



# UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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## 2009-10 QUICK FACTS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>Location:</b>	Houston, Texas
<b>Founded:</b>	1927
<b>Began Intercollegiate Athletics:</b>	Jan. 10, 1946
<b>Enrollment:</b>	36,098
<b>Nickname:</b>	Cougars
<b>Colors:</b>	Scarlet & White with Navy Trim
<b>Affiliation:</b>	NCAA Division I
<b>Conference:</b>	Conference USA
<b>Arena (Capacity):</b>	Hofheinz Pavilion (8,479)
<b>Chancellor/President:</b>	Dr. Renu Khator
<b>Director of Athletics:</b>	Mack Rhoades
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### HISTORY

<b>First Basketball Game:</b>	Dec. 2, 1975
<b>All-Time Record:</b>	561-447 (.557)
<b>NCAA Appearances:</b>	4 (1988, 1992, 2004, 2005)
<b>WNIT Appearances:</b>	3 (1991, 2001, 2002)
<b>Last Postseason:</b>	2005 (NCAA First Round Loss to Boston College 65-43)

### COACHES & STAFF

<b>Head Coach:</b>	Joe Curl (Wayne State '78)
<b>Record at Houston:</b>	176-152 (.537) (11 yrs.)
<b>Career Record:</b>	314-252 (.555) (19 yrs.)
<b>Assistant Coach/Recruiting Director:</b>	Wade Scott (Eastern NM '93)
<b>Assistant Coach:</b>	Tari Cummings (Oklahoma State '03)
<b>Assistant Coach:</b>	Chad Rickett (Midwestern State '07)
<b>Director of Basketball Operations:</b>	Tiffanie Hatley (Houston '08)
<b>Athletics Trainer:</b>	Allison Murphy (Gardner Webb '05)
<b>Administrative Assistant:</b>	Karon Harper

### TEAM INFORMATION

<b>2008-09 Overall Record:</b>	19-10
<b>2008-09 C-USA Record (Finish):</b>	11-5 (t-2nd)
<b>2008-09 C-USA Tournament Record:</b>	0-1 (lost 79-66 vs. UCF in quarterfinals)
<b>Lettermen Returning:</b>	9
<b>Lettermen Lost:</b>	2
<b>Starters Returning:</b>	4
<b>Starters Lost:</b>	1
<b>Newcomers:</b>	4

### SPORTS INFORMATION

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## 2009-10 HOUSTON COUGARS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

### NUMERICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.-Exp.	Hometown/High School (Last School)
1	Macy Morton	G	5-7	Fr.-HS	Winnsboro, Texas/Winnsboro HS
2	Megan Morton	G	5-10	Jr.-2L	Winnsboro, Texas/Winnsboro HS
5	Brittany Mason	F	6-0	Jr.-2L	LaPorte, Texas/LaPorte HS
3	Zalika Dyson	C	6-2	Fr.-HS	Albuquerque, N.M./Cibola HS
11	Brittney Scott	G	5-6	Jr.-2L	Orange, Texas/West Orange Stark HS
12	Megan Workman	G/F	6-0	Fr.-HS	Bowie, Texas/Bowie HS
20	Porsche Landry	G	5-5	So.-1L	Houston, Texas/Madison HS
21	Ashlee Joseph	F	6-0	Sr.-3L	Houston, Texas/Booker T. Washington HS
22	Roxana Button	G	5-9	So.-1L	Coppell, Texas/Coppell HS
24	Courtney Taylor	G/F	6-0	Jr.-2L	Crockett, Texas/Crockett HS
32	Ryan Bradley	C	6-2	Sr.-3L	Houston, Texas/Madison HS
33	Lesslee Mason	F	6-0	Jr.-TR	Cincinnati, Ohio/Princeton HS (Ohio State)
34	Jasmine Johnson	G	5-6	Jr.-2L	Omaha, Neb./Omaha Central HS

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### SUPPORT STAFF

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<b>Assistant Athletics Trainer:</b>	Allison Murphy (Gardner Webb '05)
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### ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.-Exp.	Hometown/High School (Last School)
32	Ryan Bradley	C	6-2	Sr.-3L	Houston, Texas/Madison HS
22	Roxana Button	G	5-9	So.-1L	Coppell, Texas/Coppell HS
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12	Megan Workman	G/F	6-0	Fr.-HS	Bowie, Texas/Bowie HS

#### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

PORCHE Landry  
ZALIKA Dyson

PORSH  
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## ROSTER ANALYSIS

### RETURNING STARTERS (4)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.-Exp.	GP-GS	MP	FG-A	Pct.	3P-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	Reb - Avg.	Ast.	Bl.	St.	Pts. - Avg.
Courtney Taylor	F	6-0	Jr.-2L	29-29	960	177-379	.467	10-24	.417	117-173	.676	293-10.1	54	49	66	481-16.6
Brittney Scott	G	5-6	Jr.-2L	29-29	881	129-324	.398	49-148	.331	65-83	.783	86-3.0	64	1	35	372-12.8
Porsche Landry	G	5-5	So.-1L	29-28	697	92-209	.440	6-29	.207	44-67	.657	79-2.7	78	2	52	234-8.1
Brittany Mason	F	6-0	Jr.-2L	29-20	775	46-112	.411	1-2	.500	31-55	.564	174-6.0	41	23	45	124-4.3

