2	1
at Vanderbilt	1/27/24	0+	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	1/30/24												
at Kentucky	2/3/24												
LSU	2/7/24												
at Texas A&M	2/10/24												
at Arkansas	2/14/24												
Vanderbilt	2/17/24												
at Missouri	2/20/24												
Texas A&M	2/24/24												
Auburn	2/28/24												
at Alabama	3/2/24												
at S. Carolina	3/6/24												
Kentucky	3/9/24												
vs. TBD	TBD												

## CAREER STATS

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2023-24	11-0	67	6.0	10-17	.588	2-5	.400	4-5	.800	0-9-9	0.8	7-0	9	10	0	4	26	2.4
TOTAL	11-0	67	6.0	10-17	.588	2-5	.400	4-5	.800	0-9-9	0.8	7-0	9	10	0	4	26	2.4

# 13 J.P. ESTRELLA

FR Forward | 6-11 | 241 | Business Management  
Scarborough, Maine | Brewster Academy (N.H.)



@JPESTRELLA13

Last name pronounced: Uh-STRELL-Uh  
Full bio can be found [HERE](#) on [UTsports.com](#)

### SEASON HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	7 (2x) // last vs. Florida, 1/16/24
<b>Rebounds:</b>	3 (2x) // last at Vanderbilt, 1/27/24
<b>Assists:</b>	1 (3x) // last vs. South Carolina, 1/30/24
<b>Steals:</b>	-- // --
<b>Blocks:</b>	1 (3x) // last vs. Florida, 1/16/24
<b>Field Goals:</b>	3 // vs. George Mason, 12/5/23
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	-- // --
<b>Free Throws:</b>	3 // vs. Florida, 1/16/24
<b>Minutes:</b>	12:20 // vs. Norfolk State, 1/2/24

### CAREER HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	7 (2x) // last vs. Florida, 1/16/24
<b>Rebounds:</b>	3 (2x) // last at Vanderbilt, 1/27/24
<b>Assists:</b>	1 (3x) // last vs. South Carolina, 1/30/24
<b>Steals:</b>	-- // --
<b>Blocks:</b>	1 (3x) // last vs. Florida, 1/16/24
<b>Field Goals:</b>	3 // vs. George Mason, 12/5/23
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	-- // --
<b>Free Throws:</b>	3 // vs. Florida, 1/16/24
<b>Minutes:</b>	12:20 // vs. Norfolk State, 1/2/24

### SEC HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	7 // vs. Florida, 1/16/24
<b>Rebounds:</b>	3 // at Vanderbilt, 1/27/24
<b>Assists:</b>	1 // vs. South Carolina, 1/30/24
<b>Steals:</b>	-- // --
<b>Blocks:</b>	1 // vs. Florida, 1/16/24
<b>Field Goals:</b>	2 // vs. Florida, 1/16/24
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	-- // --
<b>Free Throws:</b>	3 // vs. Florida, 1/16/24
<b>Minutes:</b>	8:52 // vs. Florida, 1/16/24

### PRODUCTION TRACKER

2023-24	
Scored 5+ Points	2
Scored 10+ Points	--
Led the Vols in Scoring	--
Had 5+ Rebounds	--
Had 10+ Rebounds	--
Led the Vols in Rebounding	--
Had a Double-Double	--
Had Multiple Blocks	--
Led the Vols in Blocks	--
Had Multiple Steals	--

### AS A FRESHMAN IN 2023-24

- Scored a career-best seven points, finishing 2-of-2 from the floor and 3-of-4 at the line, and blocked one shot in the win over Florida (1/16/24).
- Produced seven points on a perfect 3-of-3 field-goal clip in the victory against George Mason (12/5/23).
- Scored four points, making both his field-goal attempts, and blocked a shot against Tennessee Tech (11/6/23) in his collegiate debut.

### 2023 TRIP TO ITALY

- Averaged 5.3 ppg and 6.3 rpg while shooting 63.6 percent (7-of-11) from the field across three contests.
- Posted an 11-point, 10-rebound double-double in the Vols' first game, a victory against the Lithuanian U21 National Team.

### OTHER NOTABLES

- Added 10lbs. between his arrival at UT and the start of the 2023-24 season while also increasing his fast explosive strength metric by 25 percent.
- Unanimous four-star, top-80 recruit ranked as high as No. 57 in his class by Rivals.
- Among 27 elite prospects selected to participate in the 2023 Iverson Classic.
- Attended local South Portland High School for two years and led the team to a state title as a junior in 2021-22, averaging 20.2 ppg, 11.8 and 4.1 bpg.
- Transferred to powerhouse Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro, N.H., for his senior year.
- Mother, Allie (Booth) Estrella, won Maine Miss Basketball in 1995 and then played at Boston College from 1995-99, with her career ending in Knoxville, Tenn., against top-seeded Tennessee in the 1999 NCAA Tournament Round of 32.
- First player in program history who hails from the state of Maine.

### 2023-24 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

OPPONENT	DATE	St	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
Tenn. Tech	11/6/23	7	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	4
at Wisconsin	11/10/23			DNP														
Wofford	11/14/23	3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
vs. Syracuse	11/20/23	9	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
vs. Purdue	11/21/23	8	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Kansas	11/22/23	2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at N. Carolina	11/29/23	3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
George Mason	12/5/23	5	3-3	1.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	7
Illinois	12/9/23			DNP														
Ga. Southern	12/12/23	4	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
vs. NC State	12/16/23	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tarleton State	12/21/23	2	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norfolk State	1/2/24	12	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	4	1	2	0	0	0	4
Ole Miss	1/6/24			DNP														
at Miss. State	1/10/24			DNP														
at Georgia	1/13/24			DNP														
Florida	1/16/24	9	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	7
Alabama	1/20/24			DNP														
at Vanderbilt	1/27/24	5	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
South Carolina	1/30/24	4	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
at Kentucky	2/3/24																	
LSU	2/7/24																	
at Texas A&M	2/10/24																	
at Arkansas	2/14/24																	
Vanderbilt	2/17/24																	
at Missouri	2/20/24																	
Texas A&M	2/24/24																	
Auburn	2/28/24																	
at Alabama	3/2/24																	
at S. Carolina	3/6/24																	
Kentucky	3/9/24																	
vs. TBD	TBD																	

### CAREER STATS

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2023-24	15-0	77	5.1	12-15	.800	0-0	.000	8-12	.667	7-8-15	1.0	16-0	3	6	3	0	32	2.1
TOTAL	15-0	77	5.1	12-15	.800	0-0	.000	8-12	.667	7-8-15	1.0	16-0	3	6	3	0	32	2.1

# 2 JORDAN GAINNEY

JR Guard | 6-3 | 186 | Communication Studies  
Tucson, Ariz. | USC Upstate | South Kent School (Conn.)



Full bio can be found [HERE](#) on [UTsports.com](#)

### HONORS

- 2022-23: First Team All-Big South ... Two-time Big South Player of the Week
- 2021-22: Big South Freshman of the Year ... Second Team All-Big South ... Kyle Macy Award finalist ... Seven-time Big South Freshman of the Week

### AS A JUNIOR IN 2023-24

- Finished with 10 points at Vanderbilt (1/27/24), shooting 2-of-3 from 3-point range and, for the second game in a row, an unblemished 4-of-4 at the stripe.
- Notched 15 points, shooting 3-of-5 from deep and a perfect 4-of-4 at the line, against Alabama (1/20/24) and set season highs in both rebounds (team-high five) and steals (three).
- Tallied 11 points at No. 17/16 North Carolina (11/29/23) and, with his first basket of the night, eclipsed 1,000 in his career in just his 71st outing.
- Recorded 13 points, a season-best four rebounds and a co-team-high three assists against top-ranked Kansas (11/22/23) in the final game of the Maui Invitational.
- Logged 15 points, hit two game-tying 3-pointers in the final five minutes and finished 6-of-7 at the stripe versus second-ranked Purdue (11/21/23) in the Maui Invitational.
- Scored 16 points against Wofford (11/14/23), finishing 4-of-10 from 3-point range and adding a pair of steals.
- Produced 14 points, three rebounds and three assists, shooting 5-of-9 from the floor and 2-of-4 beyond the arc, versus Tennessee Tech (11/6/23) to in his first outing as a Vol.

### 2023 TRIP TO ITALY

- Averaged 12.7 ppg and 2.7 apg while shooting 39.1 percent on 3-pointers in a team-high 22.7 mpg.

### AS A SOPHOMORE AT USC UPSTATE IN 2022-23

- Tallied double-digit points in 25 of 32 outings, including eight showings with 20-plus points (three in a row).
- Paced the team in scoring (15.1 ppg) and steals (1.9 spg), as well as ranked second in assists (2.3 apg).
- Amassed 25 points on a 9-of-16 clip in the Big South Tournament opener against Gardner-Webb (3/3/23).
- Had a career-high 28 points on 9-of-20 shooting, adding five assists, versus South Carolina State (12/10/22).
- Totaled 21 points and a co-career-high six assists at Western Carolina (12/3/23) on 9-of-18 shooting.
- Registered 24 points on 8-of-16 shooting at Clemson (11/15/22), adding four rebounds and two assists.

### AS A FRESHMAN AT USC UPSTATE IN 2021-22

- Started all 32 games, tallying double-figure points in 25 of them, with 20-plus five times.
- Shot 49.3 percent (74-of-150) from 3-point range, a figure that would have led the nation if he qualified.
- Had a season-best 24 points, going 7-of-11 from the field and 8-of-9 at the line, against Winthrop (1/26/22).
- Logged his first 20-point game at Presbyterian (1/8/22), shooting 6-of-9 overall and 2-of-3 on 3-pointers.
- Notched 20 points in both the regular season finale versus Gardner-Webb (2/26/22) and the Big South Tournament opener against Charleston Southern (3/4/22).

### OTHER NOTABLES

- Between arriving on campus and starting the 2023-24 season, added 14.5lbs and upped his standing vertical jump by 3.54 inches.
- Initially signed with Pima C.C. (Ariz.) as a 2020 recruit at Salpointe High School (Ariz.), where he scored 670 points in two years and led the team to a 30-1 record and its first 4A state title as a senior, but instead elected for a postgrad year at South Kent, where he was also on the golf team.
- Eldest of Tennessee associate head coach Justin Gainey's three sons.
- Born in Cary, N.C., and also lived in Wisconsin, where he attended Franklin High School as a freshman while his father worked at Marquette.

### SEASON HIGHS

Points:	16 // vs. Wofford, 11/14/23
Rebounds:	5 // vs. Alabama, 1/20/24
Assists:	3 (3x) // last vs. George Mason, 12/5/23
Steals:	3 // vs. Alabama, 1/20/24
Blocks:	1 (2x) // last at North Carolina, 11/29/23
Field Goals:	6 // vs. Wofford, 11/14/23
3-Pointers:	4 // vs. Wofford, 11/14/23
Free Throws:	6 // vs. Purdue, 11/21/23
Minutes:	31:50 // at North Carolina, 11/29/23

### CAREER HIGHS (includes two seasons at USC Upstate)

Points:	28 // vs. South Carolina State, 12/10/22
Rebounds:	7 (5x) // last at Kennesaw State, 12/20/22
Assists:	6 (3x) // last at Western Carolina, 12/3/22
Steals:	5 (3x) // last vs. Radford, 1/28/23
Blocks:	3 (2x) // last vs. Presbyterian, 1/18/23
Field Goals:	9 (3x) // last vs. Gardner-Webb, 3/3/23
3-Pointers:	5 // at Charleston Southern, 12/31/22
Free Throws:	8 (3x) // last vs. UNC Asheville, 2/4/23
Minutes:	44 // vs. South Carolina State, 12/10/22

### SEC HIGHS

Points:	15 // vs. Alabama, 1/20/24
Rebounds:	5 // vs. Alabama, 1/20/24
Assists:	1 (2x) // vs. Alabama, 1/20/24
Steals:	3 // vs. Alabama, 1/20/24
Blocks:	1 (3x) // last at Vanderbilt, 1/27/24
Field Goals:	4 // vs. Alabama, 1/20/24
3-Pointers:	3 // vs. Alabama, 1/20/24
Free Throws:	4 (2x) // last at Vanderbilt, 1/27/24
Minutes:	22:28 // vs. South Carolina, 1/30/24

### PRODUCTION TRACKER

	2023-24	Career
Scored 10+ Points	8	58+
Scored 20+ Points	--	13
Led the Vols in Scoring	--	--
Led the Vols in Assists	1	1
Led the Vols in Steals	3	3
Had a Double-Double	--	--
Made Multiple 3-Pointers	7	53
Made 4+ 3-Pointers	1	11
Had 3+ Steals	1	13
Had a Positive Assist/TO Ratio	10	33

### CAREER STATS

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2021-22*	32-32	1008	31.5	146-310	.471	74-150	.493	76-93	.817	10-113-123	3.8	92-3	69	65	16	39	442	13.8
2022-23*	32-29	1014	31.7	168-427	.393	70-203	.345	81-104	.779	7-73-80	2.5	71-0	74	85	10	62	487	15.2
2023-24	20-0	377	18.9	49-145	.338	26-87	.299	22-24	.917	9-30-39	2.0	29-0	24	18	4	20	146	7.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>84-61</b>	<b>2401</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>363-882</b>	<b>.412</b>	<b>170-440</b>	<b>.386</b>	<b>179-221</b>	<b>.810</b>	<b>26-216-242</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>192-3</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>1075</b>	<b>12.8</b>
<b>UPSTATE</b>	<b>64-61</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>314-737</b>	<b>.426</b>	<b>144-353</b>	<b>.408</b>	<b>157-197</b>	<b>.797</b>	<b>17-186-203</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>163-3</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>14.5</b>

\* at USC Upstate

# 23 GRANT HURST

**R-SO** Guard | 6-2 | 200 | Recreation & Sport Management  
Cleveland, Tenn. | UT Martin | Cleveland



### SEASON HIGHS

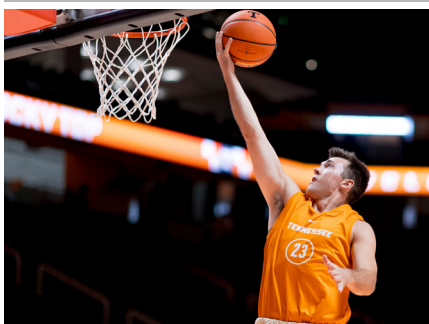
Points:	-- // --
Rebounds:	-- // --
Assists:	-- // --
Steals:	-- // --
Blocks:	-- // --
Field Goals:	-- // --
3-Pointers:	-- // --
Free Throws:	-- // --
Minutes:	1:37 // vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23

### CAREER HIGHS (includes one season at UT Martin)

Points:	9 // at Belmont, 1/29/22
Rebounds:	4 // vs. Carver College, 11/24/21
Assists:	4 (2x) // last vs. Southeast Missouri, 2/3/22
Steals:	1 // at Tennessee, 11/9/21
Blocks:	1 // at Murray State, 1/22/22
Field Goals:	4 // at Belmont, 1/29/22
3-Pointers:	1 (2x) // last at Belmont, 1/29/22
Free Throws:	1 (2x) // last at Tennessee Tech, 2/26/22
Minutes:	23:07 // vs. Carver College, 11/24/21

### SEC HIGHS

Points:	-- // --
Rebounds:	-- // --
Assists:	-- // --
Steals:	-- // --
Blocks:	-- // --
Field Goals:	-- // --
3-Pointers:	-- // --
Free Throws:	-- // --
Minutes:	-- // --



Full bio can be found [HERE](#) on [UTsports.com](#)

### AS A REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE IN 2023-24

- Debutted as a Volunteer with two minutes of playing time versus Tennessee Tech (11/6/23) in the opener.

