

2011-12 Preseason Information



Marquette University Men's Basketball

NCAA Championship Appearances: 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2003 | 2002 | 1997 | 1996 | 1994 | 1993 | 1983 | 1982 | 1980 | 1979 | 1978 | **1977 (National Champions)** | 1976 | 1975 | 1974 | 1973 | 1972 | 1971 | 1969 | 1968 | 1961 | 1959 | 1955

The Marquette University men's basketball team enters its seventh season in the BIG EAST Conference in 2011-12 looking to extend its current streak of six-straight NCAA Tournament appearances. The Golden Eagles are under the direction of fourth-year head coach Buzz Williams, who guided MU to the Sweet 16 in 2011 after posting victories over Syracuse and Xavier. Marquette returns three starters and seven letterwinners from last season's 22-15 squad, including a pair of all-league candidates in seniors Darius Johnson-Odom and Jae Crowder. The upcoming campaign will mark the 95th season of competition for MU in men's basketball and the non-league schedule includes participation in the Paradise Jam (U.S. Virgin Islands) and matchups with Wisconsin and Vanderbilt.

Johnson-Odom, Crowder All-BIG EAST Candidates

Seniors Darius Johnson-Odom and Jae Crowder are among the top returnees in the BIG EAST Conference in 2011-12 after finishing among the league's top performers last season.

Johnson-Odom was named All-BIG EAST Second Team after claiming seventh in the league in scoring (15.8 ppg.) and 11th in 3-pointers made per contest (1.92). He became the 43rd player in school history to score 1,000 career points and accomplished the feat in less than two years. Johnson-Odom is second to only Pittsburgh's Ashton Gibbs (16.8 ppg.) in terms of the leading returning scorers next year.

Crowder finished among the league leaders in scoring (29th, 11.8 ppg.) and rebounding (11th, 6.8 rpg.) in his first season at Marquette and led the team on the boards. He also finished 10th in the BIG EAST in offensive rebounding (4.54 orpg.). He shot 48.5 percent from the field and 35.9 percent from behind the 3-point line and was also second on the roster in blocked shots (32) and steals (48).

Quick Facts

Location	Milwaukee, Wis., 53233
Founded	1881
Enrollment	11,800
Nickname	Golden Eagles
Colors	Blue ^(PMS 281) and Gold ^(PMS 123)
Arena	Bradley Center (18,600)
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	BIG EAST
President:	Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J.
Acting Athletic Director	Mike Broeker
Ticket Office Phone	414-288-4668
Athletic Department Phone	414-288-6303
Athletics Website	www.GoMarquette.com
University Website	www.Marquette.edu

2010-11 Overall Record	22-15
2010-11 BIG EAST Record	9-9
2010-11 BIG EAST Finish	Ninth
Home/Away/Neutral	14-4 4-7 4-4
Final Rankings	nr/20

First Year of Basketball	1916-17
All-Time Record	1,466-905 (61.8)
NCAA Appearances/Last Result	29/2011 Sweet 16 Lost to North Carolina, 81-63
NIT Appearances/Last Result	15/2005 First Round Lost to W. Michigan, 54-40

Marquette Basketball Staff

Head Coach	Buzz Williams (Oklahoma City, 1994)
Associate Head Coach	Tony Benford (Texas Tech, 1992)
Assistant Coaches	Aki Collins (Clark Atlantic, 1997) Scott Monarch (MVSU, 1986)
Dir. of Basketball Operations	Bart Lundy (Winthrop, 1994)
Coord. of Student-Athlete Dev.	Brad Autry (NW Oklahoma St., 1991)
Video Coordinator	Jamie McNeilly (New Orleans, 2007)

Starters Returning/Lost (3/2)

Name	Class.	Pos.	GP/GS	PPG	RPG	Other
(R) Darius Johnson-Odom	Sr.	G	37/35	15.8	3.0	2.4 apg.
(R) Jae Crowder	Sr.	F	37/17	11.8	6.8	1.3 spg.
(R) Chris Otule	RJr.	C	37/35	5.1	3.6	1.5 bpg.
(L) Jimmy Butler	Sr.	F	37/35	15.7	6.1	1.4 spg.
(L) Dwight Buycks	Sr.	G	36/29	8.8	3.1	3.4 apg.