### RETURNING LETTERMEN (5)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.-Exp.	GP-GS	MP	FG-A	Pct.	3P-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	Reb - Avg.	Ast.	Bl.	St.	Pts. - Avg.
Roxana Button	G	5-9	So.-1L	29-13	670	76-208	.365	29-79	.367	63-79	.797	62-2.1	35	0	22	244-8.4
Jasmine Johnson	G	5-6	Jr.-2L	28-6	548	41-123	.333	8-27	.614	27-44	.614	81-2.9	42	5	23	117-4.2
Ashlee' Joseph	F	6-0	Sr.-3L	29-0	418	43-113	.381	0-2	.000	14-23	.609	114-3.9	9	8	9	100-3.4
Megan Morton	G	5-10	Jr.-2L	15-0	133	9-37	.243	4-18	.222	5-6	.833	13-0.9	12	0	3	27-1.8
Ryan Bradley	C	6-2	Sr.-3L	12-0	40	3-12	.250	1-1	1.000	2-2	1.000	8-0.7	0	0	0	9-0.8

### NEWCOMERS (4)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Last School	Hometown	Notes
Zalika Dyson	C	6-2	Fr.	Cibola HS	Albuquerque, N.M.	Impact defensive player, with offensive upside
Lesslee Mason	F	6-0	Jr.	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio	After sitting out 08-09, should provide immediate impact on UH front court
Macy Morton	G	5-7	Fr.	Winnsboro HS	Winnsboro, Texas	Ball-handler, who could see action off the bench at the point
Megan Workman	G/F	6-0	Fr.	Bowie HS	Bowie, Texas	Athletic forward, who is good around the basket

### STARTERS LOST (1)

Name	Exp.	Pos.	GP-GS	MP	FG-A	Pct.	3P-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	Reb - Avg.	Ast.	Bl.	St.	Pts. - Avg.
Cobilyn Hill	2L	C	28-19	499	90-203	.443	0-0	-	30-58	.517	129-4.6	11	63	10	210-7.5

### OTHER LETTERMEN LOST (1)

Name	Exp.	Pos.	GP-GS	MP	FG-A	Pct.	3P-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	Reb - Avg.	Ast.	Bl.	St.	Pts. - Avg.
Zane Jakobsone	2L	F	22-1	179	14-38	.368	7-25	.280	1-2	.500	16-0.7	9	1	5	36-1.6

## 2009-10 SCHEDULE

UPDATED 9/11/09

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TV</u>	<u>RADIO</u>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>NOV. 9</b>	<b>HOUSTON JAGUARS</b>	<b>HOFHEINZ PAVILION</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>		<b>UHCougars.com</b>
Friday	Nov. 13	at Gardner-Webb	Boiling Springs, N.C.	6:00 p.m.		UHCougars.com
Tuesday	Nov. 17	at UT-Arlington	Arlington, Texas	7:00 p.m.		UHCougars.com
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>NOV. 19</b>	<b>OREGON STATE</b>	<b>HOFHEINZ PAVILION</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>		<b>UHCougars.com</b>
Saturday	Nov. 21	at LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	12:00 p.m.		UHCougars.com
Tuesday	Nov. 24	at Miami	Coral Gables, Fla.	11:00 a.m.		UHCougars.com
Friday	Nov. 27	vs. Delaware^	Fort Collins, Colo.	6:00 p.m.		UHCougars.com
Saturday	Nov. 28	vs. Texas State/Colorado State^	Fort Collins, Colo.	TBA		UHCougars.com
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DEC. 5</b>	<b>NORTH TEXAS</b>	<b>HOFHEINZ PAVILION</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>		<b>UHCougars.com</b>
Monday	Dec. 7	UTSA	San Antonio, Texas	7:00 p.m.		UHCougars.com
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DEC. 20</b>	<b>PRINCETON</b>	<b>HOFHEINZ PAVILION</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>		<b>UHCougars.com</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>DEC. 22</b>	<b>KANSAS</b>	<b>HOFHEINZ PAVILION</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>		<b>UHCougars.com</b>
Monday	Dec. 28	at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi, Texas	7:00 p.m.		UHCougars.com
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>DEC. 31</b>	<b>TCU</b>	<b>HOFHEINZ PAVILION</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>		<b>UHCougars.com</b>
Friday	Jan. 8	at Tulane*	New Orleans, La.	TBA		UHCougars.com
Sunday	Jan. 10	at UTEP*	El Paso, Texas	TBA		UHCougars.com
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JAN. 15</b>	<b>ECU*</b>	<b>HOFHEINZ PAVILION</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>		<b>UHCougars.com</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JAN. 17</b>	<b>MARSHALL*</b>	<b>HOFHEINZ PAVILION</b>	<b>TBA</b>		<b>UHCougars.com</b>
Saturday	Jan. 23	at UAB*	Birmingham, Ala.	TBA		UHCougars.com
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JAN. 28</b>	<b>TULSA*</b>	<b>HOFHEINZ PAVILION</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>		<b>UHCougars.com</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JAN. 30</b>	<b>SMU*</b>	<b>HOFHEINZ PAVILION</b>	<b>1 P.M.</b>		<b>UHCougars.com</b>
Thursday	Feb. 4	at Rice*	Houston, Texas	TBA		UHCougars.com
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEB. 7</b>	<b>MEMPHIS*</b>	<b>HOFHEINZ PAVILION</b>	<b>TBA</b>		<b>UHCougars.com</b>
Friday	Feb. 12	at Tulsa*	Tulsa, Okla.	TBA`		UHCougars.com
Sunday	Feb. 14	at SMU*	Dallas, Texas	TBA		UHCougars.com
Thursday	Feb. 18	at Southern Miss*	Hattiesburg, Miss.	TBA		UHCougars.com
Saturday	Feb. 20	at UCF*	Orlando, Fla.	TBA		UHCougars.com
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FEB. 25</b>	<b>UTEP*</b>	<b>HOFHEINZ PAVILION</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>		<b>UHCougars.com</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEB. 27</b>	<b>TULANE*</b>	<b>HOFHEINZ PAVILION</b>	<b>TBA</b>		<b>UHCougars.com</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 4</b>	<b>RICE*</b>	<b>HOFHEINZ PAVILION</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>		<b>UHCougars.com</b>
Mon.-Fri.	March 8-12	Conference USA Championship	Tulsa, Okla.	TBA		UHCougars.com