### AT UT MARTIN

- Redshirted during the 2022-23 campaign after playing in 23 games as a backup point in 2021-22 as a true freshman.
- Had multiple assists four times and twice reached four, including against Southeast Missouri State (2/3/22).
- Logged a career-high nine points on 4-of-5 shooting in 18 minutes versus Belmont (1/29/22)
- Registered career bests in rebounds (four), assists (four), steals (two) and minutes (23) against Carver College (11/24/21).

### OTHER NOTABLES

- Did three reps at 455lbs. on a reverse band back squat during the 2023 offseason.
- Totalled 1,469 points in high school, good for the fifth-most ever at Cleveland High School, where he was a three-time all-district choice and two-time region MVP.
- Averaged 18.7 ppg, 6.0 rpg and 5.0 apg as a senior in 2020-21, claiming TSWA All-State accolades and scoring 30-plus points in his final two prep outings.
- Helped his team to a 106-19 record, including a 33-1 mark in 2019-20, and three Region 3-AAA championships in his prep career.
- Parents, Matt and Wendy (Haneline), were both all-conference basketball players at Mars Hill University, a DII school in Mars Hill, N.C.
- Father scored 1,113 collegiate points and owns Mars Hill's single-game records for free throws both made (23) and attempted (24), set on 12/4/95 versus Newberry.
- Born in Knoxville, Tenn.

### 2023-24 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

OPPONENT	DATE	St	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF DEF TOT	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
Tenn. Tech	11/6/23	2		0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	11/10/23															
Wofford	11/14/23															
vs. Syracuse	11/20/23															
vs. Purdue	11/21/23															
vs. Kansas	11/22/23															
at N. Carolina	11/29/23															
George Mason	12/5/23															
Illinois	12/9/23															
Ga. Southern	12/12/23															
vs. NC State	12/16/23															
Tarleton State	12/21/23															
Norfolk State	1/2/24	0+		0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	
Ole Miss	1/6/24															
at Miss. State	1/10/24															
at Georgia	1/13/24															
Florida	1/16/24															
Alabama	1/20/24															
at Vanderbilt	1/27/24															
South Carolina	1/30/24															
at Kentucky	2/3/24															
LSU	2/7/24															
at Texas A&M	2/10/24															
at Arkansas	2/14/24															
Vanderbilt	2/17/24															
at Missouri	2/20/24															
Texas A&M	2/24/24															
Auburn	2/28/24															
at Alabama	3/2/24															
at S. Carolina	3/6/24															
Kentucky	3/9/24															
vs. TBD	TBD															

### CAREER STATS

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2021-22*	23-0	230	10.0	8-30	.267	2-14	.143	2-7	.286	8-14-22	1.0	14-0	16	12	1	10	20	0.9
2022-23*																		
2023-24	2-0	2	1.1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0.0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25-0</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>8-30</b>	<b>.267</b>	<b>2-14</b>	<b>.143</b>	<b>2-7</b>	<b>.286</b>	<b>8-14-22</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>14-0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>MARTIN</b>	<b>23-0</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>8-30</b>	<b>.267</b>	<b>2-14</b>	<b>.143</b>	<b>2-7</b>	<b>.286</b>	<b>8-14-22</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>14-0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0.9</b>

\* at UT Martin

# 30 JOSIAH-JORDAN JAMES

5th Guard | 6-7 | 220 | Agricultural Leadership (Graduate Level) | Charleston, S.C. | Porter-Gaud School



## @JOSIAH.J.JAMES

Full bio can be found [HERE](#) on [UTsports.com](#)

### HONORS

- 2023-24: Preseason Second Team All-SEC (Coaches)
- 2022-23: Julius Erving Award Preseason Watch List ... Preseason First Team All-SEC (Coaches) ... Preseason Second Team All-SEC (Media)
- 2021-22: SEC All-Tournament Team

### AS A FIFTH-YEAR IN 2023-24

- Became the 15th Volunteer with 100 starts and the 18th with 700 rebounds in the non-conference finale versus Norfolk State (1/2/24).
- Posted a 10-point, 10-rebound double-double versus Tarleton State (12/21/23) and also became the 48th volunteer to eclipse 1,100 career points.
- Dropped a career-high-tying 23 points against NC State (12/16/23) in San Antonio, Texas, adding seven rebounds and three assists, while finishing 6-of-10 from the floor, 5-of-7 from deep to set a career best in makes and a perfect 6-of-6 at the line.
- Finished with 12 points, six rebounds and a career-best seven assists, the latter mark leading all players, in the win against No. 20/18 Illinois (12/9/23).
- Logged 15 points on 6-of-9 shooting to go along with six rebounds and a career-high-tying six assists, his top mark since the 2019-20 campaign, versus George Mason (12/5/23), adding a game-best three steals.
- Registered a season-best 20 points on an 8-of-11 clip at No. 17/16 North Carolina (11/29/23), as well as blocked two shots.
- Notched his sixth-career double-double with 15 points and a game-high 12 rebounds against Syracuse (11/20/23) in the Maui Invitational opener.
- Scored eight points versus Wofford (11/14/23) to become the 55th player with over 1,000 as a Volunteer.
- Opened the season with 12 points and seven boards against Tennessee Tech (11/6/23), shooting 4-of-5 from 3-point range to tie a career best in makes.

### AS A SENIOR IN 2022-23

- Missed 12 games, a third of the season, due to knee and ankle injuries, but still finished as UT's third-leading rebounder (4.7 rpg) and fourth-leading scorer (10.0 ppg) while shooting a team- and career-best 86.1 percent at the line.
- According to Synergy, opponents shot 28.9 percent (28-for-97) when he served as the primary defender, including a 0-of-4 mark by players on No. 12/16 Duke (3/18/23) in the NCAA Tournament Round of 32 win.
- Logged a game-high 20 points, seven boards and a co-career-high four 3-pointers in the SEC Tournament win over Ole Miss (3/9/23).
- Returned from a four-game injury absence and scored a team-best 18 points on 7-of-11 shooting, including a 4-of-7 clip from deep, against South Carolina (2/25/23).
- Logged his fifth-career double-double with 15 points and a career-best 14 rebounds in the win over No. 25 Auburn (2/4/23).
- Scored a season-high 22 points and shot 4-of-6 from deep, tying a career in makes, at LSU (1/21/23).

### AS A JUNIOR IN 2021-22

- Played in 32 games, averaging 13.7 ppg in the final 16, and started a career-high 30, as well as led the team in rebounding (6.0 rpg) for the second straight year.
- Led UT in rebounding a team-high 11 times, in blocks 10 times, in steals nine times and in scoring five times.
- Averaged 14.0 ppg, 6.3 rpg, 3.0 apg and 1.3 bpg, plus shot 52.9 percent (9-of-17) from deep, in UT's run to the SEC Tournament title, including posting 16 points and 10 boards versus Texas A&M (3/13/22) in the final.
- Scored a career-high 23 points on 8-of-12 shooting at Georgia (3/1/22), adding eight rebounds and a season-high five assists.
- Had a 14-point, 10-rebound double-double against Vanderbilt (2/12/22), shooting 9-of-10 at the stripe.
- Notched 20 points and tied a career high with four made 3-pointers at South Carolina (2/5/22).
- Recorded 11 points and a season-best 12 rebounds versus South Carolina (1/11/22).

### AS A SOPHOMORE IN 2020-21

- Paced the Vols in rebounding (6.5), offensive rebounding (2.1 orgp) and steals (1.4), while ranking third in minutes (27.0).
- Led UT in rebounding 13 times and steals 11 times, both team highs.
- Placed ninth in the SEC with 1.6 spg in conference action.
- Compiled 15 points on 6-of-8 shooting, including a 3-of-5 clip from deep, versus Tennessee Tech (12/18/20).
- Tallied nine points, 11 rebounds, four assists and a block in the victory against No. 15/18 Kansas (1/30/21).
- Had 17 points, nine rebounds and three steals in the win over Arkansas (1/6/21), going 6-of-12 from the field.
- Produced a 10-point, 10-rebound double-double, his first as a collegian, in the win at Kentucky (2/6/21).

### AS A FRESHMAN IN 2019-20

- Led UT in 3-point percentage (36.7), while ranking second in rebounding (5.5 rpg) and assists (2.9 apg).
- Scored in double figures 10 times, plus paced UT in assists 10 times and was its top rebounder seven times.
- Notched a season-best 16 points, all after halftime, in the triumph over sixth-ranked Kentucky (3/3/20).
- Logged 12 points and eight rebounds while playing all 40 minutes in the victory against Florida (2/29/20).
- Had 15 points on a 5-of-11 clip, including a 3-of-5 ledger from deep, versus LSU (1/4/20) in his first SEC action.
- Grabbed a season-high 13 rebounds against Alabama State (11/20/19) in just his fourth collegiate game.

### OTHER NOTABLES

- Completed his degree in Communication Studies in December 2022 and is now enrolled in graduate classes.
- In six career NCAA Tournament games, is averaging 10.0 points, 7.3 rebounds and 2.7 assists per outing.
- Father, Kurt, played at Michigan State and brother, K.J., played at Valdosta State, with both wearing No. 30, which is why he changed from No. 5 to No. 30 before the 2021-22 campaign.
- Mother, Soyna Brice, is a former DI basketball official and four of his uncles played college basketball: John James III (Ball State), Kevin James (Alabama State), Anthony Fletcher (Hawaii) and Noel Gilliard (Furman).
- Attended the same high school, where he averaged 29.1 ppg and 12.4 rpg as a senior for a state semifinalist team, as current NBA players Khris Middleton (Bucks) and prep teammate Aaron Nesmith (Pacers).
- Former top-20, five-star recruit, who now owns a 7.0'5 wingspan (plus-5.5 inches), was the first of four McDonald's All-Americans who have signed with UT during the Rick Barnes era.
- Won a gold medal with Team USA at the 2018 FIBA U18 Americas Championship in Canada.

### SEASON HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	23 // vs. NC State, 12/16/23
<b>Rebounds:</b>	12 // vs. Syracuse, 11/20/23
<b>Assists:</b>	7 // vs. Illinois, 12/9/23
<b>Steals:</b>	4 // vs. Kansas, 11/22/23
<b>Blocks:</b>	2 // at North Carolina, 11/29/23
<b>Field Goals:</b>	8 // at North Carolina, 11/29/23
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	5 // vs. NC State, 12/16/23
<b>Free Throws:</b>	6 (2x) // last vs. NC State, 12/16/23
<b>Minutes:</b>	38:01 // at North Carolina, 11/29/23

### CAREER HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	23 (2x) // last vs. NC State, 12/16/23
<b>Rebounds:</b>	14 // vs. Auburn, 2/4/23
<b>Assists:</b>	7 // vs. Illinois, 12/9/23
<b>Steals:</b>	5 (2x) // last vs. Texas A&M, 2/1/22
<b>Blocks:</b>	4 (2x) // last at Colorado, 12/4/21
<b>Field Goals:</b>	9 // at LSU, 1/21/23
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	5 // vs. NC State, 12/16/23
<b>Free Throws:</b>	9 // vs. Vanderbilt, 2/12/22
<b>Minutes:</b>	39:53 // vs. Florida, 2/29/20

### SEC HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	23 // at Georgia, 3/1/22
<b>Rebounds:</b>	14 // vs. Auburn, 2/4/23
<b>Assists:</b>	6 (3x) // last vs. Florida, 2/29/20
<b>Steals:</b>	5 // vs. Texas A&M, 2/1/22
<b>Blocks:</b>	3 (3x) // last vs. Texas A&M, 3/13/22
<b>Field Goals:</b>	9 // at LSU, 1/21/23
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	4 (5x) // last vs. Ole Miss, 3/9/23
<b>Free Throws:</b>	9 // vs. Vanderbilt, 2/12/22
<b>Minutes:</b>	39:53 // vs. Florida, 2/29/20

### PRODUCTION TRACKER

	2023-24	Career
Scored 10+ Points	8	56
Scored 15+ Points	4	21
Led the Vols in Scoring	1	15
Led the Vols in Rebounding	4	35
Led the Vols in Assists	4	17
Had a Double-Double	2	7
Had 3+ Steals	3	20
Led the Vols in Steals	7	36
Made Multiple 3-Pointers	5	50
Had a Positive Assist/TO Ratio	11	63

### CAREER STATS

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2019-20	27-26	806	29.9	68-184	.370	29-79	.367	35-45	.778	28-121-149	5.5	68-3	79	68	23	23	200	7.4
2020-21	25-17	674	27.0	69-177	.390	28-91	.308	35-45	.778	51-111-162	6.5	55-2	51	30	25	36	201	8.0
2021-22	32-30	932	29.1	112-289	.388	56-173	.324	48-60	.800	42-149-191	6.0	93-5	55	37	34	46	328	10.3
2022-23	24-14	606	25.3	84-226	.372	40-128	.313	31-36	.861	24-89-113	4.7	36-0	44	25	3	29	239	10.0
2023-24	20-20	594	29.7	56-146	.384	22-71	.310	34-46	.739	30-103-133	6.7	40-0	43	26	9	26	168	8.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>128-107</b>	<b>3613</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>389-1023</b>	<b>.380</b>	<b>175-543</b>	<b>.322</b>	<b>183-232</b>	<b>.789</b>	<b>176-572-748</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>292-10</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>1136</b>	<b>8.9</b>

# 44 D.J. JEFFERSON

**R-FR** Guard | 6-5 | 209 | Communication Studies  
Richardson, Texas | Minnesota Prep Academy (Minn.)



Full bio can be found [HERE](#) on [UTsports.com](#)

### AS A REDSHIRT FRESHMAN IN 2023-24

- Connected on a 3-pointer and grabbed two boards versus Tennessee Tech (11/6/23) in his collegiate debut.

### 2023 TRIP TO ITALY

- Averaged 7.0 ppg, 1.7 apg and 1.0 spg across UT's three outings.
- Scored 13 points in the win over Rome-based pro team A.S. Stella Azzurra in the final game of the trip.

### AS A FRESHMAN IN 2022-23

- Redshirted his first season at UT while practicing and traveling with the team.

### OTHER NOTABLES

- Unanimous four-star recruit placed No. 51 in the On3 rankings and was named the top recruit in Minnesota by both On3 and 247Sports.
- Averaged 16.1 ppg, 5.8 rpg, 4.1 apg and 3.0 spg as a senior in 2021-22.
- Attended Berkner High School in his hometown of Richardson, Texas, before transferring out of state.
- Increased his stock with a strong showing at the Iverson Classic in Memphis in April 2022.
- Initially signed with Tulsa in November 2021, but reopened his recruitment following a coaching change.
- Eighth Vol ever from the state of Texas, including the first from the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex.
- One of Tennessee's most gifted players from a pure athleticism standpoint.