Letterwinners Returning (7 total)

Name	Class.	Pos.	GP/GS	PPG	RPG	Other
Vander Blue	So.	G	37/12	5.1	2.8	1.6 spg.
Junior Cadougan	Jr.	G	36/5	4.0	1.8	3.2 apg.
Davante Gardner	So.	F	33/0	4.6	2.2	
Jamail Jones	So.	F	18/0	1.5	1.2	

Letterwinners Lost (5 total)

Name	Class.	Pos.	GP/GS	PPG	RPG	Other
Robert Frozena	Sr.	G	14/0	0.6	0.3	
Joseph Fulce	Sr.	F	29/1	3.2	2.1	
Erik Williams	So.	F	24/11	2.2	1.6	

Key Newcomers

Name	Class.	Pos.	Hometown
Juan Anderson	Fr.	F	Castro Valley, Calif./Castro Valley HS
Todd Mayo	Fr.	G	Huntington, W.V./Notre Dame Prep
Derrick Wilson	Fr.	G	Anchorage, Alaska/The Hotchkiss School
Jamil Wilson *	RSo.	F	Racine, Wis./Oregon

* = redshirted in 2010-11 after transferring from Oregon

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CAREER GAMES PLAYED

	Career Games	Career Starts	Consec. Games	Consec. Starts
Anderson	--	--	--	--
Blue	37	12	37	--
Cadougan	48	5	25	--
Crowder	37	17	37	--
Gardner	33	--	17	--
Jones	19	--	1	--
Johnson-Odom	71	57	71	35
Mayo	--	--	--	--
Otule	49	36	37	25
D. Wilson	--	--	--	--
J. Wilson	--	--	--	--

LED MARQUETTE IN ...

SCORING:Butler	14
.....	.Johnson-Odom	13
.....	.Crowder	5
.....	.Buycks	2
.....	.Otule	1
.....	.Blue	1
.....	.Cadougan	1
.....	.Gardner	1
REBOUNDING:Crowder	21
.....	.Butler	11
.....	.Otule	4
.....	.Johnson-Odom	3
.....	.Blue	3
.....	.Fulce	1
.....	.Jones	1
ASSISTS:Buycks	17
.....	.Cadougan	11
.....	.Johnson-Odom	7
.....	.Butler	6
.....	.Smith	2
.....	.Crowder	2
.....	.Blue	1
STEALS:Butler	18
.....	.Crowder	15
.....	.Buycks	10
.....	.Johnson-Odom	8
.....	.Blue	6
.....	.Cadougan	5
.....	.Smith	2
.....	.Otule	2
.....	.Jones	2
.....	.Gardner	2
.....	.Fulce	1

2011-12 MARQUETTE ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
0	Jamil Wilson	F	6-7	220	RSO.	Racine, Wis.
<i>Transfer from Oregon who redshirted in 2010-11.</i>						
1	Darius Johnson-Odom	G	6-2	215	Sr.	Raleigh, N.C.
<i>Among the league leaders in scoring (7th) and 3-point FG pct. (11th).</i>						
2	Vander Blue	G	6-4	200	So.	Madison, Wis.
<i>Appeared in all 37 games and earned 12 starts as a freshman.</i>						
4	Todd Mayo	G	6-3	190	Fr.	Huntington, W.V.
<i>Helped Notre Dame Prep to the national title in 2010-11.</i>						
5	Junior Cadougan	G	6-1	205	Jr.	Toronto, Ontario
<i>Played in 36 games in 2010-11 after missing majority of freshman year with achilles injury.</i>						
10	Juan Anderson	F	6-6	210	Fr.	Oakland, Calif.
<i>Ranked the 61st-best prospect in the nation by Rivals.com.</i>						
22	Jamail Jones	F	6-6	210	So.	Atlanta, Ga.
<i>Saw action in 18 games off the bench in first year.</i>						
25	Jake Thomas * #	G	6-3	185	Jr.	Racine, Wis.
<i>Two-year letterwinner and and honorable mention all-league selection at South Dakota</i>						
32	Jae Crowder	F	6-6	235	Sr.	Villa Rica, Ga.
<i>Among the league leaders in three categories, including scoring (29th) and rebounding (11th).</i>						
33	Derrick Wilson	G	6-0	215	Fr.	Anchorage, Alaska
<i>A member of four league title-winning teams at The Hotchkiss School</i>						
42	Chris Otule	C	6-11	265	RJr.	Richmond, Texas
<i>Finished ninth in the league in blocked shots per game (1.49).</i>						
54	Davante Gardner	F	6-8	290	So.	Suffolk, Va.
<i>Shot 57.0 percent from the field in 33 appearances off the bench.</i>						

* = walk-on # = will sit out in 2011-12 due to NCAA transfer rules

Signing Class Includes Trio Of Prep Standouts

Marquette's 2011 signing class consists of **JUAN ANDERSON** (Oakland, Calif./Castro Valley High School), **TODD MAYO** (Huntington, W.V./Notre Dame Prep) and **DERRICK WILSON** (Anchorage, Alaska/The Hotchkiss School).

