

# EMMANUEL COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL



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## Season Preview

Emmanuel's men's basketball team sets its sights on its first-ever Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) championship for the 2010-2011 season, after advancing as far as the GNAC finals in 2009. The '09 squad entered the GNAC tournament as the fourth seed and suffered a heart-breaking overtime loss to Saint Joseph's College (Me.) in its second-ever trip to the GNAC Championship Game.

With over thirty points per game lost to graduation in '09, the 2009-10 season proved to be a rebuilding one for the Saints. Seventh-year Head Coach Jamahl Jackson saw a class of new players emerge as leaders, as the program kicked off a new era for Emmanuel Men's Basketball. The freshman/sophomore backcourt tandem of Xavier Everson and Isaiah Duke showed the tenacity and willingness to step to the forefront and lead the young squad. Both players averaged double figures in scoring and over 6 rebounds per game. Everson earned GNAC Rookie of the Week honors, while Duke was named the GNAC Player of the Week during conference play this year. Coach Jackson has a talented group of recruits entering the program next season, as well as a solid class of 12 returning veterans, including Tyrone Buchanon, who missed last season due to an injury. Jackson and the Saints have high hopes for the 2010-11 campaign, as they look to bring Emmanuel's program to the next level.

## Home Facility



Jean Yawkey Center

HOME COURT FOR THE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

The new, state-of-the-art Jean Yawkey Center at Emmanuel has been built to enhance the campus life experience of all Emmanuel students and to modernize Emmanuel's athletic and recreational facilities. The new gymnasium housed in the Center includes one NCAA-regulation court or two full-size practice courts, and also serves as the largest meeting room on the campus for gatherings of the entire college community, with bleacher seating for 1200-1400 and capacity seating totaling 2500.

## Coach Jackson



Jamahl Jackson is in his 7<sup>th</sup> season as the Head Men's Basketball Coach at Emmanuel. In just his 2<sup>nd</sup> season as head coach, Jackson was named GNAC Coach of the Year and led the team to a 20-8 overall record and a 17-1 regular season record in the GNAC. Jackson has been key in the development and direction of the men's basketball program. Jackson also

serves as the Assistant Athletic Director and Head Athletic Recruiter for Emmanuel College. Jackson coordinates recruitment for all of the men's and women's athletic teams at Emmanuel. He is also the Advisor to the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). Jackson is a former Division I player for the University of New Hampshire where he received a degree in kinesiology. Jackson also played semi-professional basketball for two years with the Springfield Slamm of the United Basketball Alliance and was a standout for traveling teams in Japan.