### SEASON HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	3 // vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23
<b>Rebounds:</b>	2 // vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23
<b>Assists:</b>	-- // --
<b>Steals:</b>	-- // --
<b>Blocks:</b>	-- // --
<b>Field Goals:</b>	-- // --
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	1 // vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23
<b>Free Throws:</b>	-- // --
<b>Minutes:</b>	2:55 // vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23

### CAREER HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	3 // vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23
<b>Rebounds:</b>	2 // vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23
<b>Assists:</b>	-- // --
<b>Steals:</b>	-- // --
<b>Blocks:</b>	-- // --
<b>Field Goals:</b>	-- // --
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	1 // vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23
<b>Free Throws:</b>	-- // --
<b>Minutes:</b>	2:55 // vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/6/23

### SEC HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	-- // --
<b>Rebounds:</b>	-- // --
<b>Assists:</b>	-- // --
<b>Steals:</b>	-- // --
<b>Blocks:</b>	-- // --
<b>Field Goals:</b>	-- // --
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	-- // --
<b>Free Throws:</b>	-- // --
<b>Minutes:</b>	-- // --

### PRODUCTION TRACKER

#### 2023-24

Scored 5+ Points	--
Scored 10+ Points	--
Made Multiple 3-Pointers	--
Had 5+ Rebounds	--
Had 3+ Assists	--
Led the Vols in Assists	--
Had Multiple Steals	--
Led the Vols in Steals	--
Had Multiple Blocks	--
Had a Positive Assist/TO Ratio	--

### 2023-24 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

OPPONENT	DATE	St	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
Tenn. Tech	11/6/23	3		1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	3
at Wisconsin	11/10/23																	
Wofford	11/14/23																	
vs. Syracuse	11/20/23																	
vs. Purdue	11/21/23																	
vs. Kansas	11/22/23																	
at N. Carolina	11/29/23																	
George Mason	12/5/23																	
Illinois	12/9/23																	
Ga. Southern	12/12/23																	
vs. NC State	12/16/23																	
Tarleton State	12/21/23																	
Norfolk State	1/2/24																	
Ole Miss	1/6/24																	
at Miss. State	1/10/24																	
at Georgia	1/13/24																	
Florida	1/16/24																	
Alabama	1/20/24																	
at Vanderbilt	1/27/24																	
South Carolina	1/30/24																	
at Kentucky	2/3/24																	
LSU	2/7/24																	
at Texas A&M	2/10/24																	
at Arkansas	2/14/24																	
Vanderbilt	2/17/24																	
at Missouri	2/20/24																	
Texas A&M	2/24/24																	
Auburn	2/28/24																	
at Alabama	3/2/24																	
at S. Carolina	3/6/24																	
Kentucky	3/9/24																	
vs. TBD	TBD																	

### CAREER STATS

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg	
2022-23		REDSHIRTED																	
2023-24	1-0	3	2.9	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	2.0	1-0	0	1	0	0	3	3.0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>0-2-2</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3.0</b>	



# 3 DALTON KNECHT

5th Guard | 6-6 | 213 | Agricultural Leadership (Graduate Level)  
Thornton, Colo. | Northern Colorado | Northeastern J.C. | Prairie View



Last name pronounced: Kuh-NEKT (like connect)  
Full bio can be found [HERE](#) on [UTsports.com](#)



## SEASON HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	39 // vs. Florida, 1/16/24
<b>Rebounds:</b>	8 // vs. Florida, 1/16/24
<b>Assists:</b>	4 // last vs. Norfolk State, 1/2/24
<b>Steals:</b>	3 // at Mississippi State, 1/10/24
<b>Blocks:</b>	3 // at Vanderbilt, 1/27/24
<b>Field Goals:</b>	13 (3x) // last at Vanderbilt, 1/27/24
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	5 // at Georgia, 1/13/24
<b>Free Throws:</b>	9 // vs. Florida, 1/16/24
<b>Minutes:</b>	36:36 // at Mississippi State, 1/10/24

## CAREER HIGHS (includes two seasons at Nor. Colorado)

<b>Points:</b>	39 // vs. Florida, 1/16/24
<b>Rebounds:</b>	14 // at CSUN, 12/10/22
<b>Assists:</b>	5 (2x) // last at Idaho State, 12/31/22
<b>Steals:</b>	3 (2x) // last at Mississippi State, 1/10/24
<b>Blocks:</b>	3 // at Vanderbilt, 1/27/24
<b>Field Goals:</b>	14 // vs. Idaho, 1/21/23
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	6 // at Portland State, 1/14/23
<b>Free Throws:</b>	12 // at Idaho State, 12/31/22
<b>Minutes:</b>	42 // at Idaho State, 12/31/22

## SEC HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	39 // vs. Florida, 1/16/24
<b>Rebounds:</b>	8 // vs. Florida, 1/16/24
<b>Assists:</b>	3 (2x) // last at Vanderbilt, 1/27/24
<b>Steals:</b>	3 // at Mississippi State, 1/10/24
<b>Blocks:</b>	3 // at Vanderbilt, 1/27/24
<b>Field Goals:</b>	13 (2x) // last at Vanderbilt, 1/27/24
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	5 // at Georgia, 1/13/24
<b>Free Throws:</b>	9 // vs. Florida, 1/16/24
<b>Minutes:</b>	36:36 // at Mississippi State, 1/10/24

## PRODUCTION TRACKER

2023-24, DI Career	
Scored 10+ Points	16 59
Scored 20+ Points	9 28
Scored 30+ Points	5 8
Made 10+ Free Throws	-- 1
Led the Vols in Scoring	13 13
Had 10+ Rebounds	-- 6
Had a Double-Double	-- 6
Had 3+ Assists	5 16
Made 3+ 3-Pointers	8 28
Had a Positive Assist/TO Ratio	8 26

## DI CAREER STATS

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2021-22*	35-11	845	24.1	105-241	.436	48-133	.361	55-73	.753	19-108-127	3.6	53-1	32	51	17	17	313	8.9
2022-23*	32-32	1131	35.3	234-489	.479	77-202	.381	101-131	.771	23-207-230	7.2	48-1	56	67	18	25	646	20.2
2023-24	20-20	585	29.3	139-285	.488	42-105	.400	82-105	.781	14-78-92	4.6	33-0	35	27	13	12	402	20.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87-63</b>	<b>2558</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>478-1015</b>	<b>.471</b>	<b>167-440</b>	<b>.380</b>	<b>238-309</b>	<b>.770</b>	<b>56-393-449</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>134-2</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1361</b>	<b>15.6</b>
<b>N. COLO.</b>	<b>67-43</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>339-730</b>	<b>.464</b>	<b>125-335</b>	<b>.373</b>	<b>156-204</b>	<b>.765</b>	<b>42-315-357</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>101-2</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>14.3</b>

\* at Northern Colorado

### HONORS

- 2023-24: The Athletic Midseason Second Team All-American ... Wooden Award Midseason Top 25 Watch List ... Lute Olson Award Midseason Watch List ... Three-time SEC Player of the Week (11/13/23, 1/15/24 & 1/22/24) ... Two-time USBWA Oscar Robertson National Player of the Week (1/16/24 & 1/23/24) ... Associated Press National Player of the Week (1/22/24) ... Naismith Trophy National Player of the Week (1/22/24) ... Julius Erving Small Forward of the Year Midseason Top 10 List & Preseason Watch List
- 2022-23: Second Team All-Big Sky ... Second Team NABC All-District 6
- 2020-21: NJCAA First Team All-American
- 2019-20: NJCAA All-Region IX Team

### AS A FIFTH YEAR IN 2023-24

- Tallied 31 points, including 13 on 5-of-5 shooting in a two-and-a-half minute stretch late in the second half, versus South Carolina (1/30/24), becoming the first Vol ever to score 30-plus four times in a five-game span and the first SEC player to do so in 14 years, as well as the eighth Power Six player in the last two decades to score 190 points in a six-game stretch, the first Power Six player in four years with a single-season 25-point streak of at least six games and the seventh UT player ever with five 30-point games in a season. A full list of notes from his performance can be found [HERE](#).
- Registered 32 points on 13-of-21 shooting, six rebounds, three assists and a career-high three blocks at Vanderbilt (1/27/24), becoming the first SEC player since Tennessee's Chris Lofton in 2006-07 to score 32-plus thrice in a four-game stretch and the first SEC player since South Carolina's Devan Downey in 2009-10 with five straight 25-point performances. A full list of notes from his performance can be found [HERE](#).
- Totaled 25 points versus Alabama (1/20/24), becoming just the fifth SEC player in the last 14 seasons (2010-24) to reach that mark in four consecutive outings. A full list of notes from his performance can be found [HERE](#).
- Compiled a career-high 39 points and eight rebounds versus Florida (1/16/24), shooting 13-of-23 overall, 4-of-6 from deep and 9-of-9 at the line, to become the sixth Volunteer—the others are Ernie Grunfeld, Allan Houston, Bernard King, Dale Ellis and Tony White—with three-career 35-point games, as well as the fifth Volunteer—seventh occurrence—with back-to-back 35-point showings and the first SEC player to achieve that feat since LSU's Shaquille O'Neal in Feb. 1991. A full list of notes from his performance can be found [HERE](#).
- Dropped 36 points, including 20 after halftime, on 12-of-20 shooting, including a 5-of-8 mark from deep to set a season high in makes, in the comeback victory at Georgia (1/13/24), becoming the fourth Volunteer—the others are Allan Houston, Bernard King and Grant Williams—with multiple 35-point road showings, as well as the first UT player since Chris Lofton in Feb. 2006 with back-to-back 25-point outings against DI teams with both on the road and the first to do so in any consecutive games since Admiral Schofield in Dec. 2018. A full list of notes from his performance can be found [HERE](#) in the game recap.
- Produced a game-best 28 points, six rebounds and a season-high three steals at Mississippi State (1/10/24) in his first SEC road action, including notching 26 points on 9-of-13 shooting in the second half alone.
- Amassed a team-leading 21 points, including 13 after halftime, on 7-of-14 shooting in the triumph versus No. 20/18 Illinois (12/9/23).
- Poured in a career-best 37 points on 13-of-17 shooting—along with six rebounds, three assists, two blocks and one steal—before departing with a left ankle injury with 99 seconds left at No. 17/16 North Carolina (11/29/23), tying the visitor scoring record at the Dean E. Smith Center, logging the second-most points by any player against the Tar Heels in the last 15 years, matching Allan Houston for the second-most points ever by a Vol in a non-conference road game and becoming the third Vol with 37-plus points in a game in the last 33 seasons. A full list of notes from his performance can be found [HERE](#).
- Missed eight minutes of the second half against Syracuse (11/20/23) in the Maui Invitational opener, but still had a game-best 17 points, four rebounds, three assists and two blocks, while shooting 3-of-4 from deep.
- Put up a game-best 24 points and five rebounds in the victory at Wisconsin (11/10/23), finishing 8-of-15 from the field and reaching exactly 1,000 career points in just his 69th DI appearance.
- Tallied a game-high 17 points, shooting 6-of-11, in his Tennessee debut against Tennessee Tech (11/6/23).

### AS A SENIOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO IN 2022-23

- Led the Big Sky in scoring and ranked No. 23 nationally with 20.2 ppg, totaling 646 points in 32 appearances.
- Ranked second in the Big Sky in minutes (35.3 mpg), second in defensive rebounding (6.5 drpg), fifth in field-goal percentage (47.9), sixth in rebounding (7.2 rpg) and ninth in free-throw percentage (.771).
- Started all 32 games and led the team in scoring, rebounding, blocks (0.6 bpg), minutes, field-goal percentage and made 3-pointers (77).
- Upped his scoring in Big Sky league play, averaging a conference-best 21.6 ppg.
- Concluded the year with 26 points and eight rebounds on 11-of-20 shooting against Montana State (3/5/23) in the Big Sky Tournament quarterfinals.
- Posted a 26-point, 13-rebound double-double against Northern Arizona (2/25/23), shooting 10-of-17 overall.
- Paced the team in scoring 17 times, reaching double figures 28 times, 20-plus 18 times and 30-plus thrice.
- Dropped a career-high 34 points on 14-of-21 shooting, adding seven rebounds, in a win over Idaho (1/21/23).
- Compiled 31 points and six boards in a road victory at Portland State (1/14/23), shooting 11-of-21 overall, 6-of-13 beyond the arc and 3-of-3 on free throws.
- Tallied his first DI 30-point showing with 32, to go along with seven rebounds, versus Montana (1/7/23), finishing 10-of-16 from the field, 5-of-9 on 3-pointers and 7-of-7 at the line.
- Finished with 29 points and a co-career-best five assists in a career-high at Idaho State (12/31/22).
- On the road at Colorado (12/18/22), scored 24 points on 9-of-18 shooting, with a 4-of-7 3-point mark.
- Produced 16 points and a career-high 14 rebounds at Cal State Northridge (12/10/22).
- Amassed 29 points and 11 rebounds on 12-of-21 shooting, including a 4-of-8 ledger from deep, at New Mexico (11/27/22).
- Registered a 22-point, 12-rebound double-double against North Dakota State (11/25/22) in Albuquerque, N.M., going 9-of-14 from the floor and 4-of-4 at the stripe.
- Had a double-double on the road at No. 5/6 Baylor, logging 12 points and 11 rebounds.

### AS A JUNIOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO IN 2021-22

- Played in 35 of 38 games, starting 11, and helped the team to a 22-16 (13-7) record.
- Scored in double figures 15 times and had 15-plus points in four outings.
- Ended the campaign with 12 points versus UNC Wilmington (3/22/22) in the CBI semifinals.
- Had 17 points, going 8-of-10 at the line, in the Big Sky Tournament-opening win over Portland State (3/11/22).
- Shot 5-of-7 from 3-point range in a 17-point effort at Cal Baptist (11/21/21).
- Recorded a season-high 20 points on 6-of-10 shooting, including a 4-of-6 mark from deep, to go along with 11 rebounds for his first DI double-double versus over Colorado College (11/15/21).

Information on Knecht's two seasons at Northeastern J.C. (2018-20) can be found on his [UTsports.com website bio](#).

### OTHER NOTABLES

- Completed his degree in communications at the University of Northern Colorado in May 2023.
- Averaged 21.0 ppg and 6.5 rpg as a senior at Prairie View High School.
- Born in Fargo, N.D., and lists Kevin Durant, who played for Rick Barnes at Texas as a collegian, as his favorite player.