ANDERSON: Rated 61st in the country by Rivals.com among all 2011 recruits ... Led Castro Valley High School to a record-setting campaign under head coach Nick Jones in 2010-11 ... Squad posted its most wins ever (30-2) and claimed its first league and sectional titles ... Team also advanced to the Division I title game ... Averaged 16.6 points, 7.0 rebounds and 5.0 assists per game ... Was named first team all-league and all-metro ... Third team all-state honoree.

MAYO: Helped Notre Dame Prep to the National Prep Championship game in 2010-11 ... Averaged 22.0 points and 6.0 assists per game ... In the three outings at the national tournament, averaged 28.3 points per contest to lead all players ... The team posted an overall record of 33-4 ... Was ranked among the top-10 players in the region ... Played at Germantown High School in Tennessee in 2009-10 and at rival Houston High School as a junior in 2008-09.

WILSON: Four-time All-New England selection at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn. ... Three-time player of the year in the league ... Served as team captain for three seasons ... Helped team to four league titles and the squad lost just two conference games during his tenure ... Squad also finished first in the tri-state area all four years and competed in the all-region tournament.

JAKE THOMAS (Racine, Wis./South Dakota) has also joined the team as a walk-on and will sit out in 2011-12 after transferring from South Dakota.

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Buzz Williams

Head Coach | Fourth Season | Oklahoma City, 1994

Two words have served as the foundation for fourth-year head coach Buzz Williams' program at Marquette University since he was officially hired on April 8, 2008 – Character Revealed.

Because of the values and work ethic contained within that philosophy, the Golden Eagles were able to add "Sweet Sixteen" in 2010-11 as another two-word extension to the squad's impressive list of accomplishments during his tenure.

Williams has guided Marquette to three-straight NCAA Championship appearances (six overall), including the program's 14th participation in the regional semifinals last season. Continuing the University's proud tradition of success on the court, MU has remained a fixture in the national rankings, claimed wins over multiple nationally ranked teams and been extremely competitive in the BIG EAST Conference. The squad has also ramped up its community service efforts under Williams' guidance and collected academic recognition since he assumed the reigns of the program prior to the 2008-09 campaign.

Marquette claimed 22 victories in 2010-11, including a road victory at eventual national champion Connecticut and a quarterfinal appearance in the league tourney, en route to being tabbed a No. 11 seed in the NCAA's. The Golden Eagles posted upset wins over No. 6 seed Xavier and No. 3 seed Syracuse to claim a spot in the round of 16, which marked the furthest the team had advanced since 2003. Senior forward Jimmy Butler garnered all-conference accolades for the second-straight year and junior guard Darius Johnson-Odom earned a spot on the All-BIG EAST Second Team. MU also concluded the year ranked nationally in the top-25 poll thanks to its NCAA run.

The team's character was tested from start to finish in 2009-10, beginning with low preseason expectations from national pundits and concluding with a heartbreaking postseason loss. No team in the nation played in more one-possession games than MU, but that didn't stop the squad from collecting the program's fifth-straight NCAA Championship appearance and 20-win season. Marquette finished 22-12 overall, including an 11-7 mark in the BIG EAST Conference, which was good enough for fifth-place in the 16-team league.

Lazar Hayward (Second Team All-BIG EAST) finished second all-time in scoring at MU and four of the program's top-10 all-time scorers have graduated within the past three seasons. Junior forward Jimmy Butler was one of the most improved players in the country and as a result was tabbed honorable mention all-league.

Williams directed MU to a 25-10 overall record in 2008-09, which included a school-record 12 BIG EAST victories. The Golden Eagles advanced to the second round of the NCAA Championship and were ranked among the nation's top-25 teams the entire campaign. A pair of players, Jerel McNeal and Wesley Matthews, claimed all-league accolades and McNeal also earned All-America honors.

Off the court, Williams and his staff assembled a consensus top-25 recruiting class in each of the first two years of his tenure, including a group rated as high as No. 1 in the country by HoopScoopOnline.com (2008-09).

The program's community service efforts have also reached new heights under Williams, highlighted by "Buzz's Bunch." This group, founded by Williams, focuses on providing opportunities for special needs children to attend games and summer camps. The Golden Eagles have also continued and strengthened their long-standing relationships with the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin as well as the Special Olympics.

