



University of North Carolina
at Charlotte

University of Dayton

Duquesne University

Fordham University

The George Washington
University

La Salle University

University of Massachusetts

University of Rhode Island

University of Richmond

St. Bonaventure University

Saint Joseph's University

Saint Louis University

Temple University

Xavier University

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Xavier Picked A-10 Men's Basketball Preseason Favorite; League Honors 26 Players with Preseason Awards

NEW YORK—Xavier has been chosen as the Atlantic 10 Conference men's basketball preseason favorite and 26 A-10 players were selected for preseason awards. The league announced the poll and awards Thursday in conjunction with its annual Media Day. Both the awards and the predicted order of finish were chosen by a panel of the leagues head coaches and media members.

Xavier garnered 304 total points and 18 first-place votes to place first in the predicted order of finish. The Musketeers finished 24-8 overall and 15-1 in the A-10 last season and have clinched at least a share of the A-10 regular season record the last five years. XU also led all teams with five players selected for preseason awards. Temple, chosen second in the preseason poll, finished at 14-2 last year in the A-10 and 26-8 overall. The Owls, who have won three of the last four Atlantic 10 Championships, had four first-place votes and a total of 287 points for second place.

Saint Louis was picked third with 239 points, followed by St. Bonaventure (217 points), defending A-10 champion Richmond (196 points) and Dayton (168 points). Saint Joseph's was picked seventh with 165 points and George Washington tallied 163 points to earn the eighth place. Duquesne (151 points) and Rhode Island (117 points) completed the top 10, while Charlotte, Massachusetts, La Salle and Fordham rounded out the 14-team field.

Xavier senior guard Tu Holloway and St. Bonaventure senior center Andrew Nicholson were both named to the Preseason First-Team All-Conference team. Holloway, the defending A-10 Player of the Year, and Nicholson, last year's A-10 leading scorer and a postseason all-conference first-teamer, were both selected last week as preseason candidates for the prestigious Wooden Award.

Temple seniors Ramone Moore and Juan Fernandez were also selected to the Preseason All-Conference First Team. Moore was a second-team all-conference selection last season and Fernandez was named to the third team. George Washington's Tony Taylor, a second-team all-conference honoree in 2010-11, rounded out the first-team selections.

Seniors Chris Johnson (Dayton) and Kenny Frease (Xavier) were both named to the preseason all-conference second team. They were joined by juniors Mark Lyons (Xavier), Chris Gaston (Fordham) and Kwamain Mitchell (Saint Louis).

Seniors Scootie Randall of Temple and Charlotte's Derrio Green were both named to the third team. Green's teammate Chris Braswell and Saint Joseph's Carl Jones, both juniors were also on the third team as was Duquesne sophomore T.J. McConnell.

Holloway, Nicholson, McConnell were also selected for the All-Defensive team. Senior Darrius Garrett (Richmond) and sophomore C.J. Aiken (Saint Joseph's) were also named to the all-defensive team.

There was a tie in the All-Rookie team voting, resulting in a six-member team. Jerrell Wright (La Salle), Cady LaLanne (Massachusetts), Alonzo Nelson-Odada (Richmond), Anthony Lee (Temple), Dezmine Wells (Xavier) and Justin Martin (Xavier) were all named preseason all-rookie.

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Practice begins Saturday at midnight. Duquesne tips off the 2011-12 season on Wednesday, Nov. 9 with a game at Arizona in the Coaches vs. Cancer 2K Sports Classic. Most of the Atlantic 10 membership will begin their seasons on Friday, Nov. 11. Dayton and Fordham begin Saturday, Nov. 12.

The season will culminate with the 2012 Atlantic 10 Men's Basketball Tournament at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, N.J. The first round of the tournament, which will be played at home sites will begin Tuesday, March 6. The quarterfinals begin Friday, March 9 at Boardwalk Hall. The tournament concludes with the finals on Sunday, March 11 at 1:00 p.m.

2011-12 Atlantic 10 Preseason Predicted Order of Finish

Team	Total	Team	Total	Team	Total
1. Xavier (18)	304	6. Dayton	168	11. Charlotte	115
2. Temple (4)	287	7. St. Joseph's	165	12. Massachusetts	107
3. Saint Louis	239	8. George Washington	163	13. La Salle	52
4. St. Bonaventure	217	9. Duquesne	151	14. Fordham	29
5. Richmond	196	10. Rhode Island	117		

2011-12 Atlantic 10 Preseason Men's Basketball Awards

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown	PPG	RPG	APG
Tu Holloway	XU	G	Sr.	Hempstead, N.Y.	19.7	5.0	5.4
Andrew Nicholson	SBU	F	Sr.	Mississauga, Ontario	20.8	7.3	1.0
Ramone Moore	TU	G	Sr.	Philadelphia, Pa.	15.2	4.2	3.1
Juan Fernandez	TU	G	Sr.	Rio Tercero, Argentina	11.2	2.9	3.9
Tony Taylor	GW	G	Sr.	Sleepy Hollow, N.Y.	15.0	3.3	4.6

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown	PPG	RPG	APG
Mark Lyons	XU	G	Jr.	Schenectady, N.Y.	13.6	3.1	3.1
Chris Gaston	FOR	F	Jr.	Union City, N.J.	15.9	11.3	1.3
*Kwamain Mitchell	SLU	G	R-Jr.	Milwaukee, Wis.	15.9	3.0	3.0
Chris Johnson	UD	F	Sr.	Columbus, Ohio	11.9	6.0	1.6
Kenny Frease	XU	C	Sr.	Massillon, Ohio	11.7	7.1	1.2

**Stats are from the 2009-2010 Season*

THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown	PPG	RPG	APG
T.J. McConnell	DUQ	G	Soph.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	10.8	3.8	4.4
Carl Jones	SJU	G	Jr.	Garfield Heights, Ohio	17.0	2.6	3.4
Scottie Randall	TU	F	Sr.	Philadelphia, Pa.	10.7	4.7	1.4
Chris Braswell	CHA	F	Jr.	Capitol Heights, Md.	11.1	6.9	1.0
Derrio Green	CHA	G	Sr.	Panama City, Fla.	13.0	3.5	3.8

ALL-DEFENSIVE TEAM

Name	School	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown	PPG	SPG	BPG
C.J. Aiken	SJU	F	Soph.	Conshohocken, Pa.	7.4	0.4	3.5
Tu Holloway	XU	G	Sr.	Hempstead, N.Y.	19.7	1.4	0.1
Andrew Nicholson	SBU	F	Sr.	Mississauga, Ontario	20.8	0.5	1.5
T.J. McConnell	DUQ	G	Soph.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	10.8	2.8	0.2
Darrius Garrett	UR	F/C	Sr.	Raleigh, N.C.	1.9	0.1	1.6

ALL-ROOKIE TEAM

Name	School	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown
Dezmine Wells	XU	G/F	Fr.	Raleigh, N.C.
Jerrell Wright	LAS	F	Fr.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Justin Martin	XU	F	R-Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind.
Cady LaLanne	UM	F	Fr.	Orlando, Fla.
Alonzo Nelson-Odada	UR	F	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.
Anthony Lee	TU	F	R-Fr.	Columbia, Md.