# 15 JAHMAI MASHACK

JR Guard | 6-4 | 201 | Psychology  
Fontana, Calif. | Etiwanda



Last name pronounced: Juh-MY MAY-Shack  
Full bio can be found [HERE](#) on [UTsports.com](#)

## SEASON HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	11 // vs. NC State, 12/16/23
<b>Rebounds:</b>	6 // at Mississippi State, 1/10/24
<b>Assists:</b>	4 (3x) // last vs. Alabama, 1/20/24
<b>Steals:</b>	2 (7x) // last vs. Alabama, 1/20/24
<b>Blocks:</b>	2 (2x) // last vs. George Mason, 12/5/23
<b>Field Goals:</b>	4 (2x) // last vs. Ole Miss, 1/6/24
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	2 (2x) // last vs. Ole Miss, 1/6/24
<b>Free Throws:</b>	5 // vs. Illinois, 12/9/23
<b>Minutes:</b>	28:01 // vs. Alabama, 1/20/24

## CAREER HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	16 // at Kentucky, 2/18/23
<b>Rebounds:</b>	8 // at Kentucky, 2/18/23
<b>Assists:</b>	5 (2x) // last vs. Arkansas, 2/28/23
<b>Steals:</b>	4 (3x) // last vs. Arkansas, 2/28/23
<b>Blocks:</b>	2 (4x) // last vs. Missouri, 2/11/23
<b>Field Goals:</b>	7 // at Kentucky, 2/18/23
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	2 (3x) // last vs. Ole Miss, 1/6/24
<b>Free Throws:</b>	5 // vs. Illinois, 12/9/23
<b>Minutes:</b>	34:03 // at Kentucky, 2/18/23

## SEC HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	16 // at Kentucky, 2/18/23
<b>Rebounds:</b>	8 // at Kentucky, 2/18/23
<b>Assists:</b>	5 // vs. Arkansas, 2/28/23
<b>Steals:</b>	4 (2x) // last vs. Arkansas, 2/28/23
<b>Blocks:</b>	2 // vs. Missouri, 2/11/23
<b>Field Goals:</b>	7 // at Kentucky, 2/18/23
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	2 (2x) // last vs. Ole Miss, 1/6/24
<b>Free Throws:</b>	4 // vs. Arkansas, 2/28/23
<b>Minutes:</b>	34:03 // at Kentucky, 2/18/23

## PRODUCTION TRACKER

	2023-24	Career
Scored 5+ Points	10	25
Scored 10+ Points	2	8
Led the Vols in Scoring	--	--
Made Multiple 3-Pointers	2	3
Had 5+ Rebounds	2	9
Had Multiple Offensive Rebounds	7	21
Had Multiple Assists	6	23
Had Multiple Steals	7	25
Led the Vols in Steals	4	13
Had a Positive Assist/TO Ratio	7	21

## CAREER STATS

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2021-22	27-0	120	4.4	7-17	.412	1-3	.333	4-9	.444	11-9-20	0.7	21-0	8	9	2	11	19	0.7
2022-23	36-13	653	18.1	63-150	.420	11-35	.314	33-57	.579	42-43-85	2.4	65-2	55	46	10	51	170	4.7
2023-24	20-6	364	18.2	32-69	.464	9-23	.391	26-33	.788	26-33-59	3.0	34-0	29	17	7	21	99	5.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>83-19</b>	<b>1137</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>102-236</b>	<b>.432</b>	<b>21-61</b>	<b>.344</b>	<b>63-99</b>	<b>.636</b>	<b>79-85-164</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>120-2</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>3.5</b>

### HONORS

- 2022-23: CSC Academic All-District

### AS A JUNIOR IN 2023-24

- Stuffed the stat sheet with eight points, four rebounds, four assists and two steals in victory over Alabama (1/20/24).
- Put up 10 points, four rebounds, a season-high-tying four assists, two steals and one block in the win over No. 22/19 Ole Miss (1/6/24) to start SEC play and went 2-of-3 from 3-point range, his second straight game with multiple makes.
- Totaled season highs in points (11), made field goals (four), rebounds (five) and assists (four) in the victory against NC State (12/16/23) in San Antonio, Texas.
- Set or tied season bests in points (nine), rebounds (four), assists (three), steals (two), made free throws (five) and free-throw attempts (six) in the victory against No. 20/18 Illinois (12/9/23), while also serving as one of the primary defenders on Terrence Shannon Jr., who went 5-of-16 from the floor.
- Tallied nine points and three rebounds, as well as made all four of his free throws, against Tennessee Tech (11/6/23) in the season opener.

### 2023 TRIP TO ITALY

- Stuffed the stat sheet with 8.0 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 4.0 apg and a team-best 3.3 spg across the three outings, finishing with 12 assists and just one turnover in nearly 63 minutes of action.

### AS A SOPHOMORE IN 2022-23

- Appeared in all 36 games, pacing the Vols in steals nine times, assists four times and blocks three times.
- Started final 11 contests, averaging 7.3 ppg and 1.7 spg on 46.7 percent (28-of-60) shooting in 25.6 mpg.
- Scored in double digits four times in the last 10 games after doing so twice in his first 53 college appearances.
- Ranked No. 13 in the nation, per KenPom, in steal percentage (4.8) and held opponents, per Synergy, to 33.6 percent (42-of-125) shooting while serving as the primary defender.
- Had 11 points on 4-of-6 shooting against Louisiana (3/10/23) in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.
- Put up 14 points on 5-of-7 shooting versus No. 25/RV Missouri (3/10/23) in the SEC Tournament quarterfinals.
- Set or tied career highs in assists (five), steals (four) and made free throws (four) in the victory over Arkansas (2/28/23) to cap the regular season.
- Finished with 14 points and six rebounds against South Carolina (2/25/23), going 5-of-7 from the field, 2-of-2 on 3-pointers and 2-of-2 at the stripe.
- Registered career highs in points (16), rebounds (eight) and minutes (34) at Kentucky (2/18/23), shooting 7-of-12 on field goals.
- During his 27 minutes of action in his first SEC start, held Brandon Miller, the eventual SEC Player of the Year and No. 2 NBA Draft pick, to 0-of-6 shooting in a victory over top-ranked Alabama (2/15/23).
- Logged 13 points and seven rebounds against Alcorn State (12/4/22), finishing 5-of-10 from the floor.
- Scored in double figures for the first time versus FGCU (11/16/22), notching 10 on 4-of-7 shooting.

### AS A FRESHMAN IN 2021-22

- Played in 27 games, all off the bench, and grabbed 20 rebounds, 11 of which came on the offensive end.
- Made his NCAA Tournament debut in the opening-round win over Longwood (3/17/22), recording two points and one rebound in nine minutes.
- Pulled down a season-high three offensive rebounds in just six minutes against Ole Miss (1/5/22).
- Recorded two points and a season-best five rebounds versus UT Martin (11/9/21) in his college debut.

### OTHER NOTABLES

- Vice Chair of the SEC MBB Leadership Council and in his second year on the committee, plus represents the SEC on the NCAA MBB Oversight Committee's (MBOC) Student-Athlete Engagement Group.
- Took part in a service and cultural immersion trip to the Philippines in July 2023 as part of UT's VOLeaders Academy, a year-long student-athlete leadership course.
- Unanimous four-star recruit ranked in the top 70 according to 247Sports, On3 and Rivals, the latter of which placed him No. 54 nationally.
- Named the Cal-Hi Sports State Senior Player of the Year in 2020-21, the first honoree ever from Etiwanda and logged the school's first playoff triple-double, posting 17 points, 13 rebounds and 11 assists against Ribet Academy in pool play on the way to a CIF Southern California Regional Open Division title.
- Father, Elton, was a First Team All-WCC honoree at Loyola Marymount, totaling over 1,100 career points.
- Mother, Meika (Phillips), ran track at UNLV before transferring to and graduating from Cal.
- Brother, Kwesi Mashack, played cornerback on the Arizona football team from 2014-17.
- Sister, Malika Mashack, is currently on the track & field team at UNLV.
- Overcame a battle with Guillain-Barré syndrome as a child, which he discussed [HERE](#) on the OWFAF podcast.
- One of just six Volunteers ever from the state of California, including the first since Melvin Goins (2009-11).

# 12 CADE PHILLIPS

FR Forward | 6-9 | 212 | Business Management  
Jacksonville, Ala. | Link Academy (Mo.)



Full bio can be found [HERE](#) on [UTsports.com](#)

### AS A FRESHMAN IN 2023-24

- Scored four points on a perfect 4-of-4 free-throw tally in the win over George Mason (12/5/23).
- Notched two points, one rebound and one block against Tennessee Tech (11/6/23) in his collegiate debut.

### 2023 TRIP TO ITALY

- Inactive for the team's three games as he continued rehabbing separate knee and shoulder injuries.

### OTHER NOTABLES

- Gained 12.5lbs and added 2.63 inches to his standing vertical jump between his arrival at UT and the start of the 2023-24 season.
- Tabbed a top-150 recruit by both 247Sports and Rivals, as well as a four-star prospect by ESPN
- Helped lead Link Academy in Missouri to a 27-1 record, the GEICO Nationals championship and an ESPN final No. 1 ranking as a senior in 2022-23.
- Prep teammate of fellow Tennessee freshman Cameron Carr as a senior at the same school former UT forward Julian Phillips (2022-23) attended.
- As a junior in 2021-22 at Jacksonville High School, averaged 13.3 ppg, 8.2 rpg and 4.5 bpg while shooting 57.0 percent, claiming ASWA 4A All-State honors.
- Blocked 109 shots in just 24 contests during his junior season, with 25 in four-game postseason stretch and 11 in a regional final victory.
- Mother, Reagan (Croyle), played basketball at Alabama and was also named homecoming queen, while his father, John David, played quarterback at Alabama.
- Uncle, Brodie Croyle, was an Alabama quarterback, while his grandfather, John Croyle, played defensive line for the Crimson Tide.
- Wears the same uniform number as his father and uncle.
- Before shifting his focus to basketball, also played outside linebacker, safety and defensive end on the football field.

### SEASON HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	4 // vs. George Mason, 12/5/23
<b>Rebounds:</b>	3 // at North Carolina, 11/29/23
<b>Assists:</b>	1 (3x) // last vs. Norfolk State, 1/2/24
<b>Steals:</b>	1 // vs. Georgia Southern, 12/12/23
<b>Blocks:</b>	1 (4x) // last vs. Norfolk State, 1/2/24
<b>Field Goals:</b>	1 (2x) // last at Wisconsin, 11/10/23
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	-- // --
<b>Free Throws:</b>	4 // vs. George Mason, 12/5/23
<b>Minutes:</b>	11:47 // vs. Georgia Southern, 12/12/23

### CAREER HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	4 // vs. George Mason, 12/5/23
<b>Rebounds:</b>	3 // at North Carolina, 11/29/23
<b>Assists:</b>	1 (3x) // last vs. Norfolk State, 1/2/24
<b>Steals:</b>	1 // vs. Georgia Southern, 12/12/23
<b>Blocks:</b>	1 (4x) // last vs. Norfolk State, 1/2/24
<b>Field Goals:</b>	1 (2x) // last at Wisconsin, 11/10/23
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	-- // --
<b>Free Throws:</b>	4 // vs. George Mason, 12/5/23
<b>Minutes:</b>	11:47 // vs. Georgia Southern, 12/12/23

### SEC HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	-- // --
<b>Rebounds:</b>	-- // --
<b>Assists:</b>	-- // --
<b>Steals:</b>	-- // --
<b>Blocks:</b>	-- // --
<b>Field Goals:</b>	-- // --
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	-- // --
<b>Free Throws:</b>	-- // --
<b>Minutes:</b>	0:38 // vs. Florida, 1/16/24

### PRODUCTION TRACKER

#### 2023-24

Scored 5+ Points	--
Scored 10+ Points	--
Led the Vols in Scoring	--
Had 5+ Rebounds	--
Had 10+ Rebounds	--
Led the Vols in Rebounding	--
Had a Double-Double	--
Had Multiple Blocks	--
Led the Vols in Blocks	--
Had Multiple Steals	--

### 2023-24 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

OPPONENT	DATE	St	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF DEF TOT	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
Tenn. Tech	11/6/23	10	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0 1 1	1 1 0	0	0	0	1	0	2
at Wisconsin	11/10/23	7	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0 1 1	0 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Wofford	11/14/23	3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0 0 0	0 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Syracuse	11/20/23			DNP												
vs. Purdue	11/21/23	4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0 1 1	1 1 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Kansas	11/22/23			DNP												
at N. Carolina	11/29/23	12	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2 1 3	3 1 2	1	2	1	1	0	0
George Mason	12/5/23	4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	4-4	1.000	1 0 1	1 1 0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Illinois	12/9/23			DNP												
Ga. Southern	12/12/23	12	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1 0 1	1 1 1	1	1	1	1	1	0
vs. NC State	12/16/23			DNP												
Tarleton State	12/21/23	2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1 1 2	1 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norfolk State	1/2/24	5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0 1 1	0 1 0	1	0	1	0	2	2
Ole Miss	1/6/24			DNP												
at Miss. State	1/10/24			DNP												
at Georgia	1/13/24			DNP												
Florida	1/16/24	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0 0 0	0 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alabama	1/20/24			DNP												
at Vanderbilt	1/27/24			DNP												
South Carolina	1/30/24			DNP												
at Kentucky	2/3/24															
LSU	2/7/24															
at Texas A&M	2/10/24															
at Arkansas	2/14/24															
Vanderbilt	2/17/24															
at Missouri	2/20/24															
Texas A&M	2/24/24															
Auburn	2/28/24															
at Alabama	3/2/24															
at S. Carolina	3/6/24															
Kentucky	3/9/24															
vs. TBD	TBD															

### CAREER STATS

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2023-24	10-0	60	6.0	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	6-7	.857	5-6-11	1.1	8-0	3	3	4	1	10	1.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10-0</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>.667</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>6-7</b>	<b>.857</b>	<b>5-6-11</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>8-0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1.0</b>

25 SANTIAGO VESCOVI

5th Guard | 6-3 | 196 | Business Management & Entrepreneurship  
Montevideo, Uruguay | NBA Global Academy (Australia)



Name pronounced: Sahn-Tee-AH-Go VESS-Co-Vee  
Full bio can be found [HERE](https://www.utsports.com) on [UTsports.com](https://www.utsports.com)



SANTIVESCOVI

HONORS

- 2023-24: Blue Ribbon College Basketball Yearbook Preseason Fourth Team All-American ... Jersey Mike's Naismith Trophy Preseason Watch List ... Wooden Award Preseason Watch List ... Preseason First Team All-SEC (Coaches, Media) ... Jerry West Shooting Guard of the Year Preseason Watch List
- 2022-23: First Team All-SEC (Coaches) ... USBWA All-District IV Team ... NABC Second Team All-District 20 ... Battle 4 Atlantis MVP ... Battle 4 Atlantis All-Tournament Team ... SEC Player of the Week (11/28/22) ... Jersey Mike's Naismith Trophy Preseason Watch List ... Wooden Award Preseason Watch List ... Preseason First Team All-SEC (Coaches, Media)
- 2021-22: First Team All-SEC (Coaches) ... USBWA All-District IV Team ... NABC Second Team All-District 20 ... CoSIDA Academic All-District ... SEC All-Tournament Team ... Basketball Hall of Fame Tip-Off All-Tournament Team

AS A FIFTH-YEAR IN 2023-24

- Recorded 10 points and five assists against Alabama (1/20/24), as well as passed John Jenkins for ninth place on the SEC's all-time made 3-pointers list (306).
- Totaled 12 points, seven rebounds and five assists against Tarleton State (12/21/23), as well as hit two 3-pointers to give him 297 as a collegian, good for top-10 in SEC history.
- Put up 12 points, a game- and season-best nine rebounds, three assists, two steals and zero turnovers in the win against No. 20/18 Illinois (12/9/23).
- Produced 21 points and shot 5-of-11 from 3-point range against top-ranked Kansas (11/22/23) in the last game of the Maui Invitational.
- Logged 11 points, a team-high four assists and two steals against Wofford (11/14/23), the latter mark giving him 178 in his career, solely the fifth most in program history

SEASON HIGHS

Table with 2 columns: Stat, Value. Points: 21 // vs. Kansas, 11/22/23; Rebounds: 9 // vs. Illinois, 12/9/23; Assists: 5 (2x) // last vs. Tarleton State, 12/21/23; Steals: 3 // at Mississippi State, 1/10/24; Blocks: -- // --; Field Goals: 8 // vs. Kansas, 11/22/23; 3-Pointers: 5 // vs. Kansas, 11/22/23; Free Throws: 8 // vs. Purdue, 11/21/23; Minutes: 36:36 // vs. Kansas, 11/22/23

CAREER HIGHS

Table with 2 columns: Stat, Value. Points: 23 (3x) // last vs. Florida, 1/26/22; Rebounds: 11 // at Arkansas, 2/19/22; Assists: 8 (3x) // last vs. UNCG, 12/11/21; Steals: 5 (2x) // last vs. Georgia, 1/25/23; Blocks: 2 (2x) // last vs. Auburn, 2/26/22; Field Goals: 8 (4x) // last vs. Kansas, 11/22/23; 3-Pointers: 6 (4x) // last vs. Longwood, 3/17/22; Free Throws: 8 (2x) // last vs. Purdue, 11/21/23; Minutes: 41:39 // vs. Ole Miss, 1/5/22