In 2007-08, Williams served as an assistant coach with the Golden Eagles in his first season at Marquette. MU concluded the year 25-10 and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2003.

His coaching career has included stints as an assistant, associate head and head coach. He has over 15 years of experience at the NCAA Division I level. Williams has recruited and coached over 20 players who have earned all-conference accolades, including one league player of the year, two conference freshmen of the year and two Associated Press All-Americans (McNeal and Hayward).

Williams arrived in Milwaukee after serving for one season as the head coach at the University of New Orleans. He guided the Privateers to a 14-win campaign in 2006-07 and his roster featured Bo McCalebb, the Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year. UNO claimed fourth place in the Sun Belt's Western Division and advanced to the league tournament quarterfinals. The squad claimed as many victories on the road that season as it had in the previous three seasons combined. His recruiting class for the 2007-08 season was ranked in the top-50 nationally by HoopScoopOnline.com.

Prior to UNO, Williams served as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Texas A&M for two seasons (2004-05/2005-06) under head coach Billy Gillispie. Both of his recruiting classes with the Aggies were ranked among the best in the nation and featured some of the top-ranked talent at the prep level. The squad made its first NCAA Tournament appearance in 25 years in 2005-06 and the previous team posted the top turnaround in the nation, improving its win total in 2004-05 by 14 games compared to 2003-04.

Williams spent four seasons (2000-01/2003-04) at Colorado State, serving as an assistant the first three seasons before being promoted to associate head coach in 2003-04. Two of his recruiting classes were ranked among the 40-best in the nation, including the 2003 group, which was tabbed No. 1 in the Mountain West Conference.

Colorado State made its first NCAA Tournament appearance in 13 years during his tenure and he was named one of the top assistants in the country by HoopScoopOnline.com. Williams was previously an assistant at Northwestern State (1999-2000), Texas A&M-Kingsville (1998-99) and Texas-Arlington (1994-98).

Williams signed the highest-rated recruiting class in the history of the Southland Conference while at Northwestern State. The Demons advanced to their first ever NCAA tourney the following season and two of his recruited players were named all-conference, while one was tabbed Southland Conference Tournament MVP.

His accomplishments at Texas A&M-Kingsville include signing the 1998-99 Lone Star Conference Freshman of the Year and a third team All-America guard. At Texas-Arlington, Williams recruited a Southland Conference Freshman of the Year and signed the first Academic All-American in the school's history. Williams was a student assistant coach from 1992-94 at Oklahoma City University where he assisted the team to the 1994 NAIA championship after it advanced to the Sweet 16 the previous season.

Williams served as a student assistant from 1990-92 at Navarro College (Corsicana, Texas) where the team won consecutive conference titles while sporting a 45-17 record during his tenure. He began his career under mentor Lewis Orr, who was inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 2009 after a 37-year career at the junior college level.

The Van Alstyne, Texas, native earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from Oklahoma City University in 1994 before completing his master's work in the same field at Texas A&M-Kingsville in 1999.

Williams is married to the former Corey Norman and the couple has two daughters, Zera (9) and Addyson (2), and two sons, Calvin (8) and Mason (5).

Coaching Career

2008-09 to pres.	Head Coach	Marquette	NCAA Sweet 16 (2010-11) NCAA First Round (2009-10) NCAA Second Round (2008-09) NCAA Second Round
2007-08	Assistant Coach	Marquette	
2006-07	Head Coach	New Orleans	
2004-05/2005-06	Assistant Coach	Texas A&M	NCAA Second Round (2005-06) NIT Third Round (2004-05)
2003-04	Associate Head Coach	Colorado State	
2000-01/2002-03	Assistant Coach	Colorado State	NCAA First Round (2002-03)
1999-00	Assistant Coach	Northwestern State	
1998-99	Assistant Coach	Texas A&M-Kingsville	
1994-95/1997-98	Assistant Coach	Texas-Arlington	
1992-93/1993-94	Student Assistant Coach	Oklahoma City Univ.	
1990-91/1991-92	Student Assistant Coach	Navarro College	

Williams File

Birth Date:	September 1, 1972
Hometown:	Van Alstyne, Texas
Family:	Corey (wife) and children Zera (9), Calvin (8), Mason (5) and Addyson (2)
Education:	Texas A&M-Kingsville, 1999 (Master's in Kinesiology) Oklahoma City Univ., 1994 (Bachelor's in Kinesiology)