All times are central and subject to change.

\*-Indicates Conference USA game

^-Indicates Coors Rocky Mountain Invitational (Fort Collins, Colo.)

## PRESEASON NOTES



### FAMILIAR FACES

After finishing last season 19-10 and in a tie for second in the C-USA standings, the Cougars will have a very familiar look when they hit the court this fall as they return 9 of 11 letterwinners from a year ago, including four starters. Departed senior Zane Jakobson and center Cobilyn Hill are the only players off last season's roster to not return for the 2009-10 campaign. Jakobson graduated in May.

### RETURNING FIREPOWER

Head coach Joe Curl will not be faced with a difficult decision filling out his starting line-up in November when the Cougars hit the court for the first time as four starters are back. Juniors Brittany Mason, Brittney Scott and Courtney Taylor along with sophomore Porsche Landry each started at least 19 games a year ago. In addition to five other letterwinners who saw action last year, UH returns 87.4 percent (1708 of 1954 points) of its offensive production from a year ago.

### THE MILESTONE MAN

After missing all of the 2007-08 season after suffering an October heart attack, UH head coach Joe Curl was just happy to be back on the court last year, but the 2008-09 campaign proved to be a memorable one for Curl, who passed a pair of significant coaching milestones.

On Dec. 5, 2008, Curl led his Cougars to a 64-44 win over Southern to capture his 300th career coaching victory. The win would not be the only milestone notch on Curl's record a year ago as in the regular season finale, he led the UH women's



basketball to its first ever win at ECU and earned his 176th victory at the school to become the program's all-time winningest coach. The win pushed him ahead of former UH floor general Dot Woodfin, who collected 175 wins from 1976-85.

Entering the 2009-10 season Curl is 314-252 (.555) in 19 years of coaching with a record of 176-152 (.537) in 11 years at UH.

### FRESH BLOOD

Despite the return of virtually the entire roster from last season, the Cougars will be lifted by the influx of four newcomers. First off, despite being in the program for a season, 2009-10 will be the first on the court for junior Lesslee Mason after the 6-0 forward's transfer from Ohio State. Joining Mason will be a trio of freshmen Zalika Dyson (C / 6-2), Macy Morton (G / 5-7) and Megan Workman (G/F / 6-0).

On the bench, Tari Commings joins the coaching staff after a stint on the bench at Cincinnati and Chad Rickett moves over to full-time assistant coach after serving as director of basketball operations the previous two seasons.

### DOUBLE-DOUBLE MACHINE

Junior forward Courtney Taylor has been an impact player for the Cougars since she stepped foot on campus in the fall of 2007 culminating in All-Conference USA First Team honors last season. The Crockett, Texas, native also enters her junior season within reach of first place on the all-time career double-doubles list.

In 58 games in a Cougar uniform, Taylor has amassed 25 career double-doubles, including 16 during the 2008-09 campaign. She enters this season in fifth place all-time in school history and within striking distance of Sancho Lyttle, who posted 35 double-double performances during her UH career (2003-05).



### DEFENDING THE HOME COURT

A year ago the Cougars were a tough team to beat at Hofheinz Pavilion last, winning 12 of 14 (.857) contests on their home court. The streak included an 11-0 start at home which fell just short of the school record for consecutive home wins to start a season, which was 12 by the 1991-92 Cougars.