SEC HIGHS

Table with 2 columns: Stat, Value. Points: 23 (2x) // last vs. Florida, 1/26/22; Rebounds: 11 // at Arkansas, 2/19/22; Assists: 8 // vs. Arkansas, 2/11/20; Steals: 5 // vs. Georgia, 1/25/23; Blocks: 2 (2x) // last vs. Auburn, 2/26/22; Field Goals: 8 (3x) // last at Auburn, 3/4/23; 3-Pointers: 6 (2x) // last at Texas A&M, 1/9/21; Free Throws: 6 (3x) // last at Florida, 2/1/23; Minutes: 41:39 // vs. Ole Miss, 1/5/22

PRODUCTION TRACKER

Table with 3 columns: Stat, 2023-24, Career. Rows include: Scored 10+ Points (8, 79), Scored 20+ Points (1, 10), Led the Vols in Scoring (1, 34), Made Multiple 3-Pointers (10, 89), Had 5+ Rebounds (5, 52), Had 5+ Assists (3, 31), Led the Vols in Assists (4, 43), Had Multiple Steals (6, 55), Led the Vols in Steals (4, 45), Had a Positive Assist/TO Ratio (15, 92)

AS A SENIOR IN 2022-23

- Played in 33 of 36 games, starting each, while finishing as the team leader in scoring (12.5 ppg), minutes (33.0), made 3-pointers (2.76 3pg) and total steals (60).
- Led the Vols in steals 15 times, assists 13 times, scoring 12 times and rebounding seven times.
- Paced the SEC in 3-point percentage in conference play (38.7: 46-of-119) for the second straight season.
- Scored in double figures 23 times, with 20-plus thrice, and notched one double-double.
- Closed the season by averaging 13.3 ppg, 4.9 rpg and 3.9 apg over the final seven games while shooting 44.4 percent (24-of-54) from deep.
- Registered 14 points, five rebounds and five assists in the NCAA Tournament second-round victory over No. 12/16 Duke (3/18/23), shooting 4-of-8 from 3-point range.
- Tallied 17 points and shot 5-of-9 beyond the arc against No. 25/RV Missouri (3/10/23) in the SEC Tournament.
- Put up 15 points and six boards in the SEC Tournament-opening victory over Ole Miss (3/9/23).
- Had 21 points, five rebounds and four assists at Auburn (3/4/23) in the regular season finale, shooting 8-of-13 from the field, including 5-of-9 on 3-pointers.
- Stuffed the stat sheet with 14 points, six rebounds, five assists and two steals against Arkansas (2/28/23).
- Compiled a 14-point, season-best 10-rebound double-double at No. 25 Texas A&M (2/21/23), adding a career-high assists and three steals.
- Scored 17 points on 7-of-13 shooting on the road at Kentucky (2/18/23).
- Notched 15 points and eight rebounds, with zero turnovers, in the win over top-ranked Alabama (2/15/23).
- Registered 22 points on an 8-of-14 clip, including a 3-of-7 ledger on 3-pointers, at Ole Miss (12/28/22).
- Logged 18 points on 6-of-8 shooting, including a perfect 5-of-5 mark beyond the arc, against Austin Peay (12/21/22).
- Amassed 20 points and six rebounds in the triumph over third-ranked Kansas (11/25/22) in the Battle 4 Atlantis championship game.

2023 FIBA WORLD CUP AMERICAS QUALIFYING ROUNDS (in 2022)

- Posted eight points and two steals in a win over Puerto Rico (8/29/22) and followed that with 10 points and three assists, shooting 3-of-6 beyond the arc, versus the United States (8/25/22).

AS A JUNIOR IN 2021-22

- Lone UT player to start all 35 games, led the team in minutes (31.2) and 3-point percentage (40.3), while placing second in scoring (13.3 ppg) and assists (3.2 apg).
- Paced the Vols in scoring a team-high 13 times, steals 12 times, assists nine times and rebounds six times.
- Scored in double digits 28 times, including in 17 of 18 during SEC competition, with 20-plus in four outings.
- Connected on 102 3-pointers, fourth-most in a single season in school history, and hit multiple in 30 games.
- Led the SEC in both 3-point percentage (44.5; 57-of-128) and 3-pointers per game (3.2) during league play.
- Tallied 18 points, a co-season-high seven assists and a season-high-tying four steals, going 6-of-8 from deep to set a UT record for made 3-pointers in an NCAA Tournament game, in the win over Longwood (3/17/22).
- Posted 17 points and five assists, shooting 4-of-9 from deep and 5-of-5 at the line, in the SEC Tournament title game win over Texas A&M (3/13/22).
- Logged 15 points, four rebounds, four assists and two steals in the win over No. 14/15 Arkansas (3/5/22) to conclude the regular season.
- Produced 14 points, five rebounds and a co-career-high two blocks in the win over No. 3/4 Auburn (2/26/22).
- In his lone SEC outing without double-figure points (seven), grabbed a career-best 11 rebounds at No. 23/24 Arkansas (2/19/22).
- Posted 18 points on 6-of-12 shooting, adding four rebounds, in the triumph over No. 4/3 Kentucky (2/15/22).
- Registered 11 points and a co-season-best seven assists at Mississippi State (2/9/22).
- Scored a season-high-tying 23 points versus Florida (1/26/22), going 6-of-10 overall, 5-of-8 beyond the arc and 6-of-6 at the line.
- Had 16 points, five boards and five assists in a win over No. 13/16 LSU (1/22/22), going 5-of-11 on 3-pointers.
- Notched 20 points on a 7-of-10 clip, including a 4-of-6 ledger from deep, at No. 18/17 Kentucky (1/15/22).
- Amassed 17 points, six rebounds and five assists in a career-high 42 minutes versus Ole Miss (1/5/22).
- Totaled 13 points, six rebounds, five assists and three steals at No. 19 Alabama (12/29/21).
- Finished with 15 points and five rebounds in the triumph against No. 6/4 Arizona (12/22/21).
- Compiled 17 points and nine rebounds in the win over No. 18/20 North Carolina (11/21/21) in Uncasville, Conn.
- Logged 23 points against No. 5/4 Villanova (11/19/21) in Uncasville, Conn., adding six boards and three steals.
- Opened the year with 20-points and five rebounds versus UT Martin (11/9/21), shooting 6-of-11 on 3-pointers.

2021 FIBA OLYMPIC QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

- One of 12 players on Uruguay's Olympic qualifying team, competing in Victoria, British Columbia, in July 2021.
- Averaged 10.5 ppg and shot 62.5 percent in 23.0 mpg in games against Turkey and the Czech Republic.

AS A SOPHOMORE IN 2020-21

- Played in all 27 games, starting 23, while leading the Vols in minutes (29.2 mpg), assists (3.1 apg), 3-pointers (2.0 3pg) and assist/turnover ratio (1.6), the latter of which ranked second in the SEC.
- Ranked second on the team in 3-point percentage (37.3) and free-throw percentage (81.6), connecting on three-plus 3-pointers 11 times and going 16-of-16 at the line in the final four minutes of games.
- Paced UT in assists 10 times, steals seven times and scoring four times, tallying double-digit points 10 times.
- Additional information can be found on Vescovi's [UTsports.com website bio](https://www.utsports.com).

AS A FRESHMAN IN 2019-20

- Early enrollee joined the team on 12/28/19 and received clearance to compete on 1/3/20 after which time he started all 19 contests, scoring in double digits 11 times while averaging 10.7 ppg in 30.3 mpg.
- Ranked fifth in SEC play with 3.7 apg and paced No. 10 with 1.9 made 3-pointers per contest.
- Led UT in assists seven times and scoring four times, plus made at least one 3-pointer in all but two games.
- Additional information can be found on Vescovi's [UTsports.com website bio](https://www.utsports.com).

OTHER NOTABLES

- Graduated from Tennessee in December 2023 with a degree in management.
- Took part in a service and cultural immersion trip to Rwanda in the summer of 2022 as part of UT's Voleaders Academy, a year-long student-athlete leadership course.
- Attended the NBA Global Academy in Canberra, Australia, from July-December 2019 after previously spending time at the NBA Academy Latin America in Mexico City upon its opening in the winter of 2018.
- Competed in the Basketball Without Borders Global Camp in February 2019 during NBA All-Star Weekend in Charlotte, N.C.
- Grandfather, Daniel Vannet, was a basketball star in Uruguay and Vescovi used to wear No. 9 in his honor.
- Trilingual speaker (Spanish, Portuguese and English) gives the name "Bob" when asked at restaurants, as he says it is just easier that way.

CAREER STATS

Table with 18 columns: GP-GS, Min, Avg, FG-A, Pct, 3FG-A, Pct, FT-A, Pct, Off-Def-Rebs, Avg, PF-FO, Ast, TO, Blk, Stl, Pts, Avg. Rows include: 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, TOTAL

# 5 ZAKAI ZEIGLER

JR Guard | 5-9 | 171 | Retail & Merchandising Management  
Long Island, N.Y. | Our Saviour Lutheran School



## SEASON HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	26 // at Mississippi State, 1/10/24
<b>Rebounds:</b>	5 (2x) // last at Georgia, 1/13/24
<b>Assists:</b>	10 // vs. Ole Miss, 1/6/24
<b>Steals:</b>	4 (4x) // last vs. Alabama, 1/20/24
<b>Blocks:</b>	1 (2x) // last at Mississippi State, 1/10/24
<b>Field Goals:</b>	9 // at Mississippi State, 1/10/24
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	5 // vs. Norfolk State, 1/2/24
<b>Free Throws:</b>	7 // at Georgia, 1/13/24
<b>Minutes:</b>	38:34 // vs. NC State, 12/16/23

## CAREER HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	26 // at Mississippi State, 1/10/24
<b>Rebounds:</b>	6 (5x) // last at Mississippi State, 1/17/23
<b>Assists:</b>	11 // vs. South Carolina, 2/25/23
<b>Steals:</b>	5 (3x) // last vs. Alcorn State, 12/4/22
<b>Blocks:</b>	2 // at LSU, 1/21/23
<b>Field Goals:</b>	9 // at Mississippi State, 1/10/24
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	5 // vs. Norfolk State, 1/2/24
<b>Free Throws:</b>	11 // at Vanderbilt, 1/18/22
<b>Minutes:</b>	40:00 // at Mississippi State, 1/17/23

## SEC HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	26 // at Mississippi State, 1/10/24
<b>Rebounds:</b>	6 (2x) // last at Mississippi State, 1/17/23
<b>Assists:</b>	11 // vs. South Carolina, 2/25/23
<b>Steals:</b>	5 (2x) // last at Mississippi State, 2/9/22
<b>Blocks:</b>	2 // at LSU, 1/21/23
<b>Field Goals:</b>	9 // at Mississippi State, 1/10/24
<b>3-Pointers:</b>	4 (4x) // last at Mississippi State, 1/10/24
<b>Free Throws:</b>	11 // at Vanderbilt, 1/18/22
<b>Minutes:</b>	40:00 // at Mississippi State, 1/17/23

## PRODUCTION TRACKER

	2023-24	Career
Scored 10+ Points	8	44
Scored 20+ Points	2	5
Led the Vols in Scoring	2	13
Made Multiple 3-Pointers	7	37
Had 5+ Rebounds	2	8
Had 5+ Assists	9	30
Led the Vols in Assists	12	40
Had Multiple Steals	8	44
Led the Vols in Steals	8	33
Had a Positive Assist/TO Ratio	14	54

## CAREER STATS

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2021-22	35-1	774	22.1	94-247	.381	44-125	.352	75-89	.843	5-61-66	1.9	61-0	93	60	3	60	307	8.8
2022-23	30-15	860	28.7	105-280	.375	51-164	.311	60-72	.833	10-72-82	2.7	67-1	161	68	6	59	321	10.7
2023-24	20-14	582	29.1	62-162	.383	33-101	.327	38-53	.717	6-41-47	2.4	24-0	100	45	2	33	195	9.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85-30</b>	<b>2221</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>261-689</b>	<b>.379</b>	<b>128-390</b>	<b>.328</b>	<b>173-214</b>	<b>.808</b>	<b>21-174-195</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>152-1</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>9.7</b>



Name pronounced: Zuh-KY ZEE-Glur  
Full bio can be found [HERE](#) on [UTsports.com](#)

### HONORS

- 2023-24: Preseason First Team All-SEC (Coaches) ... Preseason Second Team All-SEC (Media) ... Bob Cousy Point Guard of the Year Midseason Top 10 List & Preseason Watch List
- 2022-23: Second Team All-SEC (Coaches, Media) ... SEC All-Defensive Team ... Naismith Defensive Player of the Year semifinalist (one of 10) ... Lefty Driesell Defensive Player of the Year finalist (one of 25) ... USBWA All-District IV Team ... NABC Second Team All-District 20 ... Naismith Trophy Preseason Watch List ... Preseason First Team All-SEC (Coaches) ... Preseason Second Team All-SEC (Media)
- 2021-22: SEC All-Defensive Team ... SEC All-Freshman Team

### AS A JUNIOR IN 2023-24

- Recorded 18 points, five rebounds, five assists and two steals in the comeback win at Georgia (1/13/24), as well as moved into the top 15 on Tennessee's career assists leaderboard with 335.
- Dropped a career-best 26 points in the SEC road opener at Mississippi State (1/10/24), shooting 9-of-15 from the floor to set a career high in makes, 4-of-9 on 3-pointers and 4-of-5 at the line, while adding seven assists, three steals and a block.
- Started SEC play with 17 points and a season-best 10 assists, as well as shot 4-of-11 from deep, in the victory against No. 22/19 Ole Miss (1/6/24) for his sixth points/assists double-double, setting a new Tennessee career record.
- Posted a game-leading 17 points and co-season-best four steals against Norfolk State (1/2/24), shooting 5-of-10 from deep to set a career high in makes.
- Compiled a game-high 13 points and co-game-best five assists versus Tarleton State (12/21/23).
- Set season bests in points (20), made field goals (seven), made 3-pointers (four), assists (eight) and minutes (39), as well as tied his top mark in steals (four), versus NC State (12/16/23) in San Antonio, Texas, and claimed Basketball Hall of Fame Series Player of the Game honors.
- Finished with a season-best 11 points, four assists and no turnovers in the triumph against No. 20/18 Illinois (12/9/23), also serving as the primary defender on Marcus Domask, who went 2-of-12 on field goals.
- Notched nine points and seven assists, the most by a Vol since 2/25/23, in the outing at No. 17/16 North Carolina (11/29/23).
- Returned to action in the season opener, 251 days after his knee injury, and posted five assists with zero turnovers in 12 minutes of action versus Tennessee Tech (11/6/23).

### AS A SOPHOMORE IN 2022-23

- Tore his left ACL three minutes into the home finale versus Arkansas (2/28/23) and had surgery on 3/13/23.
- Despite his season being cut short, led the SEC in overall assists (161, 5.4 apg) and league-only assists (111; 6.5 apg), as well as boasted an impressive 2.37 assist/turnover ratio.
- His 1.286 "points per possession + assists" ranked in the 93rd percentile nationally, plus was responsible for 28.1 ppg from the start of SEC play until his injury (16.7 via assists).
- Became just the seventh Vol ever to average at least 10.0 ppg and 5.0 apg in a season (10.7 ppg, 5.4 apg).
- According to Synergy, opponents shot 27.0 percent (53-of-196) when he was the primary defender.
- Recorded 13 points and 11 a career-high 11 assists versus South Carolina (2/25/23), shooting 5-of-7 from the field, including 3-of-4 beyond the arc, and adding three steals.
- Totaled 15 points, eight assists, two steals and no turnovers in the win over top-ranked Alabama (2/15/23).
- Logged an 11-point, 10-assist double-double, adding two steals, against Missouri (2/11/23).
- Turned in a dominant performance in the victory over No. 10 Texas (1/28/23), compiling 22 points, 10 assists and two steals in 37 minutes of action.
- Notched 11 points, seven assists and zero turnovers versus Georgia (1/25/23).
- Posted 12 points, 10 assists, two steals and a career-high two blocks at LSU (1/21/23).
- Dropped a career-best 24 points at Mississippi State (1/17/23), shooting 7-of-14 overall, 4-of-10 from deep and 6-of-6 at the line while becoming the first Vol in over three years to play an entire regulation game.
- Had seven points and nine assists against Vanderbilt (1/10/23).
- Became the 15th Vol ever with a points/assists double-double with 11 points and 10 assists versus Mississippi State (1/3/23), adding three steals.
- Amassed 21 points on 8-of-11 shooting, including a 3-of-6 clip from deep, at ninth-ranked Arizona (12/17/22).
- Playing in his home state, scored 12 points in a win over No. 13 Maryland (12/11/22) at the Barclays Center.
- Scored 10 points and notched a career-best five steals versus Alcorn State (12/4/22).
- Logged 14 points and four steals in the Battle 4 Atlantis title game win over third-ranked Kansas (11/25/22).

### AS A FRESHMAN IN 2021-22

- Played in all 35 games, all but one off the bench, finishing second on the team in steals (1.7 spg), third in assists (2.7 apg) and fourth in scoring (8.8 ppg).
- Became the fourth Vol to claim SEC All-Defensive Team honors (first freshman), joining Yves Pons (2019-20, 2020-21), Josh Richardson (2013-14, 2014-15) and JaJuan Smith (2007-08).
- Led UT in steals 12 times, assists six times and scoring four times, while notching double-digit points on 17 occasions, including in nine of the final 11 SEC contests.
- Placed No. 11 nationally in steal percentage (4.54) and finished one takeaway shy of the league led in SEC-only steals after tallying 40 in 18 contests (2.2 spg).
- Tallied 10 points and six assists in his NCAA Tournament debut, a first-round win over Longwood (3/17/22).
- Scored 11 points in the SEC Tournament semifinal victory over fifth-ranked Kentucky (3/12/22) one day after recoding 11 points and a season-best eight assists against Mississippi State (3/11/22).
- Had 13 points, five boards and six assists to cap the regular season, a win over No. 14/15 Arkansas (3/5/22).
- Registered 13 points and three steals in the triumph over No. 3/4 Auburn (2/26/22).
- Finished with 14 points, four assists and three steals in the win against No. 4/3 Kentucky (2/15/22), shooting 4-of-8 overall, 2-of-4 from deep and 4-of-4 at the line.
- Posted 16 points on 5-of-10 shooting, going 3-of-5 from deep, with five assists against Vanderbilt (2/12/22).
- Tied his season high with 18 points on 6-of-13 shooting, including a 4-of-5 ledger from beyond the arc, at South Carolina (2/5/22).
- Logged 11 points, six rebounds and four assists versus Florida (1/26/22) in the first of eight straight double-digit scoring performances.
- Earned his first collegiate start in the SEC opener at No. 19 Alabama (12/29/21), finishing with 11 points, four rebounds and four assists.
- Recorded a co-season-high 18 points, five assists and zero turnovers in a win over No. 18/20 North Carolina (11/21/21) in Uncasville, Conn.

### OTHER NOTABLES

- Graduated from Our Saviour New Lutheran, but played his senior season with Immaculate Conception (Montclair, N.J.), averaging 20.0 ppg and 4.6 apg.
- One of two current Vols from New York, along with former New York Lightning AAU teammate Tobe Awaka.
- Broke out at the 2021 Nike Peach Jam, averaging 15.3 ppg and 5.5 apg while posting a 4.7 assist/turnover ratio and a 50.0 percent 3-point clip across six outings, including logging 23 points, 10 assists, zero turnovers and a 7-of-8 3-point clip against the eventual champion, Team Final.
- After his family's apartment was destroyed in a fire during his freshman season, UT fans pledged over \$363,000 in under 48 hours through a GoFundMe effort, with the funds enabling his family to relocate to Knoxville, Tenn., in the spring of 2022.
- Younger brother, Armoni, is a freshman guard at St. Peter's.
- The shortest scholarship Vol since 5-7 Ralph Parton (1979-80), Zeigler, whose initials are ZZZ, was also a football player growing up, competing at running back, quarterback and safety.

## RECORD, RESULTS & GAME HIGHS

Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral	OT	vs. T25	vs. T10
All Games	15-5	10-1	3-2	2-2	0-0	2-3	0-2
Conference	5-2	3-1	2-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0
Non-Conference	10-3	7-0	1-1	2-2	0-0	1-3	0-2

Date	Time	TV	Opponent	Result	Attend.	High Pts.	High Reb.	High Ast.	High Stl.	High Blk.	High Min.
N6	6:30 p.m.	SECN+	Tennessee Tech	W, 80-42	17,046	Knecht (17)	Aidoo (8)	Zeigler (5)	James (3)	Aidoo (4)	James (23:13)
N10	9 p.m.	Peacock	at Wisconsin	W, 80-70	17,287	Knecht (24)	Aidoo (7)	Zeigler (3)	<i>three (1)</i>	Aidoo (2)	Knecht (36:05)
N14	6:30 p.m.	SECN+	Wofford	W, 82-61	16,859	Knecht (18)	Aidoo (7)	Vescovi (4)	<i>three (2)</i>	Aidoo (2)	Vescovi (27:59)
N20	2:30 p.m.	ESPN2	vs. Syracuse <sup>^</sup>	W, 73-56	4,838	Knecht (17)	James (12)	Vescovi (5)	Gainey (2)	Knecht (2)	James (34:01)
N21	8 p.m.	ESPN	vs. #2 Purdue <sup>^</sup>	L, 67-71	5,257	Knecht (16)	Knecht (7)	Zeigler (3)	Mashack (2)	<i>three (1)</i>	James (33:45)
N22	2:30 p.m.	ESPN	vs. #1 Kansas <sup>^</sup>	L, 60-69	5,164	Vescovi (21)	Aidoo (11)	Gainey (3)	James (4)	Aidoo (3)	Vescovi (36:36)
N29	7:15 p.m.	ESPN	at #17/16 North Carolina <sup>+</sup>	L, 92-100	20,756	Knecht (37)	Knecht (6)	Zeigler (7)	Gainey (2)	Knecht (2)	James (38:02)
D5	6:30 p.m.	SECN+	George Mason	W, 87-66	16,513	Aidoo (17)	Aidoo (8)	James (6)	James (3)	Mashack (2)	Zeigler (28:07)
D9	12 p.m.	CBS	#20/18 Illinois	W, 86-79	21,678	Knecht (21)	Vescovi (9)	James (7)	Vescovi (2)	Aidoo (2)	James (34:01)
D12	7 p.m.	SECN	Georgia Southern	W, 74-56	16,013	Aidoo (29)	Aidoo (11)	Zeigler (7)	Zeigler (4)	Aidoo (2)	Zeigler (28:48)
D16	10 p.m.	ESPN2	vs. NC State <sup>%</sup>	W, 79-70	2,481	James (23)	Awaka (12)	Zeigler (8)	Zeigler (4)	James (1)	Zeigler (38:34)
D21	6:30 p.m.	SECN+	Tarleton State	W, 65-49	17,609	Zeigler (13)	James (10)	Vescovi (5)	Zeigler (1)	Awaka (5)	James (34:45)
J2	7 p.m.	SECN	Norfolk State	W, 87-50	16,858	Zeigler (17)	Awaka (11)	James (5)	Zeigler (4)	Awaka (3)	James (30:01)
J6	6 p.m.	SECN	#22/19 Ole Miss <sup>*</sup>	W, 90-64	21,932	Aidoo (24)	Aidoo (10)	Zeigler (10)	James (2)	<i>three (1)</i>	Zeigler (36:42)
J10	7 p.m.	SECN	at Mississippi State <sup>*</sup>	L, 72-77	8,160	Knecht (28)	<i>four (6)</i>	Zeigler (7)	<i>three (3)</i>	<i>three (1)</i>	Zeigler (37:27)
J13	12 p.m.	ESPN2	at Georgia <sup>*</sup>	W, 85-79	10,523	Knecht (36)	Aidoo (15)	Zeigler (5)	Zeigler (2)	Aidoo (5)	Zeigler (37:34)
J16	5 p.m.	ESPN2	Florida <sup>*</sup>	W, 85-66	17,332	Knecht (39)	Aidoo (9)	Zeigler (4)	Mashack (2)	Aidoo (2)	Zeigler (33:50)
J20	2 p.m.	ESPN2	Alabama <sup>*</sup>	W, 91-71	21,678	Knecht (25)	Gainey (5)	Zeigler (6)	Zeigler (4)	Aidoo (4)	Knecht (35:58)
J27	6 p.m.	SECN	at Vanderbilt <sup>*</sup>	W, 75-62	13,852	Knecht (32)	Aidoo (10)	Zeigler (6)	Aidoo (2)	Knecht (3)	Zeigler (36:29)
J30	6:30 p.m.	SECN	South Carolina <sup>*</sup>	L, 59-63	20,667	Knecht (31)	Awaka (8)	James (3)	James (2)	Aidoo (2)	Knecht (33:49)
F3	8:30 p.m.	ESPN	at #10/8 Kentucky <sup>*</sup>					Zeigler (3)	Vescovi (2)		
F7	7 p.m.	SECN	LSU <sup>*</sup>								
F10	8 p.m.	ESPN	at Texas A&M <sup>*</sup>								
F14	9 p.m.	ESPN2	at Arkansas <sup>*</sup>								
F17	6 p.m.	SECN	Vanderbilt <sup>*</sup>								
F20	7 p.m.	SECN	at Missouri <sup>*</sup>								
F24	8 p.m.	ESPN	Texas A&M <sup>*</sup>								
F28	7 p.m.	ESPN2	Auburn <sup>*</sup>								
M2	8 p.m.	ESPN	at Alabama <sup>*</sup>								
M6	7 p.m.	ESPN2	at South Carolina <sup>*</sup>								
M9	4 p.m.	CBS	Kentucky <sup>*</sup>								
TBD	TBD	TBD	vs. TBD <sup>=</sup>								

\* - SEC game

<sup>^</sup> - Maui Invitational (Honolulu, Hawaii)

<sup>+</sup> - ACC/SEC Challenge

<sup>%</sup> - Hall of Fame Series (San Antonio, Texas)

<sup>=</sup> - SEC Tournament (Nashville, Tenn.)

[XX/XX] - Tennessee ranking

All times Eastern

A breakdown of how many times each player has led Tennessee in each category can be found on Page 11







HIGHS & LOWS

Individual Category	Tennessee	Opponent
Points	39 by Dalton Knecht vs. Florida (1/16/24)	27 by R.J. Davis at North Carolina (11/29/23) 27 by Foster Loyer vs. Purdue in Honolulu (11/21/23)
Points in a Half	26 (2H) by Dalton Knecht at Mississippi State (1/10/24)	17 (2H) by R.J. Davis at North Carolina (11/29/23) 17 (1H) by Foster Loyer vs. Purdue in Honolulu (11/21/23)
Field Goals Made	13 by Dalton Knecht at Vanderbilt (1/27/24) 13 by Dalton Knecht vs. Florida (1/16/24) 13 by Dalton Knecht at North Carolina (11/29/23)	9 by Corey Tripp vs. Wofford (11/14/23)
Field Goals Made in a Half	9 (1H) by Dalton Knecht vs. Florida (1/16/24) 9 (2H) by Dalton Knecht at Mississippi State (1/10/24)	5 nine times; last by Mark Sears vs. Alabama (1/20/24)
Field Goals Attempted	24 by Dalton Knecht vs. South Carolina (1/30/24)	20 by A.J. Storr at Wisconsin (11/10/23)
Field-Goal Percentage (min. 5 made)	76.5 (13-17) by Dalton Knecht at North Carolina (11/29/23)	87.5 (7-8) by Jaemyn Brakefield vs. Ole Miss (1/6/24)
3-Pointers Made	5 by Dalton Knecht at Georgia (1/13/24) 5 by Zakai Zeigler vs. Norfolk State (1/2/24) 5 by Josiah-Jordan James vs. NC State in San Antonio (12/16/23) 5 by Santiago Vescovi vs. Kansas in Honolulu (11/22/23)	5 by Jabri Abdur-Rahim at Georgia (1/13/24) 5 by Josh Hubbard at Mississippi State (1/10/24) 5 by R.J. Davis at North Carolina (11/29/23) 5 by Chase Cormier vs. Wofford (11/14/23)
3-Pointers Attempted	11 by Santiago Vescovi vs. Kansas in Honolulu (11/22/23)	11 by Noah Thomasson at Georgia (1/13/24) 11 by R.J. Davis at North Carolina (11/29/23)
3-Point Percentage (min. 2 made)	100 (2-2) by Jonas Aidoo vs. George Mason (12/5/23)	100 (3-3) by Myles Stute vs. South Carolina (1/30/24)
Free Throws Made	9 by Dalton Knecht vs. Florida (1/16/24)	11 by Terrence Shannon Jr., vs. Illinois (12/9/23)
Free Throws Attempted	11 by Jonas Aidoo vs. Georgia Southern (12/12/23)	17 by Zach Edey vs. Purdue in Honolulu (11/21/23)
Free-Throw Percentage (min. 3 made) <i>highest total of makes without miss listed</i>	100 (9-9) by Dalton Knecht vs. Florida (1/16/24)	100 (11-11) by Terrence Shannon Jr., vs. Illinois (12/9/23)
Total Rebounds	15 by Jonas Aidoo at Georgia (1/13/24)	20 by Hunter Dickinson vs. Kansas in Honolulu (11/22/23)
Offensive Rebounds	7 by Jonas Aidoo at Georgia (1/13/24)	8 by Tyrese Samuel vs. Florida (1/16/24)
Defensive Rebounds	11 by Josiah-Jordan James vs. Syracuse in Honolulu (11/20/23)	19 by Hunter Dickinson vs. Kansas in Honolulu (11/22/23)
Assists	10 by Zakai Zeigler vs. Ole Miss (1/6/24)	10 by Elliot Cadeau at North Carolina (11/29/23)
Blocks	5 by Jonas Aidoo at Georgia (1/13/24) 5 by Tobe Awaka vs. Tarleton State (12/21/23)	4 by Naheem McLeod vs. Syracuse in Honolulu (11/20/23)
Steals	4 by Zakai Zeigler vs. Alabama (1/20/24) 4 by Zakai Zeigler vs. Norfolk State (1/2/24) 4 by Zakai Zeigler vs. NC State in San Antonio (12/16/23) 4 by Zakai Zeigler vs. Georgia Southern (12/12/23) 4 by Josiah-Jordan James vs. Kansas in Honolulu (11/22/23)	5 by D.J. Jeffries at Mississippi State (1/10/24)
Turnovers	6 by Zakai Zeigler at Georgia (1/13/24) 6 by Zakai Zeigler vs. Syracuse in Honolulu (11/20/23)	7 by Mark Sears vs. Alabama (1/20/24) 7 by Kevin McCullar Jr., vs. Kansas in Honolulu (11/22/23)
Minutes Played	38:34 by Zakai Zeigler vs. NC State in San Antonio (12/16/23)	38:06 by R.J. Davis at North Carolina (11/29/23)
Dunks	4 by Jonas Aidoo vs. Ole Miss (1/6/24) 4 by Jonas Aidoo vs. Syracuse in Honolulu (11/20/23)	3 by Zach Edey vs. Purdue in Honolulu (11/21/23)

Team Category	Tennessee	Opponent
Points	92 at North Carolina (11/29/23)	100 at North Carolina (11/29/23)
Low	59 vs. South Carolina (1/30/24)	42 vs. Tennessee Tech (11/6/23)
Points in a Half	53 (2H) at North Carolina (11/29/23)	61 at North Carolina (11/29/23)
Low	22 at Mississippi State (1/10/24)	12 (1H) vs. Tennessee Tech (11/6/23)
Field Goals Made	35 at North Carolina (11/29/23)	28 at North Carolina (11/29/23)
Low	19 vs. Purdue in Honolulu (11/21/23)	14 vs. Tennessee Tech (11/6/23)
Field Goals Made in a Half	19 two times; (1H) vs. Alabama and (2H) at North Carolina (11/29/23)	19 (1H) at North Carolina (11/29/23)
Low	6 (2H) vs. Tarleton State (12/21/23)	4 (1H) vs. Tennessee Tech (11/6/23)
Field Goals Attempted	72 vs. Ole Miss (1/6/24)	70 vs. Georgia Southern (12/12/23)
Low	55 vs. Tarleton State (12/21/23)	47 vs. Norfolk State (1/2/24)
Field-Goal Percentage	55.6 (35-63) at North Carolina (11/29/23)	51.9 (27-52) vs. Kansas in Honolulu (11/22/23)
Low	31.0 (22-71) vs. Kansas in Honolulu (11/22/23)	27.5 (14-51) vs. Tennessee Tech (11/6/23)
3-Pointers Made	12 three times; last vs. Norfolk State (1/2/24)	14 at Georgia (1/13/24)
Low	5 three times; last vs. South Carolina (1/30/24)	Two times; vs. Tarleton State (12/21/23) and vs. Tennessee Tech (11/6/23)
3-Pointers Attempted	33 two times; vs. Norfolk State (1/2/24) and vs. Kansas in Honolulu (11/22/23)	37 vs. Wofford (11/14/23)
Low	11 at Wisconsin (11/10/23)	12 two times; vs. Kansas in Honolulu (11/22/23) and vs. Tennessee Tech (11/6/23)
3-Point Percentage	44.4 (12-27) vs. NC State in San Antonio (12/16/23)	44.4 (8-18) vs. NC State in San Antonio (12/16/23)
Low	23.8 (5-21) vs. South Carolina (1/30/24)	9.1 (2-22) vs. Tarleton State (12/21/23)
Free Throws Made	26 vs. Illinois (12/9/23)	32 at North Carolina (11/29/23)
Low	7 vs. Kansas in Honolulu (11/22/23)	5 vs. Wofford (11/14/23)
Free Throws Attempted	34 vs. Illinois (12/9/23)	48 vs. Purdue in Honolulu (11/21/23)
Low	8 vs. Kansas in Honolulu (11/22/23)	8 vs. Wofford (11/14/23)
Free-Throw Percentage	100 (10-10) vs. Tennessee Tech (11/6/23)	85.7 (24-28) vs. Illinois (12/9/23)
Low	60.0 (12-20) vs. South Carolina (1/30/24)	47.1 (8-17) vs. Syracuse in Honolulu (11/20/23)
Total Rebounds	49 vs. Georgia Southern (12/12/23)	45 vs. Kansas in Honolulu (11/22/23)
Low	31 two times; at North Carolina (11/29/23) and vs. Purdue in Honolulu (11/21/23)	24 vs. Ole Miss (1/6/24)
Offensive Rebounds	19 vs. Ole Miss (1/6/24)	19 two times; vs. Florida (1/16/24) and vs. Georgia Southern (12/12/23)
Low	6 at Wisconsin (11/10/23)	4 two times; vs. Ole Miss (1/6/24) and vs. George Mason (12/5/23)
Defensive Rebounds	35 vs. Syracuse in Honolulu (11/20/23)	45 vs. Kansas in Honolulu (11/22/23)
Low	21 vs. Purdue in Honolulu (11/21/23)	19 vs. Wofford (11/14/23)
Assists	27 vs. George Mason (12/5/23)	19 at North Carolina (11/29/23)
Low	9 vs. Purdue in Honolulu (11/21/23)	1 vs. Norfolk State (1/2/24)
Blocks	8 vs. Tennessee Tech (11/6/23)	6 vs. Syracuse in Honolulu (11/20/23)
Low	2 vs. NC State in San Antonio (12/16/23)	0 three times; last vs. South Carolina (1/30/24)
Steals	15 two times; vs. Alabama (1/20/24) and at Mississippi State (1/10/24)	15 vs. Georgia Southern (12/12/23)
Low	3 two times; at Vanderbilt (1/27/24) and at Wisconsin (11/10/23)	2 vs. Wofford (11/14/23)
Turnovers	19 vs. Georgia Southern (12/12/23)	22 two times; vs. Alabama (1/20/24) and vs. Norfolk State (1/2/24)
Low	6 two times; vs. South Carolina (1/30/24) and vs. Kansas in Honolulu (11/22/23)	9 three times; last at Georgia (1/13/24)
Personal Fouls	31 vs. Purdue in Honolulu (11/21/23)	22 two times; vs. Tarleton State (12/21/23) and vs. Illinois (12/9/23)
Low	7 vs. Georgia Southern (12/12/23)	10 vs. Kansas in Honolulu (11/22/23)
Dunks	6 two times; vs. Norfolk State (1/2/24) and vs. Syracuse in Honolulu (11/20/23)	3 three times; last at Mississippi State (1/10/24)
Low	0 two times; vs. South Carolina (1/30/24) and vs. Tarleton State (12/21/23)	0 eight times; last vs. South Carolina (1/30/24)

TENNESSEE BASKETBALL

BOX SCORES

NCAA Official Basketball Box Score - Final Tennessee Tech at Tennessee 2023-24 Men's Basketball. Includes player stats for Tech and Tennessee, and a technical foul table.

NCAA Official Basketball Box Score - Final Tennessee at Wisconsin 2023-24 Men's Basketball. Includes player stats for Tennessee and Wisconsin, and a technical foul table.

NCAA Official Basketball Box Score - Final Wolford at Tennessee 2023-24 Men's Basketball. Includes player stats for Wolford and Tennessee, and a technical foul table.

NCAA Official Basketball Box Score - Final Tennessee -88. Includes player stats and a technical foul table.

NCAA Official Basketball Box Score - Final Wisconsin -78. Includes player stats and a technical foul table.

NCAA Official Basketball Box Score - Final Tennessee -85. Includes player stats and a technical foul table.

NCAA Technical Fouls Table for Tennessee Tech vs Tennessee. Columns include TFCN, TENN, Points from, and Period by Period Scoring.

NCAA Technical Fouls Table for Tennessee at Wisconsin. Columns include TFCN, TENN, Points from, and Period by Period Scoring.

NCAA Technical Fouls Table for Wolford at Tennessee. Columns include TFCN, TENN, Points from, and Period by Period Scoring.

NCAA Official Basketball Box Score - Final Tennessee at Syracuse 2023-24 Men's Basketball. Includes player stats and a technical foul table.

NCAA Official Basketball Box Score - Final Tennessee -67. Includes player stats and a technical foul table.

NCAA Official Basketball Box Score - Final Tennessee -65. Includes player stats and a technical foul table.

NCAA Official Basketball Box Score - Final Tennessee -56. Includes player stats and a technical foul table.

NCAA Official Basketball Box Score - Final Tennessee at Purdue 2023-24 Men's Basketball. Includes player stats and a technical foul table.

NCAA Official Basketball Box Score - Final Tennessee -60. Includes player stats and a technical foul table.

NCAA Technical Fouls Table for Tennessee at Syracuse. Columns include TFCN, TENN, Points from, and Period by Period Scoring.

NCAA Technical Fouls Table for Tennessee at Purdue. Columns include TFCN, TENN, Points from, and Period by Period Scoring.

NCAA Technical Fouls Table for Tennessee -60. Columns include TFCN, TENN, Points from, and Period by Period Scoring.

NCAA Official Basketball Box Score - Final Tennessee -42. Includes player stats and a technical foul table.

NCAA Official Basketball Box Score - Final Tennessee -69. Includes player stats and a technical foul table.

NCAA Official Basketball Box Score - Final Illinois -79. Includes player stats and a technical foul table.

NCAA Official Basketball Box Score - Final North Carolina -100. Includes player stats and a technical foul table.

NCAA Official Basketball Box Score - Final Georgia Mason at Tennessee 2023-24 Men's Basketball. Includes player stats and a technical foul table.

NCAA Official Basketball Box Score - Final Tennessee -86. Includes player stats and a technical foul table.

NCAA Technical Fouls Table for Tennessee -42. Columns include TFCN, TENN, Points from, and Period by Period Scoring.

NCAA Technical Fouls Table for Georgia Mason at Tennessee. Columns include TFCN, TENN, Points from, and Period by Period Scoring.

NCAA Technical Fouls Table for Tennessee -86. Columns include TFCN, TENN, Points from, and Period by Period Scoring.

NCAA Official Basketball Box Score - Final Georgia Southern at Tennessee 2023-24 Men's Basketball. Includes player stats and a technical foul table.

NCAA Official Basketball Box Score - Final NC State -70. Includes player stats and a technical foul table.

NCAA Official Basketball Box Score - Final Tarleton State at Tennessee 2023-24 Men's Basketball. Includes player stats and a technical foul table.

NCAA Official Basketball Box Score - Final Tennessee -74. Includes player stats and a technical foul table.

NCAA Official Basketball Box Score - Final Tennessee -79. Includes player stats and a technical foul table.

NCAA Official Basketball Box Score - Final Tennessee -65. Includes player stats and a technical foul table.

NCAA Technical Fouls Table for Georgia Southern at Tennessee. Columns include TFCN, TENN, Points from, and Period by Period Scoring.

NCAA Technical Fouls Table for NC State -70. Columns include TFCN, TENN, Points from, and Period by Period Scoring.

NCAA Technical Fouls Table for Tennessee -65. Columns include TFCN, TENN, Points from, and Period by Period Scoring.





2023-24 Tennessee Men's Basketball  
Combined Team Statistics  
In Conference games

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	5-2	3-1	2-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	5-2	3-1	2-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT	TOT
Tennessee	254	303	0	557
Opponents	237	245	0	482

Team Box Score

No.	Player	Total			3-Point			F-Throw		Rebounds				PF DQ A TO BLK STL PTS AVG								
		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
3	KNECHT, Dalton	7-7	224:43	32.1	70-132	.530	21-47	.447	38-51	.745	5	32	37	5.3	11	0	13	7	5	5	199	28.4
0	AIDOO, Jonas	7-7	182:53	26.1	42-79	.532	0-3	.000	12-21	.571	23	36	59	8.4	21	1	9	6	16	6	96	13.7
5	ZEIGLER, Zakai	7-7	246:34	35.2	28-63	.444	14-42	.333	18-27	.667	4	20	24	3.4	5	0	41	19	2	13	88	12.6
25	VESCOVI, Santiago	7-7	182:33	26.1	18-45	.400	11-32	.344	6-9	.667	2	19	21	3.0	20	0	21	6	0	8	53	7.6
2	GAINEY, Jordan	7-0	102:18	14.6	7-25	.280	6-20	.300	8-8	1.000	2	9	11	1.6	6	0	4	5	2	6	28	4.0
11	AWAKA, Tobe	7-0	82:47	11.8	10-16	.625	0-0	.000	7-9	.778	14	14	28	4.0	20	1	0	7	3	1	27	3.9
15	MASHACK, Jahmai	7-0	137:13	19.6	10-22	.455	4-10	.400	3-5	.600	14	8	22	3.1	11	0	12	8	1	9	27	3.9
30	JAMES, Josiah-Jordan	7-7	199:42	28.5	9-38	.237	1-18	.056	2-4	.500	10	32	42	6.0	16	0	13	8	1	9	21	3.0
13	ESTRELLA, J.P.	4-0	20:50	5.2	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	3	4	7	1.8	3	0	1	1	1	0	11	2.8
1	DILIONE V, Freddie	5-0	19:11	3.8	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	0.2	3	0	3	3	0	3	7	1.4
12	PHILLIPS, Cade	1-0	00:38	0.6	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
43	CARR, Cameron	1-0	00:38	0.6	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											9	18	27					3				
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>1400</b>		<b>200-429</b>	<b>.466</b>	<b>58-174</b>	<b>.333</b>	<b>99-140</b>	<b>.707</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>79.6</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>1400</b>		<b>158-415</b>	<b>.381</b>	<b>53-165</b>	<b>.321</b>	<b>113-147</b>	<b>.769</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>68.9</b>

Team Statistics

	UT	OPP
<b>Scoring</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>482</b>
Points per game	79.6	68.9
Scoring margin	+10.7	-
<b>Field goals-att</b>	<b>200-429</b>	<b>158-415</b>
Field goal pct	.466	.381
<b>3 point fg-att</b>	<b>58-174</b>	<b>53-165</b>
3-point FG pct	.333	.321
3-pt FG made per game	8.3	7.6
<b>Free throws-att</b>	<b>99-140</b>	<b>113-147</b>
Free throw pct	.707	.769
F-Throws made per game	14.1	16.1
<b>Rebounds</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>242</b>
Rebounds per game	39.9	34.6
Rebounding margin	+5.3	-
<b>Assists</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>76</b>
Assists per game	16.7	10.9
<b>Turnovers</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>88</b>
Turnovers per game	10.4	12.6
Turnover margin	+2.1	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.6	0.9
<b>Steals</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>48</b>
Steals per game	8.6	6.9
<b>Blocks</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>17</b>
Blocks per game	4.4	2.4
<b>Winning streak</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>
Home win streak	0	-
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>81609</b>	<b>32535</b>
Home games-Avg/Game	4-20402	3-10845
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
01/06/2024	Ole Miss	W	90-64	21932
01/10/2024	at Mississippi St.	L	72-77	8160
01/13/2024	at Georgia	W	85-79	10523
01/16/2024	Florida	W	85-66	17332
01/20/2024	Alabama	W	91-71	21678
01/27/2024	at Vanderbilt	W	75-62	13852
01/30/2024	South Carolina	L	59-63	20667



2023-24 Tennessee Men's Basketball  
Combined Team Statistics  
All games

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	15-5	10-1	3-2	2-2
CONFERENCE	5-2	3-1	2-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	10-3	7-0	1-1	2-2

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT	TOT
Tennessee	747	822	0	1569
Opponents	623	695	0	1318

Team Box Score

No.	Player				Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds											
		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
3	KNECHT, Dalton	20-20	585:22	29.3	139-285	.488	42-105	.400	82-105	.781	14	78	92	4.6	33	0	35	27	13	12	402	20.1
0	AIDOO, Jonas	20-20	478:32	23.9	98-189	.519	3-15	.200	33-52	.635	53	94	147	7.4	44	3	22	19	36	16	232	11.6
5	ZEIGLER, Zakai	20-14	581:36	29.1	62-162	.383	33-101	.327	38-53	.717	6	41	47	2.4	24	0	100	45	2	33	195	9.8
30	JAMES, Josiah-Jordan	20-20	594:09	29.7	56-146	.384	22-71	.310	34-46	.739	30	103	133	6.7	40	0	43	26	9	26	168	8.4
25	VESCOVI, Santiago	20-20	534:12	26.7	49-122	.402	29-86	.337	30-37	.811	16	60	76	3.8	56	1	55	19	0	21	157	7.9
2	GAINEY, Jordan	20-0	377:29	18.9	49-145	.338	26-87	.299	22-24	.917	9	30	39	2.0	29	0	24	18	4	20	146	7.3
15	MASHACK, Jahmai	20-6	363:60	18.2	32-69	.464	9-23	.391	26-33	.788	26	33	59	3.0	34	0	29	17	7	21	99	5.0
11	AWAKA, Tobe	19-0	242:18	12.8	32-56	.571	0-0	.000	25-35	.714	46	46	92	4.8	46	2	8	13	15	4	89	4.7
44	JEFFERSON, D.J.	1-0	02:55	2.9	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	3.0
1	DILIONE V, Freddie	11-0	66:31	6.0	10-17	.588	2-5	.400	4-5	.800	0	9	9	0.8	7	0	9	10	0	4	26	2.4
13	ESTRELLA, J.P.	15-0	76:35	5.1	12-15	.800	0-0	.000	8-12	.667	7	8	15	1.0	16	0	3	6	3	0	32	2.1
43	CARR, Cameron	7-0	30:39	4.4	3-12	.250	2-8	.250	0-1	.000	0	6	6	0.9	2	0	5	2	2	0	8	1.1
12	PHILLIPS, Cade	10-0	59:30	6.0	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	6-7	.857	5	6	11	1.1	8	0	3	3	4	1	10	1.0
35	COYNE, Colin	2-0	02:17	1.1	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1.0
23	HURST, Grant	2-0	02:17	1.1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
24	MAKAN, Kaylan	1-0	01:37	1.6	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											24	37	61				5					
<b>Total</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>4000</b>		<b>546-1224</b>	<b>.446</b>	<b>169-502</b>	<b>.337</b>	<b>308-410</b>	<b>.751</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>1569</b>	<b>78.5</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>4000</b>		<b>437-1164</b>	<b>.375</b>	<b>137-455</b>	<b>.301</b>	<b>307-429</b>	<b>.716</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>1318</b>	<b>65.9</b>

Team Statistics

	UT	OPP
<b>Scoring</b>	<b>1569</b>	<b>1318</b>
Points per game	78.5	65.9
Scoring margin	+12.6	-
<b>Field goals-att</b>	<b>546-1224</b>	<b>437-1164</b>
Field goal pct	.446	.375
<b>3 point fg-att</b>	<b>169-502</b>	<b>137-455</b>
3-point FG pct	.337	.301
3-pt FG made per game	8.5	6.9
<b>Free throws-att</b>	<b>308-410</b>	<b>307-429</b>
Free throw pct	.751	.716
F-Throws made per game	15.4	15.4
<b>Rebounds</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>691</b>
Rebounds per game	39.5	34.6
Rebounding margin	+4.9	-
<b>Assists</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>213</b>
Assists per game	16.8	10.7
<b>Turnovers</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>264</b>
Turnovers per game	10.6	13.2
Turnover margin	+2.6	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.6	0.8
<b>Steals</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>133</b>
Steals per game	8.0	6.7
<b>Blocks</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>50</b>
Blocks per game	4.8	2.5
<b>Winning streak</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>
Home win streak	0	-
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>204186</b>	<b>70578</b>
Home games-Avg/Game	11-18562	5-14116
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	4-4435

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
11/06/2023	Tennessee Tech	W	80-42	17047
11/10/2023	at Wisconsin	W	80-70	17287
11/14/2023	Wofford	W	82-61	16859
11/20/2023	vs Syracuse	W	73-56	4838
11/21/2023	vs Purdue	L	67-71	5257
11/22/2023	vs Kansas	L	60-69	5164
11/29/2023	at North Carolina	L	92-100	20756
12/05/2023	George Mason	W	87-66	16513
12/09/2023	Illinois	W	86-79	21678
12/12/2023	Ga. Southern	W	74-56	16013
12/16/2023	vs NC State	W	79-70	2481
12/21/2023	Tarleton St.	W	65-46	17609
01/02/2024	Norfolk St.	W	87-50	16858
01/06/2024	Ole Miss	W	90-64	21932
01/10/2024	at Mississippi St.	L	72-77	8160
01/13/2024	at Georgia	W	85-79	10523
01/16/2024	Florida	W	85-66	17332
01/20/2024	Alabama	W	91-71	21678
01/27/2024	at Vanderbilt	W	75-62	13852
01/30/2024	South Carolina	L	59-63	20667

BROADCAST MEDIA CHEAT SHEET | Projected starters noted with orange numbers

	<b>0</b>	<b>JONAS AIDOO</b> AY-Doo Jr. • F • 6-11 • 240 • Durham, N.C. / Liberty Heights Athletic Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Had 13-plus points in four straight games from 11/29/23 to 12/12/23 after previously hitting that mark twice, averaging 18.3 ppg in that span and ending it with a career-high 29 against Georgia Southern</li> <li>No. 26 defender in the nation, through 1/31/24, according to EvanMiya.com's DBPR player rankings</li> <li>Logged his fourth double-double in a 13-game stretch, after previously possessing one in his first 55 outings, with 10 points and a career-high 15 rebounds, the most by a Vol in over five years (1/8/19)</li> <li>Other double-double (12pts &amp; 11reb) came in second start, a win over top-ranked Alabama (2/15/23)</li> </ul>
	<b>1</b>	<b>FREDDIE DILIONE V</b> Dill-Ee-ON R-Fr. • G • 6-5 • 195 • Fayetteville, N.C. / Word of God Christian Academy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exited early against Wofford (11/14/23) with a left foot injury that kept him out of the next four games</li> <li>Averaged 11.0 ppg, scoring 10-plus in all three outings, during UT's 2023 summer trip to Italy</li> <li>Enrolled early at UT, joining the team in Jan. 2023 and redshirting the rest of the 2022-23 season</li> <li>Considered a top-25 recruit in the class of 2023 by 247Sports before reclassifying up</li> <li>Graduated from the alma mater of five-time NBA All-Star and 2010 No. 1 NBA Draft pick John Wall</li> </ul>
	<b>2</b>	<b>JORDAN GAINEY</b> Jr. • G • 6-3 • 186 • Tucson, Ariz. / USC Upstate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eclipsed 1,000 career points, in his 71st game, with his first points at No. 17/16 North Carolina (11/29/23)</li> <li>2022-23 First Team All-Big South honoree scored 24 points in a road game at Clemson (11/15/22)</li> <li>2021-22 Big South Freshman of the Year, Second Team All-Big South choice, Kyle Macy Award finalist</li> <li>Posted a 49.3 3P% (74-of-150) as a freshman, which would have led the nation if he qualified</li> <li>Initially signed with Pima C.C. (Ariz.) as a 2020 recruit, but opted for a postgrad year at South Kent</li> <li>Eldest son of UT associate head coach Justin Gainey, who is in his third year working for Rick Barnes</li> </ul>
	<b>3</b>	<b>DALTON KNECHT</b> Kuh-NEKT (like connect) 5th • G • 6-6 • 213 • Thornton, Colo. / University of Northern Colorado	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Six-game 25-point streak (1/10-1/30/24), first by PG player in a season since Markus Howard (Jan. 2020)</li> <li>In just 20 games, already the 12th Vol with five 30-point outings (seventh with five in one season)</li> <li>Career-high 39 vs. Florida (1/16/24) made him SEC's first with 35 back-to-back since Shaq (Feb. 1991)</li> <li>Tied all-time visitor scoring record at Dean E. Smith Center (11/29/23) with 37 points on 13-of-17 FGs</li> <li>Had 36 at Georgia (1/13/24) and 32 at Vanderbilt (1/27/24), upping road average to 31.4 ppg (61.5 FG%)</li> <li>Led Big Sky in scoring (20.2 ppg) last year, placing No. 23 in DI; Had 20-plus points in 18 of 32 games</li> </ul>
	<b>5</b>	<b>ZAKAI ZEIGLER</b> Zuh-KY ZEE-GLur Jr. • G • 5-9 • 171 • Long Island, N.Y. / Our Saviour Lutheran School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shot 18-of-42 (42.9%) from deep in five-game span from 12/16 to 1/10 (9-of-37 [24.3%] in first 10 GP)</li> <li>Set then-season highs in PTS (23), AST (eight), STL (four) and 3PM (four) against NC State (12/16/23)</li> <li>Broke UT record with sixth PTS/AST double-double (17 &amp; 10) in win over #19/22 Ole Miss (1/6/24)</li> <li>Preseason First Team All-SEC honoree by the league's coaches, second-team pick by the media</li> <li>Second Team All-SEC, SEC All-Defensive Team last year; Naismith Defensive POY semifinalist</li> <li>Tore his left ACL three minutes into the win over Arkansas (2/28/23) and had surgery on 3/13/23</li> </ul>
	<b>11</b>	<b>TOBE AWAKA</b> Toe-BAYUH-WAH-Kuh So. • F • 6-8 • 250 • Hyde Park, N.Y. / Cardinal Hayes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would be second in DI, through 1/31/24, in offensive reb. percentage (21.3) if qualified, per KenPom</li> <li>Tallied first-career double-double versus Norfolk State (1/2/24), posting 10 points and 11 rebounds</li> <li>Scored a career-high 11 points on 4-of-6 FGs, adding seven boards, versus George Mason (12/5/23)</li> <li>Finished 2022-23 seventh nationally (min. 150 minutes) in offensive rebounding percentage (19.1)</li> <li>Starter for Team USA at the 2023 FIBA U19 World Cup this summer (11.6 ppg, 10.6 rpg, 60.0 FG%)</li> <li>AAU teammate of Zakai Zeigler with NY Lightning; 2022 New York Gatorade Player of the Year</li> </ul>
	<b>12</b>	<b>CADE PHILLIPS</b> Fr. • F • 6-9 • 212 • Jacksonville, Ala. / Link Academy (Mo.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tabbed a top-150 recruit by both 247Sports and Rivals, as well as a four-star prospect by ESPN</li> <li>Prep teammate of fellow UT freshman Cameron Carr; Same HS as Julian Phillips (at UT in 2022-23)</li> <li>Helped lead Link Academy to a 27-1 record, GEICO Nationals title and ESPN final No. 1 ranking</li> <li>His dad (John David Phillips), uncle (Brodie Croyle) and grandfather (John Croyle) played football at Alabama, while mom (Reagan Phillips) played basketball there; Same number as dad and uncle</li> </ul>
	<b>13</b>	<b>J.P. ESTRELLA</b> Uh-STRELL-Uh Fr. • F • 6-11 • 241 • Scarborough, Maine / Brewster Academy (N.H.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Averaged 5.3 ppg and 6.3 rpg on a 63.6 FG% during UT's summer trip to Italy with one double-double</li> <li>Unanimous four-star, top-80 recruit ranked as high as No. 57 by Rivals; UT's first player from Maine</li> <li>Attended local South Portland HS for two years and led the team to a state title as a junior in 2021-22, averaging 20.2 ppg, 11.8 and 4.1 bpg; Transferred to Brewster Academy his senior year</li> <li>Mother, Allie, played at Boston College from 1995-99; Career ended at UT in NCAA Round of 32</li> </ul>
	<b>15</b>	<b>JAHMAI MASHACK</b> Juh-MY MAY-Shack Jr. • G • 6-4 • 201 • Fontana, Calif. / Eriwanda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Then-season highs in points (11), rebs. (five), assists (four) and field goals (four) vs. NC State (12/16/23)</li> <li>Ranks No. 13 in career defensive box plus/minus (+6.09) of all players since 2010-11, per CBB Reference</li> <li>Third-best career steal percentage (4.33) among all SEC players since 2010-11, per CBB Reference</li> <li>In his first SEC start (2/15/23), held Brandon Miller to 0-of-6 FGs while on floor in win over No. 1 Alabama</li> <li>Father (LMU basketball), mother, older brother and younger sister all play(ed) DI sports</li> <li>Vice Chair of SEC Men's Basketball Leadership Council; One of just six Vols ever from California</li> </ul>
	<b>25</b>	<b>SANTIAGO VESCOVI</b> Sahn-Te-AH-Go VESS-Co-Vee 5th • G • 6-3 • 196 • Montevideo, Uruguay / NBA Global Acad. (Australia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-eighth in SEC history in made 3-pointers (311); Places No. 19 on UT's career scoring list (1,475)</li> <li>Blue Ribbon Preseason Fourth Team AA; Fifth multi-time Preseason First Team All-SEC honoree at UT</li> <li>Named First Team All-SEC for the second straight season in 2022-23 after leading the SEC in 3-point percentage (38.7), as well as placing second in 3-point makes per game (2.7) during SEC play</li> <li>Led UT in points (12.5) and minutes (33.0), as well as total steals (60) and 3-pointers (91), last year</li> <li>Competed with the Uruguayan National Team in FIBA World Cup qualifying this past summer</li> </ul>
	<b>30</b>	<b>JOSIAH-JORDAN JAMES</b> 5th • G • 6-7 • 220 • Charleston, S.C. / Porter-Gaud School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Had a co-career-high 23 points against NC State (12/16/23) and set a career high in made threes (5-of-7)</li> <li>Preseason Coaches' Second Team All-SEC pick surpassed 1,000 career points versus Wofford (11/14/23)</li> <li>Nation's ninth-best defender (atop SEC), per EvanMiya.com DBPR player rankings, through 1/31/24</li> <li>Missed 12 games in 2022-23, a full third of the season, due to knee and ankle injuries</li> <li>Led UT in rebounding in 2020-21 (6.5 rpg) and 2021-22 (6.0 rpg), starting 30 games the latter season</li> <li>McDonald's All-American and five-star, top-20 recruit in the class of 2019; Has a wingspan of 7'0.5"</li> </ul>
	<b>43</b>	<b>CAMERON CARR</b> Fr. • G • 6-5 • 175 • Eden Prairie, Minn. / Link Academy (Mo.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consensus top-65 recruit ranked as high as No. 46 by Rivals and No. 54 by 247Sports</li> <li>Prep teammate of fellow UT freshman Cade Phillips; Same HS as Julian Phillips (at UT in 2022-23)</li> <li>Helped lead Link Academy to a 27-1 record, GEICO Nationals title and ESPN final No. 1 ranking</li> <li>Dad, Chris, played six years in the NBA as was runner-up to Kobe Bryant in the 1997 NBA Slam Dunk Contest and is now a DI coach; Sister, Christianna played at Kansas State, Syracuse and Arkansas</li> </ul>
	<b>44</b>	<b>D.J. JEFFERSON</b> R-Fr. • G • 6-5 • 209 • Richardson, Texas / Minnesota Prep Acad. (Minn.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Redshirted during his first year at UT; Scored 13 points in last game of UT's 2023 summer trip to Italy</li> <li>Eighth Vol from Texas, first from Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex; Grew up under 30 minutes from Frisco</li> <li>Unanimous four-star prospect was No. 51 in On3 rankings; Top recruit in Minnesota by On3, 247Sports</li> <li>Averaged 16.1 ppg, 5.8 rpg, 4.1 apg and 3.0 spg as a high school senior</li> <li>Initially signed with Tulsa in Nov. 2021, but reopened his recruitment following a coaching change</li> </ul>